

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY.

(*Instituted February 3, 1876.*)

BYE-LAWS.*

1. The object of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland, with which the Crystallological Society was amalgamated on December 11, 1883, shall be to advance the knowledge of Mineralogy and also of Crystallography and Petrology.

2. The Society shall consist of Ordinary Members and Honorary Members.

ORDINARY MEMBERS.

3. Every candidate for Ordinary Membership shall be proposed by two Ordinary Members, one, at least, of whom shall have personal knowledge of the candidate.

4. Elections to Ordinary Membership shall be made by the Council, and shall be confirmed at the ensuing general meeting by a majority consisting of three-fourths of the Members present and voting.

5. Ordinary Members shall pay an entrance fee of one guinea and an annual subscription of one guinea. Ordinary Members elected on or before November 13, 1900, shall be entitled to compound for the annual subscription by a single payment of ten guineas: Ordinary Members elected after that date shall be entitled to compound for the annual subscription by a single payment of fifteen guineas.

6. Annual Subscriptions shall be due on the first of January of each year, but Members elected after the first of October shall not be required to pay a subscription for the then current year.

7. The name of any Ordinary Member whose subscription is more than two years in arrear shall be brought before the Council, and an intimation that this action has been taken shall be communicated to the Member. After the expiration of at least one year from that date, the Council shall be empowered to erase the name from the List of Members.

* Adopted at the Anniversary Meeting of November 18, 1900, and modified November 18, 1902, and November 7, 1916,

HONORARY MEMBERS.

8. Twenty persons, non-resident in the United Kingdom, may be elected Honorary Members. They shall pay neither entrance fee nor annual subscription.

9. Every candidate for Honorary Membership shall be proposed by two Members of the Council, and the election shall be by the Council, and shall be confirmed at the ensuing general meeting by a majority consisting of three-fourths of the Members present and voting.

COUNCIL.

10. The Society shall be governed by a Council, consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Foreign Secretary, a Treasurer, an Editor of the Journal, and twelve Ordinary Members.

11. All members of the Society who have served the office of President shall be life-members of the Council.

11 *a*. The Trustees of the Society shall be *ex officio* members of the Council.

12. The Council shall be elected annually at the Anniversary Meeting.

13. Four Ordinary Members of Council shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the next Anniversary Meeting.

14. The Council shall prepare a List of Members nominated for election as Officers and Ordinary Members of Council.

15. The election of Council shall be effected by the agency of voting papers containing the List nominated by the Council. They shall be sent by the General Secretary, at least four weeks before the Anniversary Meeting, to every Ordinary Member of the Society, and every such Member shall be entitled to substitute the names of any other Ordinary Members of the Society for those on the List.

16. The voting papers shall be returned by the Members to the General Secretary, and shall be examined at the Anniversary Meeting by two Scrutineers appointed by the Chairman, who shall on their report declare the result of the election. The voting papers need not be signed.

17. The Council shall have power to appoint Officers, and to co-opt Ordinary Members of Council, to fill vacancies in the Council caused by death or resignation during the interval between two Anniversary Meetings.

18. Meetings of the Council shall be summoned by order of the President or the Council; at such meetings three shall be a quorum, of whom

one shall be either the President, a Vice-President, the Treasurer, or the General Secretary.

19. A Report of Council on the work and progress of the Society shall be submitted to each Anniversary Meeting

TRUSTEES.

20. Two or more Trustees shall be appointed by the Council, and the invested property of the Society shall stand in their names.

21. Composition-fees shall be treated as Capital: a Resolution of the Society at a general meeting, summoned with notice of a proposed disposition of property, shall be sufficient authority to the Trustees to give effect to such disposition; provided that a resolution of the Council shall be sufficient authority for any change of investment.

MEETINGS.

22. Meetings of the Society shall be summoned from time to time as may be deemed necessary by the Council, or at the requisition of any ten Members of the Society. One of these meetings in each year shall be termed the Anniversary Meeting.

JOURNAL.

23. The Numbers of the *Mineralogical Magazine and Journal of the Society* shall be issued at such intervals as the Council shall determine, and shall be sent, postage paid, to every Member of the Society.

AUDITORS AND BALANCE SHEET.

24. Two Ordinary Members of the Society, one of whom is not a Member of the Council, shall be appointed annually by the Council to audit the accounts of the Society.

25. No auditor shall serve for more than three years in succession.

26. The audited Balance Sheet, after submission to the Council, shall be published in the Journal of the Society as early as possible in every year.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

27. A majority consisting of three-fourths of the whole Council shall have power to expel a Member from the Society, but a Member who

has been expelled shall have a right of appeal to the Society. Notice of such appeal to the Society shall be sent by such Member to the General Secretary within four weeks of the expulsion, and the appeal shall be considered by the Society at the next Anniversary Meeting; a majority of the votes recorded at such Meeting sufficing to confirm or annul the decision of the Council.

ALTERATION OF THE BYE-LAWS.

28. The Bye-laws may be altered only at an Anniversary Meeting, and only by a majority consisting of three-fourths of the Members present and voting. Notice of changes proposed to be made in the Bye-laws shall be communicated by the General Secretary to every Ordinary Member of the Society at least four weeks before the Anniversary Meeting at which they are to be considered.

OBLIGATION BOOK.

29. Ordinary Members, by payment of their entrance fee, signify their acceptance of any Bye-laws approved by the Society; and every Member of the Society shall sign an Obligation Book.