

## **CORDILLERAN SECTION BYLAWS**

Established by Council on August 26, 1901

### **ARTICLE I**

#### ***Name and Affiliation***

1. The name of the section is the Cordilleran Section, a regional organization within The Geological Society of America, Inc.
2. This section of the Society is organized in accordance with Article VIII of the Bylaws of that Society and is governed by provisions of that article.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### ***Geographical Limits***

1. For purposes of scientific fellowship and discussion, the limits of the section shall correspond with the limits of the general Society. Meetings of the section shall be open to all Members, Fellows, Honorary Fellows, and Affiliates of the Society and their guests for attendance at scientific sessions, presentation of papers, and participation in field conferences.
2. For purposes of administration, the geographical extent of the section shall include: in the United States, the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and that part of Arizona south of 35 degrees North Latitude; in Canada, the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut Territory; and in Mexico, the Distrito Federal and the states of Aguascalientes, Baja California, Baja California Sur, Chiapas, Colima, Durango, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México State, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, San Luis Potosi, Sinaloa, Sonora, Tlaxcala, and Zacatecas.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### ***Membership***

1. Members, Fellows, Honorary Fellows, and Affiliates of the Geological Society of America residing within the geographical limits of the section shall normally be members of the section.

2. Members, Fellows, Honorary Fellows, and Affiliates of the section whose principal interests lie within the geographical limits of another section may become members of the other section, with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto, on written or electronic request to the Society; in so doing, they relinquish their rights and privileges in the Cordilleran Section, except that by paying additional dues as determined by the Geological Society of America, any member can belong to any additional number of sections, with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto. By following a similar procedure, those who reside within the geographical limits of another section may transfer or extend their rights and privileges to the Cordilleran Section.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### ***Officers and Management Board***

1. Officers. The officers of the section shall be a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary. In addition to regular duties, the secretary shall serve also as accounting officer for the section.
2. Terms of Office. The terms of office shall be: chair, one year; vice-chair, one year; secretary, four years. The secretary may be re-elected for a second term. An unexpired term of an officer shall be filled by appointment by the chair and vice-chair in consultation with the management board.
3. Management Board. The management board of six shall include the section officers, the section chair for the preceding year, and two voting members of the Geological Society of America, one selected by the Seismological Society of America, and one by the Pacific Coast Section of the Paleontological Society, to serve as councilors for one year.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### ***Committees***

1. Program Committee. A program committee shall be appointed by the section chair, with the advice of the management board, at least two years before the annual meeting of the section. The committee shall be selected to represent diversified interests and shall include the chair of the local committee at the institution where the annual meeting is to be held.
2. Nominating Committee. A nominating committee of three or five voting members shall be appointed by the section chair, with the advice of the management board.
3. Other Representatives. Representatives of the Cordilleran Section to GSA Committees shall be appointed by the chair, with the advice of the management board.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### ***Nomination and Election of Officers***

1. At least 100 days before the annual meeting, the nominating committee shall prepare a slate of officers. These nominations shall become the regular ticket of officers to be submitted to the voting membership. Election is by simple majority vote.
2. The section secretary, at the discretion of the management board, may transmit the ticket to the executive director of the Society for distribution to the voting members of the section as a mail or electronic ballot. Otherwise, voting shall take place in the annual business meeting of the section.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### ***Meetings***

1. Annual Meeting. The place and time of the annual meeting, and such special meetings as desired, shall be determined by the management board of the section and shall be reported to the executive director of the Society. Announcements and programs of the meetings shall be sent to members of the Society.
2. Management Board. At least one meeting of the management board shall be held prior to each section annual meeting. Most business involving the entire management board shall normally be conducted by correspondence.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### ***Finances***

1. The expenses of the section, so far as they shall be paid from the general funds of the Society, shall be limited to ordinary economical expenses of the section meetings and balloting expenses relating to election of officers.
2. In accordance with Article VIII, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the Society, each section may, with the approval of the Council, make its own arrangements for the raising of the necessary funds for the proper conduct of its operations. This may be done by means of the registration fees charged for attendance at meetings of the section. Account of all such funds shall be rendered to the Council at the end of each fiscal year.
3. The fiscal year shall begin July 1 in accordance with the Society.

**ARTICLE IX**  
*Conduct of Section*

1. The duly elected officers of the section shall be responsible to the Council of the Society for the conduct of the section. The secretary shall render to the Society Council an annual report from the section, including a statement of accomplishments of the preceding year and future plans.

**ARTICLE X**  
*Rules and Amendment of the Bylaws*

1. Rules. Rules supplementing the bylaws may be adopted, amended, or rescinded by majority vote of the management board of the section.
2. Bylaws. Bylaws of the section may be adopted, amended, or rescinded by majority vote of the voting membership of the section. Such proposed changes shall be submitted to the Council of the Society for ratification, and all section bylaws must be consistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.

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Bylaws amended on May 7, 1973; October 17, 1982; October 4, 2008 (update language; bring member categories and fiscal year into accordance with Society; add states of Mexico to Section).