

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION BYLAWS

Established by Council on April 26, 1947

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

1. The name of the section is the Rocky Mountain Section of The Geological Society of America, Inc. It is organized in accordance with Article VIII of the Bylaws of The Geological Society of America, Inc.
2. The purpose of the section is to promote the science of geology by means of meetings, field trips, and other activities appropriate to the membership residing within the geographic limits of the section. All activities conducted shall be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of The Geological Society of America, Inc.

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 presentation of papers, attendance at scientific sessions, 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 Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and that part of Arizona north of 35 degrees North Latitude; in Canada, the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan; and in Mexico, the state of Chihuahua.

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 and shall have all rights and privileges pertaining thereto including the rights to vote and to hold office. Student and Teacher Associates may serve on committees as conferees and shall have all rights and privileges afforded Members, Fellows, and Honorary Fellows, except to vote and to hold office in 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 Rocky Mountain 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 Rocky Mountain Section.

ARTICLE IV ***Officers and Management Board***

1. *Officers.* The officers of the Rocky Mountain Section shall be a chair, chair-elect, ~~a~~ vice-chair, and a secretary. The secretary shall, in addition to the regular duties, act as accounting officer. The president or the vice-president of the Geological Society of America shall be, *ex officio*, honorary chair of the section whenever present at a meeting.

The terms of office shall be: Chair, Chair-Elect, and Vice-Chair, one year; Secretary, four years. Upon completion of term or office, the Chair-Elect will become Chair of the Section. The secretary shall not serve more than two terms. Terms shall commence at the start of the fiscal year after elections held at the Section Annual Meeting.

2. *Management Board.* The section shall be managed on behalf of the members by a management board, which shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past-chair, and one voting member of the Section appointed by the chair to serve as an at-large member. The management board shall conduct the affairs of the section between meetings.
3. *Removal of Section Officer.* Any Section officer who fails to perform the duties prescribed in the bylaws, or who brings discredit to GSA or the Section in any way, or does not adhere to the “GSA Constitution and By-laws” or the GSA “Code of Conduct”, may be removed from office by a unanimous vote of the other officers of the management board. Any management board officer may make a motion for removal of another officer. The Section officer who is subject of a motion for removal must be provided an opportunity to present an argement against removal prior to any vote on the motion.
4. *Vacancies.* Any vacancy occurring during the term of any elected Section officer shall be filled by appointment of the management and such appointee shall serve until the next annual business meeting of the Section.
5. *Officer Resignation.* Any Section officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Section Chair and Section Secretary.

ARTICLE V
Nomination and Election of Officers

1. The incoming officers of the section each year shall appoint a nominating committee of three voting members, at least one of whom shall be a past officer of the section. The nominating committee shall submit to the chair-elect, at least 60 days before the annual meeting, the names of candidates for each office to be filled for the year beginning with the close of the next annual meeting, with their written or electronic acceptance of the nomination.

These nominations shall constitute the regular ticket and shall be submitted to the membership for election by the voting members at the annual business meeting. Provisions for nominations from the floor of the annual business meeting shall also be made.

ARTICLE VI
Meetings

1. 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. All announcements of meetings shall be sent to the members of the section and to the members of the Cordilleran Section.
2. At an annual meeting, all business of the section, including amendment of the bylaws, shall be transacted by a majority of the voting members present and voting.
3. In a mail ballot, a simple majority of ballots cast shall be decisive.

ARTICLE VII
Annual Report

1. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the section to submit to the Council of the Society, not later than February 15 of each year, an annual report outlining the accomplishments of the section for the preceding fiscal year and plans for the future.
2. Immediately following each annual meeting of the section, the secretary shall submit to the executive director of the Society an account of the proceedings of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Finances

1. Funds for support of the section shall normally be derived from registration fees or annual meetings and field trips. The amount of the registration fees shall be set by the management board.
2. Expenses of the section, so far as they shall be paid from the general funds of the Society, shall be limited to the ordinary economical expenses of the annual meeting.
3. Expenses of the section shall include necessary travel by the secretary at rates consonant with those established for the Council of the Society.
4. The fiscal year shall begin July 1. The chair of the section shall appoint an auditing committee, who shall audit the financial accounts and report to the membership at the next annual meeting.

At the end of each fiscal year, the secretary shall render to the Council of the Society an account of the section's finances.

ARTICLE IX

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.* Upon the recommendation of the management board, bylaws of the section may be adopted, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote of the voting membership of the section, either at the annual business meeting or by a mail vote. 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 18, 1975; October 17, 1982; October 4, 2008 (bring member categories and fiscal year into conformance with Society; add option for electronic communication; add state of Mexico to Section); April 28, 2012, Article IV-Item 1. changed number of officers, term begin date; added Items 3, 4, 5.