

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION  
OF THE SOCIETY OF  
ECONOMIC PALEONTOLOGISTS AND MINERALOGISTS  
CONSTITUTION**

**Article 1. NAME**

The Section will be known as the Rocky Mountain Section of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists.

**Article II. OBJECT**

The object of the Section is to promote the science of geology in the Rocky Mountain and adjacent areas through research in paleontology, sedimentary petrology, and stratigraphy. The section will cooperate with the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists for the advancement of mutual objectives.

**Article III. MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Section will be composed of Members, Honorary Members, and Student Members.
2. Members of the Section will be individuals engaged in paleontological, petrographic, petrologic, and stratigraphic research, and who work or reside in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.
3. Honorary Members are persons who have distinguished themselves in service to the Section.
4. Student Members will be individuals engaged in paleontological, petrographic, petrologic, and stratigraphic research, and who are either enrolled in a college or university within Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico, or are enrolled in a college or university outside of the above states, but are actively engaged in geologic work in one of the states listed above.
5. Candidates desiring to become Members or Student Members will apply to the secretary. Upon approval thereof, the secretary will notify the applicant of acceptance.
6. Members and Associates of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists who are residents within the boundaries of the Section will automatically become members of the Rocky Mountain Section upon submission of application and payment of dues.
7. Honorary Members may be elected by a unanimous vote of the council after being nominated by written petition signed by ten (10) or more members and filed with the secretary, who will present such a proposal at the next meeting of the Council.

#### Article IV. OFFICERS

1. Executive authority of the Section is vested in a Council consisting of five duly elected officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and President-elect.

2. The president will discharge the normal duties of a president, will act as presiding officer at all meetings of the Section and Council, and will appoint all committee chairpersons. The president is the official Section representative in the Council of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists.

3. The vice-president will assume the duties of the president in the case of absence or disability of the latter, and will serve as Program Chairman for the SEPM Technical Program at the annual meeting held jointly with the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

4. The secretary will keep records of the proceedings of the Section and a complete list of the membership, will prepare and mail all notices, membership application blanks, and other materials necessary to the Section's business.

5. The treasurer will have custody of and responsibility for all funds of the Section, will keep accounts of receipts and disbursements, and submit an accounting to the membership annually.

6. The president-elect will serve in the Council for one year, and will become president one year after election as president-elect.

7. The Council will consider all candidates for membership and pass on the qualifications of the applicants, and will have ultimate control and management of the affairs and funds of the Section.

8. The president and vice-president will not succeed themselves in office except if a vice-president replaces the president, the vice-president is eligible for election to a full term as president.

9. In the event that neither the president nor the vice-president is available to serve as presiding officer of the Section, the president-elect will assume the president's duty.

#### Article V. MEETINGS

1. The Section will hold at least one stated meeting annually to be held in connection with the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

2. The regular meeting will be devoted to the presentation of and discussion of scientific papers, to the transaction of Section business, and to other appropriate functions.

#### Article VI. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution can be amended by two-thirds vote of returned mail ballots received by the secretary, thirty (30) days after proposal of amendments with provision for vote is mailed to the

Members. Any proposed amendments require the approval of a majority of the Council before being submitted to the Members.

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **Article 1. DUES**

1. The fiscal year of the Section will extend from April 1 to April 1 of the following year.
2. The annual dues of Members of the Section will be ten (\$10.00) dollars; annual dues of Student Members will be eight (\$8.00) dollars; Honorary Members will be exempt from paying dues. Dues may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the Council.
3. A bill of dues will be mailed to each member before 15 February of each year. Members who have failed to pay annual dues by 15 March will be dropped from the membership rolls.
4. Members dropped for non-payment of dues may apply for reinstatement, and may be reinstated provided settlement is made of any outstanding indebtedness.
5. The Council may grant a one year free membership to speakers, field-trip leaders, and other persons who have contributed significantly to the activities and programs of the Section.

#### **Article II. ELECTIONS**

1. Prior to 15 December, the president will appoint a nominating committee, consisting of not less than three (3) Members of the Section, instructing such committee to submit to the secretary a slate for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and president-elect. Nominees for officers shall be Members or Honorary Members of the Section. Nominations shall be in the hands of the secretary by 15 January.
2. Ballots containing the nominations for officers, with spaces for write-in candidates, will be prepared by the secretary and mailed to each Member of the Section before 15 February. The returned ballots of paid-up Members received by the Secretary before 15 March will be counted by a ballot committee appointed by the Secretary. Receipt of a plurality of votes cast for any office will constitute election.
3. Results of balloting will be announced by 31 March, and the new officers will assume their duties at the time of the regular annual meeting, or on April 1 in the event the regular meeting is to be held after April 1, or is postponed for any reason.

#### **Article III. FINANCIAL PROCEDURES**

1. All funds of the Section will be used exclusively for the advancement of its objectives in keeping with a non-profit status.
2. Disbursement of the Section funds will be made by checks signed by the president or the treasurer.

3. The president will appoint an auditing committee to review accounts presented by the treasurer. The approval of the treasurer's books by this committee will be required before the annual report is accepted.

4. In event of the dissolution of the Section, the assets remaining, after discharge of all liabilities, shall go to a worthy geologic cause designated by the Council. Under these circumstances, no member of the Section shall have any right or interest in the assets of the Section.

#### Article IV. PUBLICATIONS

Three (3) copies of each publication of the Section shall be sent to the National SEPM Headquarters where one copy will be retained and one forwarded to both the Library of Congress and the U.S. Geological Survey Library.

#### Article V. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these by-laws can be proposed by written petition signed by ten (10) or more Members and filed with the secretary, who will present such a proposal to the regular business meeting for reading and discussion. Within thirty (30) days after the regular business meeting, the secretary will mail the proposal as approved at the regular business meeting, with ballot form attached, to each Member. A majority of the ballots returned to the secretary within thirty days (30) after mailing thereof will determine the acceptance or rejection of the proposed amendment. Amendments receiving majority approval will become effective sixty (60) days after the deadline date of receipt of ballots.

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