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BOARD MEETING
Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd
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5:00 P.M. January 11, 2013

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, January 11 2013

Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City

Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

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**Happy
New
Year!
2013**

February Silent Auction

Each year we hold a silent auction to raise money for the club and to share what we have stored for too long and are finally willing to part company with. As always the success of this event depends entirely on the level of involvement of the membership. Bring items to sell to others. It can be equipment, rough rocks, finished lapidary projects, fossils or interesting rock specimens. All rock hounds have some or all of these items. You determine the starting bid for your items. All proceeds go to the club.

Installation of New Officers

The highlight of the January meeting will be the installation of our new officers for the next year. Taking office will be President Barry Bandaruk, vice-president Gayle Gilpin, treasurer Larry Brown, secretary Kit Salway, sergeant-at-arms Jack Fritchey, and three year director Vereen White. Our club is in very good hands with these new leaders.

CLUB INFORMATION

The Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society is a member of The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) and associated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

The purpose of the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society is:

1. To increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
2. To foster good fellowship among the members while pursuing the Club's activities.
3. To foster knowledge of the earth sciences.
4. To provide educational scholarships in scientific fields.
5. To procure and improve club equipment.

The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society meets the second Friday of each month from September through May at Mt. Olive Parish Center 2170 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ. The membership typically votes to eliminate the June, July, and August meetings.

Fiscal Year: January 1st– December 31st

Name badges are required for all members.
 One time or replacement badge cost - \$8.00
 Single membership cost - \$16.00
 Family sponsored Junior membership cost - \$8.00
 Family membership cost - \$16.00 for the first member and \$8.00 for each member thereafter with a maximum of \$25.00.

Annual Membership dues are payable on January 1 and shall be delinquent after the February meeting.

Please remit payment to:

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society
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P.O. Box 990
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Kathy McCauliff	Vice President	
Carol Rhodaback	Secretary	
Kit Salway	Alternate	
Liz Porter	Treasurer	
Jack Fritch	Sgt. at Arms	
Homer Rhodaback	First Year Director	
Sharlene Hellberg	Second Year Director	
Ron Murphy	Third Year Director	
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President's Message—

Are you as incredulous as I am that another year has passed and it is now 2013? How'd that happen? With that reality in mind, it means that my abbreviated tenure as your president has also passed. So, what did we get done? Thanks to Barry Bandaruk and his committee, the long awaited revision of our by-laws and standing rules is well under way and should be completed early in the new year. **And** our lapidary workshop at MCC is alive and well. Hopefully the club will decide to sustain the financial support in order to make this shop as affordable as possible. **And** we have repaired our trailers. **And** we have moved into a new and cheaper storage facility. **And** we staged a Christmas party that was enjoyed by all. **And**, we made a commitment to set aside some of our money in a savings account. All in all, it was a pretty productive year.

It is also time to express my gratitude to those who made my presidency as pleasant as possible. Let me *first thank my fellow board members who bought into the way I manage meetings. Our board meetings rarely lasted more than the hour allocated.* The atmosphere was consistently positive and congenial. This carried over to our general meetings. A special thank you goes to **Kathy Padilla and Helen Reyes** for their work in providing our monthly refreshments. Thanks also to **Howard Wicks** who took over the responsibility for the field trips. Another unsung hero is **Alberta Wiederrick** who publishes our Rocky Tales every month. Believe me, I know how much work this involves. These are essential elements of a healthy club.

Finally, let me repeat the remarks I made at our last general meeting. What I wanted when I joined this club was rocks. I wanted to learn about them and collect them. I sure did a lot of both. What I really got was much more important and enjoyable. I got a lot of new friends. For all of those pleasant experiences and friends, Liz and I are grateful. Thank you all for becoming part of our lives.

Happy New Year

Lou

EMAIL LIST

Liz Porter is working hard to maintain an up-to-date email contact list. If you are not getting emails from her about club activities and want to, contact her at liznyl@aol.com, to get your name added to the list. If you change your email address, let her know too.

When Rocky Tales is published she will send you a copy as an attachment to her email. This copy will have the field trip calendar included. The Rocky Tales on the website will not have the field trip calendar

MESSAGE FROM BARRY BANDARUK REGARDING TUCSON GEM SHOW

Sheila and I are going to make a trip to Tucson 2/12 - 2/18 to the Gem Show. We plan on attending the Tucson Gem Club program on Friday and Saturday at the convention center and make contact with members of their club..... We will be staying at the Catalina Mts Camp ground (9 miles) N of Tucson, in Group B where they have full hookups. There is a group A with no hookups but they do have flush toilets and water.

I share this information in case other Society members would like to make the trip.....There are hotels if camping is not in your frame of mind....

You may Google search the Tucson Gem Club for their agenda... Also Catalina Mts, AZ for securing camp sites....

It is my hope some others would like to go along. There are also some rock collecting areas around this location.... I will do some hiking and find my Gem!

New Storage Facility

On December 30, 2012, a small group of hearty members gathered together to relocate our storage items to Blue Water Storage. Thanks to Curt Clark and his large trailer the move went smoothly and swiftly. This saves the club more than \$300.00 annually.

General Meeting Minutes

**Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City Az. 86403
Submitted by Secretary
Carol Rhodaback**

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2012

President Lou Porter called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Sgt.at Arms Jack Fritchly led the membership in the pledge of allegiance. President Porter asked for a moment of silence for the school shooting victims and the community in Connecticut.

President Porter recognized guests, Vicki Blake, Kathy Circie, John Norman, Laurie Moore, Sheila Hamlin and Tiffany Knowles. Birthdays and Anniversaries were noted as printed in the Rocky Tales.

He then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the General Membership Meeting November 9, 2012, as printed in the Rocky Tales. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer Liz Porter gave her reports to the membership. She asked for comment and there was none. Reports are attached to these Minutes.

Gail Gilpin reported that thirteen people signed up for the Society at the November Show. Sixteen applications, thirteen new and three returning members, were approved by the Board in their meeting earlier today. She distributed name tags, By-Laws and Standing Rules to the new members in attendance. There are now 216 members.

President Porter stated that he will lead a trip to Blankenship Wash tomorrow, Dec 15. All will meet at Home Depot at 9AM. He thanked Howard Wicks for the past Tues. Field Trip meeting at Golden Corral at noon. There were seventeen members attending. It was an enjoyable and productive meeting. In January 2013 there will be a trip to California. Howard stated that all those that want trip information need to give him a mailing or email address. He tries to get information out a week ahead

Minutes, Cont.

President Porter let the membership know that Bernie Sporre has had hip replacement and is doing well.

President Porter explained all the empty coffee cans that are lining the front of the Officers and Directors table. He asked for members to take the cans home and fill them with any and all kinds of small interesting, polished or unpolished rocks to be used for projects the Society does throughout the year.

Liz Porter Election Committee Chairperson thanked all those who helped her gather nominations and for those who agreed to run. She then opened the nominations for anyone who would like to volunteer to hold an office or additional nominations. She went through each office and there were no additional names offered. See sample ballot attached. The ballot was presented and nominations closed.

Barry Bandaruk had a slide show of the Christmas Party, with music yet! It was really nice.

Barry Bandaruk passed out the proposed By-Laws. This was for Article 1, Section 1 and 2. He then went over the changes and asked for comment or questions. Melissa Moore moved to accept the changes to By-Law Article 1 as proposed. Vereen White seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The proposed By-Laws will be published in the Rocky Tales and voted on at the January Meeting.

A Break was taken at this time.

Barry then handed out the proposed changes to By-Law Article II, III and IV. After much discussion it was decided that any further information could be gotten from the information that was distributed.

Show Chairperson Kathy McCauliff spoke of the good feedback she received concerning the Show. The show cases were well received, the Vendors said our Members were very helpful and informative and that we worked well as a team. They liked our general attitude. The layout of the Show was the best ever and there was room to get around and see all the vendor displays. President Porter stated that we need much more participation in making our show as good as it can be. A signup sheet was sent around the membership. If there are not more people willing to help out we may not have a Show.

Minutes, Cont.

Liz Porter stated that the Board voted to give an additional \$356.00 for the classes at MCC. This amount will cover the possible expense if two classes are needed. The class starts on January 3, 2013, Wednesday and Thursday from 5-9PM. Cost is \$30.00 per class for a six week class.

President Porter stated that we will be changing storage facilities. Our current one has increased the rent. We will be moving to Blue Water storage on Kiowa on December 30 at 9AM. For additional information contact Lou Porter or Barry Bandaruk.

The votes were counted and our 1213 Officers are as follows: President Barry Bandaruk, Vice President Gayle Gilpin, Secretary Kit Salway, Treasurer Larry Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Fritch, Three Year Director Vereen White, Two Year Director Sharlene Hellberg, and One Year Director Ron Murphy.

Carol Monk turned in the Member and Guest sign in sheets for Nan Russell who had to leave early.

Drawing winners for this evening are: Howard Wicks, Sheila Hamlin, Tiffany Knowles, Melissa Moore, Stan Sutton, Ken Roberts, Helen Milne, Kathy Clark and Candy Wilcom. The 50/50 drawing brought in \$100.00. \$50.00 goes to the Society, \$30.00 went to Lou Porter and \$20.00 went to Sam Cano.

President Porter adjourned the meeting at 9PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Rhodaback, Secretary

Save The Date, February 9-10 Winterfest.

This year, our club is participating in the Lake Havasu Winterfest on February 9 and 10. We will have a booth for club promotion, displays, sales and games. This has the possibility of being a great fund raiser for the club and will support our workshop and social activities. We will need help planning, setting up, working at the booth, and cleaning up afterward. It should be lots of fun. More information will be presented at the meeting and in the next Rocky Tales. If you are interested in helping with planning and organizing, contact Kathy McCauliff at 928-566-7767



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Carolyn St. Germain
Toni Stephenson
Alberta Wiederrick
Candy Wilcum*



*George & Carol Allen
Carol & Pat Kiefner
Lou & Liz Porter
Ken & Fenella Sobchuk
Neil & Carlene Sitenga*

LHGMS Board Minutes

December 14, 2012

Carol Rhodaback, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5 PM by President Lou Porter.

Present were President Lou Porter, Vice President Kathy McCauliff, Treasurer Liz Porter, Secretary Carol Rhodaback, Alternate Secretary Kit Salway, Sgt. At Arms Jack Fritchey, Past President C Russell, One Year Director Homer Rhodaback, Two Year Director Sharlene Hellberg and Third Year Director Ron Murphy.

President Porter thanked Howard Wicks for the Field Trip meeting held Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at the Golden Corral. He stated that the meeting was well attended and very productive. There will be a field trip to Blankenship Wash on Saturday Dec. 12. All will meet at 9AM at Home Depot.

Secretary Carol Rhodaback read the November 9, 2012 Board minutes. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Liz Porter reported that and stated there will be approximately \$17,000.00 in the Treasury at the end of the year. Her printed reports are the Treasurer's Report for November 2012 and the Projected Treasurer's Report for December 2012. See attached.

Current correspondence is brochures from the Phoenix and Tucson Gem Shows.

Membership Gayle Gilpin presented a list of new members for approval by the board. See attached. Jack Fritchey made a motion to accept the new members, Homer Rhodaback seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

By-Law Revision will be held over to the General Meeting tonight. There will need to be a two-thirds majority to approve the changes. Barry Bandaruk will talk about additional changes to be voted on at the General Meeting tonight. He will have available to the membership copies of the changes. These will be published and voted on at the January 2012 meeting.

There were 15 members in the just completed Lapidary Class at MCC. It is time to sign up for the January class. The Board allocated \$712.00 for the prior class from the Society funds. 18 members have committed, but not all paid, for the January class. Since 15 per class is the maximum there is a possibility that there might be two classes. Mark Payne stated that the recent class went especially well. He has talked with Cheryl Maclean at MCC and has approval for a second class if that becomes a reality. Everyone was careful with the machines and the class went smoother than ever. Liz Porter made a motion for an additional \$356.00 for the Lapidary classes for the January 2013 class. Jack Fritchey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Board Minutes, cont.

Show Chairperson, Kathy McCauliff will hold her report until the General Meeting tonight

Discussion followed concerning the storage facility. Our current facility has increased the rent. Lou Porter and Barry Bandaruk check into other facilities. Blue Water Storage on Kiowa will charge less and the twelfth month will be free for the same size unit. That will be \$75.00 per month for eleven months is \$825.00. There is better security, a cleaner facility and better turn around area. Homer Rhodaback made a motion to move to the Blue Water facility. Ron Murphy seconded the motion. There was discussion concerning the possibility that we need a larger unit but it was decided to go with the current unit for now. There was only one dissenting vote. The motion was carried.

Kathy McCauliff stated that the Society does not have a savings account. She recommended that the Society open a Savings Acct with \$7,000.00 from the current checking account. A motion was made and seconded and was passed to open a savings account with \$7,000.00 from the checking account.

Kathy McCauliff asked for \$1,500.00 to make purchases at Quartzsite. These are used at the different events as prizes and for making money for the Society. Homer Rhodaback made a motion to accept her request and Jack Fritchey seconded the motion. The motion was approved

Kathy McCauliff also asked if changing the November Board and General Meetings could be changed to a different day as it coincides with the Show. It was decided to table that discussion until 2013.

President Porter adjourned the meeting at 6:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Rhodaback
Secretary

Field Trip Meeting

Just before our last general meeting, Howard Wicks convened a field trip meeting at the Golden Corral. Seventeen members came to the meeting. The animated discussion included possible collecting trips, field trip safety, and most importantly, the involvement of folks to lead and assist with the trips. The decision was also made to publish once again a field trip calendar in the Rocky Tales. This calendar would be omitted from the website. It was terrific to see members, new and old, getting involved. This is what makes a club, a club.

TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP by Barry Bandaruk

The Bylaws being published in the January 2013 Rocky Tales are the outcome of several months of meetings by an eight member committee of the LHC Gem and Mineral Society. The format, of the new Bylaws, has been reorganized into an outline format with each section numbered for clarification. The parts of the document that are ***highlighted and italicized*** are changes the committee identified to assist with an organized Society. At the November General Membership meeting, the membership overwhelmingly supported Article I and Article II of the new Bylaws. During this meeting we also read Article III and Article IV. These Articles will be moved for acceptance at the January General Membership meeting. Articles V through IX will also be read. These Articles will be voted on during the February General Membership meeting.

These new Bylaws will keep the General Membership as the primary influence in the Society's actions. At the same time, the Bylaws clarify the roles of the executive board members and their working relationship. It is with my sincere gratitude that the Bylaws committee put forth the diligent effort to get the Bylaws revised. Also, a big "Thank You" to the General Membership, for its support, as we work through the tedious process of adopting these Bylaws; our working model for future years.

Article I Organization

Section 1 Name: The name of this Society shall be **THE LAKE HAVASU GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.**
Here and after, within these By-Laws, shall be known as the Society.

Section 2 Purpose: The Purpose of this Society shall be to;

- A. Increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
- B. Foster good fellowship among its members.
- C. Host an annual Gem and Mineral Show for the community.
- D. Foster awareness of the earth sciences by:

1. 1. Increasing knowledge pertaining to minerals, gems, and rocks.
2. 2. ***Disseminating knowledge of collecting and classification of minerals, fossils and rock through collection and classification.***
3. 3. ***Improving the practical knowledge of cutting, grinding and polishing materials to use in the design and creation of jewelry and other useful objects.***

- E. Provide educational scholarships in the scientific fields.
- F. Procure and improve the Society's property.

Article II Membership, Dues and Badge Fees

Section 1 Membership:

- A. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the purpose of the Society, completes an application for membership and submits payment of dues as required in the BY-LAWS.
- B. Membership Fees are due and payable on January 1. New members joining after September 1 will pay full dues that will include the following year.
- C. Membership Fees may be changed by a majority vote of the membership.
- D. Membership Fees are exempt with 25 years of membership or Life Membership.

Section 2 Memberships Groups:

There are five membership groups:

- A. Individual Membership shall be any person joining the society as an individual who is over the age of eighteen (18) years. They shall have the right to vote and hold office.
- B. Family Memberships shall consist of more than one member residing in the same household.
- C. Junior Memberships shall be granted to persons between the ages of 12 and 18. Junior members do not have the right to vote or hold executive office.
- D. Life Membership shall be granted when a member has participated in the club for 15 years, served in two or more elected offices and served as a standing committee chairperson.
- E. ***Auxiliary Members are Vendors who participate in the Society's programs by paying fees. Auxiliary members do not have a vote in the Society's affairs. This membership shall expire December 31, of each calendar year.***

Section 3 Name Badges

- A. Name Badges are required for all members.
- B. Name Badges are to be worn at Society's activities.

Section 4 Participation

A. Members should attend the monthly General Meetings

B. Members are encouraged to participate in one committee.

C. All members should commit 2 hrs. of volunteer time to assist the Gem and Mineral show.

Section 5 Delinquents

1. Membership Fees are due and payable on January 1 and shall be delinquent after the February meeting.

2. Members whose dues are delinquent are no longer in good standing and are no longer members.

3. Renewal, of any delinquent membership, is subject to approval by the Executive Board

Section 6 Cancellation of Membership

The Executive Board may cancel a membership for violations of the Charter, the By-Laws, and/or the Standing Rules after a suitable review and consideration of the individual case on its merits. No membership dues or any other monetary reward will be refunded.

Article III Officers and Elections

Section 1 The Executive Offices

A. The Executive Offices of the Society shall include the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, directors (3 positions), and the immediate past President. These positions comprise the Executive Board.

B. No member shall serve in any office of the Society for personal or monetary gain.

C. A candidate for Executive Office shall be a member of the Society, in good standing, for a minimum of two (2) years.

Section 2 Terms of Office

A. Executive Board Members' terms will expire, at the January General Membership meeting, following installment of newly elected officers.

B. New Executive Board Members elected during the General Membership meeting in December shall replace Executive Board Members leaving office.

C. Directors shall serve a 3-year term with one director being elected each year.

D. The immediate past president will serve as an Executive Board member for 1 year.

E. An individual shall hold no office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

F. In the event there is no candidate nominated for an office, Article III Section 1C or Section 2E or both may be suspended by a unanimous affirmative vote of all members voting, a quorum being present.

Section 3 Nominations

A. At the September General Membership meeting of the Society, the president shall appoint three members, in good standing, to the nominating committee.

B. The Nominating Committee, at the November General Membership meeting, shall nominate one (1) or more candidates, who shall agree to serve, for each office to be filled.

C. The recommendations, of the nominating committee, shall be submitted to the General Membership at the November meeting.

D. Additional nominations may be made from the General Membership at the December meeting.

E. All additional nominees must agree to serve and be members in good standing before their names are submitted.

Section 4 Elections

A. All offices shall be elected by a secret ballot and must receive a simple majority of the total votes cast, a quorum being present.

B. In the case of three (3) or more candidates, in which one candidate does not receive a majority of votes, the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes shall be selected for a run-off election.

C. When there is but one candidate for an office, the ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the general membership. The candidate is elected by acclamation.

Section 5 Vacancies

A. Vacancy

1. Except for office of the president, any vacancy, on the Executive Board, shall be filled by an appointment of a Society Member, in good standing, by the Executive Board, for the un-expired term.

2. The Vice-President shall fill a vacancy in the President's office. ***In a case where the Vice-president cannot serve, the Executive Board will appoint a qualified Society Member, in good standing, with a majority vote of the General Members.***

B. Resignation: any member of the Executive Board resigning from office shall do so by submitting their resignation, in writing, to the Executive Board.

C. Removal

1. In Absentia: Any officer who is absent for three (3) consecutive membership meetings, General or Executive, *may be subject to removal and replacement by action of the Executive Board.*

2. *Violation of By-Laws: Violation of the By-Laws shall be cause for removal of an Executive Board member from the Executive Board. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Board is needed for the removal to proceed.*

Article IV Duties of Executive Board

Section 1 **President:** The duties of the president shall be to

A. Preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and General Membership Meetings of the Society. No Executive Board or General Membership meeting shall commence without minutes being recorded.

A. With consent of a majority of the Executive Board members, he/she shall appoint all Standing Committee and Ad-Hoc Chairpersons, deemed necessary to conduct business of the Society.

B. He/she shall serve as ex-officio on all committees except the nominating committee.

C. He/she shall also perform duties prescribed by the Executive Board and/or General Membership.

D. He/she is authorized to co-sign Society checks in excess of \$500.

Section 2 **Vice-President:** The duties of the Vice-President shall be to

A. Assume all duties of the president in the absence or inability of the president to act.

B. He/she shall perform duties as may be prescribed by the President, the Executive Board, or General Membership.

C. He/she is authorized to co-sign Society checks in excess of \$500.

Section 3 **Secretary:** The duties of the Secretary are to:

A. Keep a complete record of all meetings of the Executive Board and General Membership meetings.

B. Maintain an up-to-date record of the General Membership, provided by the membership chairperson. This list should include home and email addresses and telephone numbers.

C. Maintain a list of the committees and committees' members.

D. Maintain a current copy of the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

E. Handle all official correspondence directed or approved by the President or the Executive Board.

F. Maintain a current copy of all Society's property. Be the Society's custodian of documents pertaining to Society's properties (real and personal).

G. Maintain Society's tax and corporate documentation, insurance policies, trailer registrations, storage rental documents, and such other paper documentation as may be created from time to time.

H. He/she is authorized to co-sign Society checks in excess of \$500.

Section 4 **Treasurer:** The duties of the Treasurer are to:

A. Receives and deposits all dues, initiation fees, assessments, and other monies due to the Society.

B. Keep and maintain, in proper order, all financial records and financial reports of the Society.

C. Sign all checks up to and including \$500. The Treasurer must co-sign checks in excess of \$500.

D. Keep and maintain a record of all expenditures of the Society.

E. Furnish a written financial report as directed by the Executive Board.

F. Prepare an annual operating budget by the first of January of each calendar year, for the upcoming fiscal year with assistance of the incoming Treasurer.

G. The Treasurer may be bonded at the option of the Executive Board.

Section 5 **Sergeant -At-Arms:** The duties of the Sergeant-At-Arms are to:

A. Maintain order at Executive Board meetings and General Membership meetings.

B. He/She shall lead the Pledge-of -Allegiance at General Membership meetings.

C. Insure the facility for the General Membership meetings are set-up, and give guidance for take down and clean up.

D. Collect fines.

E. At the General Membership meetings, distribute rock gifts to guest.

Section 6 Directors and Past Presidents

A. Directors: the duties of the Directors are to:

1. Perform duties as prescribed by the President and/or Executive Board.

2. Act as a liaison to the General Membership.

B. The duties of the Past President are to advise and support the new President and Executive Board. Serve on the Finance Committee.

Article V Committees

Section 1 Appointment of Chairperson: **With approval by the Executive Board**, the President shall appoint Standing and Ad Hoc Committees Chairpersons.

Section 2 The Committee Chairperson **shall** appoint their committee members. The only exception will be the nominating committee as constituted in these By-Laws Article III Section 3.

Section 3 Chairpersons and Committee Members shall be members in good standing.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1 Rules of Governance

A. The By-Laws of the Society shall govern meetings of the Society.

B. Parliamentary procedures as outlined in “Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised” shall apply in all decision-making processes where they do not conflict with the By-Laws of the Society.

Section 2 Special Executive Board Meetings: The President or two members of the Executive Board may call a special Executive Board Meeting.

Section 3 General Membership Meeting

A. There shall be one (1) General Membership meeting during each calendar month occurring on the second (2) Friday of each month.

B. A General Membership Meeting is optional for the months of June, July, and August.

C. The order of the General Meetings shall include but not be limited to:

1. A call to order by the president.

2. Flag salute lead by the Sergeant-of-Arms.

3. A reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.

4. A TREASURER report shall be made.

5. Committee reports

6. Old business

7. New Business

8. Social events & guest speakers

9. Adjournment

Note: The order of the meeting may be moved to meet the needs of the Society’s membership.

Article VII Fiscal year

The fiscal year shall commence **on February 1 and end on January 31** of each calendar year. Upon completion of the fiscal year, an inventory of the Society’s properties will be taken. An evaluation of the property will be submitted to the board.

Article VIII Amendments

Section 1 Proposed Amendments

Amendments to the By-LAWS must be presented in writing to the Secretary. During the General Membership Meeting, the amendment shall be presented under the New Business agenda.

Discussion of the amendment shall be allowed for memberships’ understanding of the proposed amendment.

Section 2 Voting on Amendment

At the ensuing General Membership Meeting, after publication of amendment in Rocky Tales, and following the presentation of an amendment, voting on the amendment shall occur. A simple majority affirmative vote of the members voting, a quorum being present, will be required for the adoption of the proposed amendment.

Section 3 Quorum

A quorum shall be twenty (20%) percent of the members in good standing, listed on the Society's Membership roster that is maintained by the membership committee.

Article IX Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this Society, all properties, possessions, and monies controlled by the Society shall irrevocable be dedicated to any 501 C (7) organization recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the General Membership.

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