

BYLAWS OF THE KITSAP MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY

October 1957, Revised September 1978, January 1982, April 1991, October 1999, March 2007, October 2008, and May 2011, **May 2014 (in bold)**.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTIVE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the *KITSAP MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY*.

Section 2. The objective of the Society is to nurture a learning environment and promote a general dissemination of knowledge pertaining to the earth sciences and lapidary arts, through sponsorship of regular meetings and field trips for the benefit of the membership. The Society is social and educational in character.

ARTICLE II. OWNERSHIP

The ownership and general control of the Society shall lie with the membership of the Society.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All officers shall serve without compensation for a term of one year. Officers are elected at the first regular meeting following November 1st and shall be installed at the following regular December meeting. The newly elected officers shall take office at the next general meeting.

Section 2. A Nominations Committee of three shall be appointed at the September meeting. Only current adult members of the Society may serve on the Nominations Committee.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all scheduled meetings of the Society. The President shall appoint all committee chairpersons for their term. The standing committees/chairs are: Membership, Juniors, Bulletin, Display Table, Refreshments, Welcome, Silent Auction, P.A. System, Door Prizes, Cheer, Library, Field Trips, Washington Mineral Council, Northwest Federation, Show Chair, Kitsap Fair, Budget, Club Photographer, Historian, Education, Audit, Nominations, and Scholarship, as needed.

Section 4. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President during the absence or temporary disability of that officer. It shall also be the duty of the Vice President to organize Programs for regular meetings and head a committee of three members to select a suitable gift for presentation to the outgoing President.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of all scheduled meetings and special meetings, as required, and attend to all correspondence.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to the Society, shall deposit all funds in a designated bank, shall remit payment for all authorized expenses, and shall report the Society's financial records to the officers at Board meetings. Checks written on the Society's accounts shall have the signatures of two authorized Officers.

Section 7. Any unexpired term of office shall be nominated from the floor, elected and installed by close of the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs.

Section 8. Removal/Reprimand of an officer: Any officer may be removed from office or reprimanded by a 2/3rd majority vote of the members present a regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Society shall consist of individuals (not corporations, firms, partnerships or other business entities) interested in the objectives of the Society. Membership in the Society is not transferable.

Section 2. Printed membership cards shall be issued to all members. Members must carry their cards on all field trips and at functions where voting on behalf of the Society is required.

Section 3. Each individual, upon becoming a member of this Society, is bound by all rules, regulations and bylaws of the Society.

Section 4. Individual dues of the adult members of the Society, age 18 and above shall be \$10.00 per year. Juniors members, age 17 and under, shall be \$3.00 per year. For families consisting of the parents or legal guardians and their children 17 years and younger there is a \$20.00 per year membership available. Any member with a paid membership for 20 years (cumulative), regardless of age, will qualify as a 20-Year Member and receive the honors and privileges of this achievement.

Section 5. Membership dues are payable on or before the 1st of **January**. Any member in arrears after the following **April** meeting shall be dropped from the membership.

Section 6. Only current, adult members are eligible to vote.

Section 7. The membership fiscal year shall be from **January 1st to December 31st** of each year. The financial records shall be closed on December 31st. An audit committee shall be appointed at the November meeting. An audit report shall be presented to the board within a reasonable timeframe.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Friday of each month, with the exception of July and August. When the second Friday falls on a holiday the meeting may be held on another date or canceled, as the Society shall direct.

Section 2. One officer and ten members must be present at a regular meeting to constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The Board shall consist of all elected officers. The Board shall meet as often during the year as deemed necessary.

Section 4. The President may call special meetings at any time, but no action involving funds, tenure of office or bylaws shall be discussed at such meetings without a quorum present.

Section 5. Three officers and a minimum of four members-at-large constitute a quorum for Board meetings.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Proposed changes to the Bylaws or Standing Rules must be published in the club newsletter and opened for general discussion one regular meeting prior to voting for adoption.

ARTICLE VII. SCHOLARSHIPS

Section 1. Scholarship(s) may be provided by the Society annually upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and approval of the Board. The monetary amount available for the scholarship(s) shall be approved by the Board. Scholarship notices shall be submitted to

local schools in January, allowing time for the selection process to occur prior to graduation ceremonies. The Scholarship Committee shall specify Scholarship criteria, with preference given to students studying, or showing strong leadership in, earth sciences. Recipients will typically be limited to Kitsap County residents except for non-county residents who are members of the Society.

Section 2. Any designated memorials or other specified gifts and fund raising events as well as 50% of the proceeds from the annual KMGS auction shall be used to fund the scholarships.