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## PROVISIONAL 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, and allied sciences.

#### *Article III.—Officers*

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.

#### *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.* 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.

*Section 3.* Members shall be persons not Fellows who are engaged or interested in mineralogy, crystallography, 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 Members.

*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 distinguished for their attainments in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences and not resident in North America.

#### *Article V.—Amendments*

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 mailed to the general membership of the Society at least thirty days before a vote is taken. Voting shall be by mail ballot.

By-Laws

I. Membership

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

*Section 2. Election.* Nominations for all classes of membership must be made by two Fellows according to a form to be provided by the Council. One of these Fellows must be personally acquainted with the nominee and his qualifications for membership. 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 result may be announced at any stated meeting, after which notice shall be sent to the elected.

*Section 3. Termination.* Membership in the Society may be terminated or the names of the members may be placed upon the inactive list by vote of the Council.

II. Dues

*Section 1.* No person shall be accepted as a Fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America unless he pay the dues for the year within three months after notification of his election. The annual dues for Fellows shall be five dollars (\$5), payable at or before the annual meeting in advance.

*Section 2.* The annual dues for Members shall be three dollars (\$3). No person shall be accepted as a Member unless he pay the dues for the year within three months after notification of his election. The annual dues shall be payable at or before the annual meeting in advance.

*Section 3.* An arrearage in payment of annual dues shall deprive a Fellow or Member 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 4.* A single prepayment of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be accepted as commutation for life for either Fellows or Members.

*Section 5.* Any person eligible under Article IV of the Constitution may be elected Patron upon the payment of one thousand dollars (\$1000) to the Society.

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.

*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. The treasurer, the secretary, the editor, and the chairmen of the various committees shall make formal reports to the Society at least once each year.

IV. *Election of Officers*

Nominations for office shall be made by the Council. The list shall be mailed to the Fellows for their information at least three months before the annual meeting. Any five Fellows may forward to the Secretary other nominations for any or all offices. All such nominations reaching the Secretary at least 40 days before the annual meeting shall be printed, together with the names of the nominators, as special tickets. The regular and special tickets shall then be mailed to the Fellows at least 25 days before the annual meeting. The nominations shall be submitted to a vote of the Fellows in the same manner as nominations for 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.

V. *Publications*

The Society shall publish a Journal devoted to the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography, and allied sciences. The general membership of the Society shall be entitled to receive the Journal.

VI. *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.

VII. *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.

VIII. *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 the general membership of the Society.

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INSPECTION OF THE BURRAGE COLLECTION

Having noticed in the November number of the *American Mineralogist* the proposed organization of a new mineralogical Society in Boston on December 30, 1919, Mr. Albert C. Burrage of that city, thru Professor A. C. Lane, invited the mineralogists in attendance to visit his residence and view his mineral collection. This kind invitation was accepted for December 29th, and a party of about 25 spent a pleasant hour there. The collection includes a magnificent series of native golds, many well crystallized; some wonderful crystallized proustites; and hundreds of showy specimens of other minerals and of precious stones. We hope some day to publish a detailed account of this splendid collection.

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