

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

1876.

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Meeting for the formation of the Society held at the Scientific Club, 7, Savile Row, London, February 3, 1876, H. C. SOBRY, Esq., F.R.S., in the Chair.

The following Rules were adopted :—

1. That a Society be formed to advance the Study of Mineralogy and Petrology, and that it be called the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland.
2. That the Society shall consist of Ordinary Members, Associates, and Corresponding Members.
3. Ordinary Members shall be persons interested either in scientific or economic mineralogy.
4. Associates shall consist of students of mineralogy, miners, and others, who are not fellows of any Chartered Scientific Society.
5. Ordinary Members and Associates shall be proposed by not less than two ordinary members, one of whom must be personally acquainted with the candidate, and they shall be elected by the Council.
6. Mineralogists or others likely to advance the interests of the Society, who do not reside in the United Kingdom, may be elected by the Council as Corresponding Members.

7. Ordinary Members shall pay an entrance fee of £1 1s., and an annual subscription of £1 1s., or may compound for the annual subscription by a payment of £10 10s. No entrance fee shall be required from members joining the Society up to and including the 3rd February, 1876.

8. Composition fees shall be treated as capital, and not as income.

9. Corresponding Members shall pay no subscription or entrance fee. Associates shall pay an annual subscription of 5s., and an entrance fee of 5s.

10. All subscriptions become due on the 1st January in each year, but members and associates elected after the 1st November, shall not be required to pay the subscription for that year.

11. The Society shall be governed by a Council, consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, General Secretary, Foreign Secretary, and twelve ordinary members.

12. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, General Secretary, Foreign Secretary, and four new ordinary members of the Council shall be elected annually, at the Annual Meeting.

13. For the first two years of the existence of the Society four of the ordinary members of the Council shall retire by lot, or otherwise, as the Council itself may determine, but after that period by seniority, and shall not be eligible for re-election until after the expiration of one year.

14. In addition to the above, the Presidents who have passed the chair shall be permanent members of the Council.

15. All ordinary members, whose subscriptions are not in arrear, shall be eligible as office-bearers or members of Council.

16. The Council shall prepare a nomination list previous to each annual general meeting, and the name of any ordinary member shall be added to the list by the General Secretary, on his receiving a requisition to that effect from any two ordinary members.

17. At meetings of the Council five shall be a quorum.

18. The election of all officers and members of council shall be effected by the agency of voting papers, which shall be sent by the General Secretary, at least a month before the election, to every ordinary member, who shall be entitled to substitute the names of any other members for those nominated by the Council to any office. The voting papers shall be examined by the two Auditors appointed at the previous annual meeting, who shall be requested to act as scrutineers.

19. Associates and corresponding members shall not be eligible to hold any office, nor to vote in any election.

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20. There shall be two Trustees elected, in whom shall be vested the capital of the Society.

21. Two Auditors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Society.

22. The Annual Meeting shall be held within the United Kingdom at the time and place decided upon by a majority of votes of ordinary members and associates at the previous annual meeting.

23. General Meetings shall be held from time to time as may be deemed necessary by the Council, or on the requisition of any 20 members.

24. Local Meetings may be held at any time and place, as may be agreed upon by any six members, or associates. Any ordinary member may be appointed as Local Secretary, with the sanction of the General Council. It shall be the duty of the Local Secretaries to transmit a record of the proceedings at the Local Meetings to the General Secretary.

25. Each ordinary member, associate, and corresponding member, shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the society, to introduce friends thereto, and to receive a copy of the Journal of the Society.

26. The Council Report, and a Balance Sheet, previously audited by the auditors elected at the previous annual meeting, shall be issued to every member and associate as early as possible in every year, which report and balance sheet shall be presented for approval at the next annual meeting.

27. A Journal shall be issued, and sent, post free, to every member and associate, containing reports of proceedings at local and other meetings, descriptions of new and rare minerals, notices of new localities or analyses, notes, and queries, &c., &c.

28. A majority of three-fourths of the whole Council shall have power to expel any member or associate, but the person expelled shall have a right of appeal to the next annual meeting. Notice of such an appeal must be sent to the General Secretary, at least six weeks before the meeting, supposing the meeting to be so far distant.

29. The Rules can only be altered by a majority of three-fourths of the members present at an annual meeting. Any member desiring to alter the rules must send a copy of the proposed alterations to the Secretary, at least six weeks before the meeting is held. The Secretary, having received notice of any proposed alteration of the rules, or of an appeal from an expelled member, must give notice of the same to every member, at least one month before the meeting.

30. Members and associates, by paying their first contribution, signify their agreement to the above rules.

After the Rules had been adopted, the following Officers were elected :

**PRESIDENT.**

H. C. SORBY, Esq., F.R.S., &c., &c.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS.**

THE REV. PROFESSOR HAUGHTON, F.R.S., &c., &c.

PROFESSOR M. FORSTER HEDDLE, M.D., &c., &c.

**COUNCIL.**

D. T. ANSTED, Esq., F.R.S., &c.

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PATRICK DUDGEON, Esq., F.R.S.E.

**TREASURER.**

R. P. GREG, Esq., F.G.S., &c.

**GENERAL SECRETARY.**

J. H. COLLINS, Esq., F.G.S.

**FOREIGN SECRETARY.**

C. LE NEVE FOSTER, Esq., B.A., D.Sc., &c.

**LOCAL SECRETARY.**

Cornwall—B. KITTO, Esq., F.G.S.

**AUDITORS for 1876.**

M. HAWKINS JOHNSON, Esq., F.G.S.

B. KITTO, Esq., F.G.S.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Collins for his labors in promoting the establishment of the Society was passed with acclamation.

The meeting concluded with a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Sorby for his conduct in the chair.