

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA*

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

This Society shall be known as the *Mineralogical Society of America*.

Article II. Object

The object of this Society shall be the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography, petrography, and allied sciences.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, a secretary, and an editor, who shall be elected annually. There shall be an executive council consisting of the above officers, the retiring president, and four fellows at large, to be elected for terms of four years each.

Section 2. The Council shall be empowered to elect from time to time as honorary officers or fellows of the Society persons of eminence in the field of mineralogy, or some closely allied science, who shall serve for life.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. The general membership of the Society shall be composed of fellows, members, and patrons. There may also be correspondents.

Section 2. (a) Fellows shall be persons who have published results of research in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences, and who upon nomination by the Council shall have been duly elected to fellowship in the Society.

(b) Outstanding scientists of recognized scientific accomplishments in the field of mineralogy, crystallography, petrography and allied sciences, who are members of other scientific societies in the field of geology, such as the Geological Society of America, Society of Economic Geologists, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and other similar scientific societies, may be nominated by the Council for fellowship in the Society.

Section 3. Members shall be persons not fellows who are engaged or interested in mineralogy, crystallography, petrography, or allied sciences.

Section 4. Patrons shall be persons who have bestowed important favors upon the Society. Election to patronship carries with it the rights and privileges of fellows.

Section 5. Fellows, members, and patrons shall be entitled to vote in the transaction of the regular business of the Society. Only fellows are eligible to office in the Society.

Section 6. Correspondents shall be persons who are distinguished for their attainments in mineralogy, crystallography, petrography, or allied sciences, and who are not resident in North America.

* The Constitution and By-Laws as here printed incorporate the amendments that have been voted by the Society from time to time as well as several new changes recommended by the Council. For the extent of these changes, reference should be made to *The American Mineralogist*, Vol. 25, pp. 246-249 (1940). At the next election in October the general membership will be asked to vote on whether to accept or reject the Constitution and By-Laws as printed.

Article V. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by ten (10) or more fellows who shall submit such amendments to the Council for presentation to the fellowship of the Society according to Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution.

Section 2. This Constitution shall be amended when the proposed amendment is favored by four-fifths of all the fellows voting upon it. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be published in the journal of the Society at least three months before the annual meeting. Voting shall be by mail ballot.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who has, in the opinion of the Council, contributed materially to the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography, petrography, or allied sciences, shall be eligible for fellowship in the Society. Any person interested in mineralogy, crystallography, petrography, or allied sciences, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Election. (a) Fellows. Nominations for fellowship must be made by three fellows according to a form to be provided by the Council. Two of these fellows must be personally acquainted with the nominee and his qualifications. The Council will submit the nominations received by them, if approved, to a vote of the fellows in the manner provided in the By-Laws. The results will be announced at the next Council meeting, after which those elected will be notified by the Secretary. *(b) Members.* Any eligible individual may become a member by filling out an application blank obtainable from the Secretary or Treasurer, and paying one year's dues.

Section 3. Termination. A member's name will be dropped from the rolls if the annual dues are not paid by January 31.

Article II. Dues

Section 1. No person shall be accepted as a fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America unless he pays dues for the year within three months after notification of his election. The annual dues for fellows shall be five dollars (\$5), payable in January.

Section 2. Fellows who have reached the age of seventy years, and who have paid dues for at least thirty (30) years, shall be exempt from further payment of dues.

Section 3. The annual dues for members shall be four dollars (\$4), payable in January.

Section 4. An arrearage in payment of annual dues of four months shall deprive a fellow of the privilege of taking part in the management of the Society and of receiving the publications of the Society. An arrearage continuing over two (2) years shall be construed as notification of withdrawal.

Section 5. A single prepayment of an amount equaling twenty times the annual dues of a fellow of the Society shall be accepted as commutation for life for either fellows or members.

Section 6. Any person eligible under Article IV of the Constitution may be elected patron upon the payment of one thousand dollars (\$1000) to the Society.

Article III. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Officers. The duties of the president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and editor of the Society shall be the usual ones performed by such officers. The treasurer, the secretary, and the editor shall make formal reports to the Society at least once a year. These reports shall be published in the journal of the Society.

Section 2. Executive Council. The Executive Council shall direct all affairs and activities

of the Society not otherwise provided for by the Constitution, as well as perform those duties specifically assigned to it.

Section 3. Committees. The president shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, such committees as may further the objects of the Society, including a board of associate editors.

Article IV. Election of Officers and Fellows

Section 1. Nominations for office shall be made by the Council. The list shall be published in the journal of the Society at least three months before the annual meeting. Any ten (10) fellows or members may forward to the secretary other nominations for any or all offices. All such nominations reaching the secretary not later than three months prior to the annual meeting shall be printed, together with the names of the nominators, as special ballots. The regular and special ballots shall then be mailed to the general membership. The results shall be announced at the annual meeting, and the officers thus elected shall enter upon duty at the adjournment of the meeting.

Section 2. The list of nominations for fellowship in the Society shall be sent to the fellows at the same time as the nominations for officers. If ten per cent of the fellows voting on a given candidate cast opposing votes, the candidate shall be considered ineligible for fellowship.

Article V. Publications

Section 1. The Society shall publish a journal devoted to the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography, petrography, and allied sciences.

Section 2. The general membership of the Society shall be entitled to receive the journal.

Section 3. Corporations, libraries and institutions may subscribe to the journal at an annual rate equal to the dues of members.

Article VI. Affiliation with Other Scientific Organizations

The Council shall have the authority to arrange for affiliation with other scientific organizations, and, as the occasion may arise, to appoint fellows to represent the Society on the Councils of such organizations. In the case of the Geological Society of America, the representative so appointed shall also be a fellow of the Geological Society of America.

Article VII. Local Sections

Local sections of the Society may be formed in any locality, with the advice and consent of the Council, for the purpose of holding meetings and promoting coöperation. The affairs of such local sections shall be entirely in their own hands.

Article VIII. Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the Society and such other meetings as may be called by the Council. The annual meeting shall be held, whenever practicable, at the same time and place as that of the Geological Society of America.

Article IX. Revision of the By-Laws

After recommendation by the Council, by-laws may be enacted, amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote, by ballot, of those voting. Those by-laws affecting fellows only shall be voted on only by fellows. All others shall be voted on by the general membership.