

GJGS CONSTITUTION  
Revisions as of March 2003

**ARTICLE I**

**Name and Object**

Section 1. This association shall be called the Grand Junction Geological Society.

Section 2. The object of the Society is to advance basic and applied geology, as well as related sciences.

**ARTICLE II**

**Membership**

Section 1. The membership in the Society shall comprise two classes: Members and Students of college status.

(a) A candidate who has at least a Bachelor's degree with a major in geology or in related branches of science or engineering, or has the equivalent training through practical experience, or who has an interest in the earth sciences that is acceptable to the Council of the Society, may qualify as a Member.

(b) A candidate who is interested in the mining or petroleum industries, who is currently enrolled in an accredited college, and who has credits in Earth Science subjects, but does not have a Bachelor's degree, may qualify as a Student.

(c) In all succeeding ARTICLES, the term Member shall include Student members.

Section 2. Members and Students shall be eligible to hold offices in the Society and vote for offices and changes in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Sponsors**

Business firms or individuals engaged in some activity related to the mining or petroleum industries, and who wish to foster and assist in the stated objectives of the Society, may express their interest by a contribution of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or more a year. The funds which accumulate as gratuities from Sponsors will be used to defray or to assist in defraying the expense of some activity directly related to the scientific objective of the Society. An approved expenditure for such funds would be expenses incurred in bringing distinguished geologists or engineers to present papers before the Society, or to assist in defraying expenses incurred in organizing and conducting field excursions by the Society.

**ARTICLE III**

**Officers**

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President and a Vice-President, who shall be elected annually by the Society, and a Secretary and a Treasurer, both of whom shall be appointed by the Council.

Section 2. The President and Vice-President shall hold office for one year, but may serve a second year if reelected. Their respective terms of office shall continue until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are elected.

Section 3. There shall be a Council in which the government of the Society shall be vested. The

Council shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the immediate Past President, and three Councilors.

Section 4. The term of office of the three Councilors shall be three years, one being elected each year by the Society.

Section 5. A vacancy or disability occurring in an elective office shall be filled by majority vote of the Council; the person so selected shall hold office only until the next annual election. A successor to fill a vacancy or disability among the Councilors shall be elected by the Society only for the remainder of the unexpired term. Membership in the Council by the immediate Past President shall be personal to that person only and should said person be unqualified or unable to serve for any reason whatsoever, no vacancy shall exist.

Section 6. An officer elected by the Society at the Annual Meeting for a full term of office shall not be eligible for reelection to succeed himself in the same office, but an officer selected by the Council to fill a vacancy shall be eligible for election to that office for the succeeding term of office.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **Annual Meeting**

Section 1. The Society shall hold a stated Annual business meeting each year. The meeting of the Society shall be held some time during November. The entire membership shall be notified in advance of the exact date and time and place of the meeting by the Secretary. At this meeting, officers' reports to the Society shall be presented, and election of officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be held.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Amendments**

Section 1. Proposals to amend this Constitution may be made by resolution of the Council or by written petition to the Council signed by at least ten members. The proposed amendments shall be submitted by the Secretary to all the Members of the Society for acceptance or rejection by letter ballot. The signed ballots shall be returned to the Secretary within thirty days of the posted date. The President shall appoint two tellers who, with the Secretary, shall canvas the ballots and certify the result to the Society at the next meeting. Affirmative votes to the number of two-thirds of the ballots cast shall be required to adopt any proposed amendment.

Amendments so adopted shall be effective at the meeting at which the announcement is made; provided, however, that the officers of the Society at the time any amendment is adopted shall continue in office until the next Annual election.

## GJGS BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### **Admissions, Resignations, and Expulsions of Members**

Section 1. Applications for membership in the Society shall be on a form prescribed by the Council and shall contain a concise statement of the candidate's qualifications and record. Each applicant shall be endorsed by two members.

Section 2. The power of election to membership shall be vested in the Council. The Secretary shall make known to the Members the name of the applicant for admission and shall submit to the Council for decisive action the application accompanied by all supporting papers and confidential communications favorable or otherwise. The applicant shall be promptly notified of the decision of the Council as to rejection of the application or of his election to membership. Membership for an approval candidate will become effective upon his payment of the annual dues for the current year.

Section 3. Membership in the Society may be relinquished by written request of the holder thereof, and his resignation shall be accepted by the Council provided he is not indebted to the Society.

Section 4. Any Member in arrears for dues for a period exceeding 90 days may be dropped from the rolls of the Society by action of the Council or may be retained for a period not exceeding one year, as determined for cause by the Council.

Section 5. Upon the written petition of at least ten qualified members of the Society that, for cause therein set forth, any person be expelled from membership, the Council shall advise the accused of the charges against him and the date of the Council meeting to hear the charge and the defense of the accused, written or otherwise. Not less than thirty days after such hearing, the Council shall finally consider the case and, if resignation has then not been tendered or a defense made which satisfactorily absolves the accused in judgment of the Council, it shall then notify the person that he will be expelled in one month unless he elects to appeal from this decision to the members of the Society. Such appeal, with transcript of charges and defense thereof, shall be submitted to the members for letter ballot for sustaining or overruling the decision of the Council.

### ARTICLE II

#### **Dues**

Section 1. There shall be no entrance fee for admissions to the Society.

Section 2. The annual dues of all members shall be payable in advance of January 1. If dues are not received by January 31, a Two and One-Half Dollar (\$2.50) late fee will be assessed. If dues are not received by December 31, the member will be dropped from the Society.

### ARTICLE III

#### **Duties and Authority of Council and Officers**

Section 1. The Council shall manage the affairs of the Society in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws. It shall direct the investment and care of funds, make appropriations for specific purpose, control expenditures, act as trustees of all physical property of the Society and, in general, undertake any actions deemed to be in the best interest of the Society.

Section 2. The Council shall hold at least three meetings during each year, preferably in

December, April and October, and at the discretion of the President, may hold additional meetings.

Section 3. Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. The Council may delegate to any standing or temporary committee so much of its powers as it deems advisable or expedient.

Section 5. The President shall administer the affairs of the Society and execute all the findings and decisions of the Council. He shall preside at the meetings of the Society and of the Council, may call special meetings of the latter as necessity therefore arises, and appoint such committees as are required for the purposes of the Society. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 6. The Vice-President shall assume presidential duties and authority in case of absence of the President from any meeting of either the Council or the Society. The Vice-President shall also be the chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 7. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society, shall issue notices of meetings, nominations of officers and proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. He shall serve as Secretary of the Council, keep all records thereof and make a report, at the Annual Meeting, of the activities of the Society during the current year. The Secretary shall assume the duties of the President in case of the absence of both the President and the Vice-President.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Society and deposit them in the name of the Society. He shall have charge of the books of account of the Society, and shall furnish to the Council, as often as required, a statement of receipts and expenditures and also a statement of balances.

He shall pay all bills authorized by the Council when these obligations have been certified by the President or the Secretary, and shall keep full records thereof. He shall report upon the state of funds at each meeting of the Council and at other times if required by the Society. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by a committee of three members, not Councilors, to be appointed by the President, at least two weeks previous to the Annual Meeting. The report of the auditing committee shall be made at the first regular meeting after the appointment of the incoming Treasurer and his acceptance of office.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Nomination and Election of Officers and Councilors**

Section 1. The President shall annually appoint a nomination committee of at least four Members of the Society. This committee shall propose the names of at least one but not more than four candidates for each elective office of the Society. These nominations shall be sent by the Secretary, in writing, to each member of the Society at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting. Ballots may be cast at the Annual Meeting or returned to the Secretary prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall prepare the official ballot which will provide write-in space for each elective office.

Section 2. The election of officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be held at the Annual Meeting, when nominees shall be voted on by ballot. A plurality of votes cast by mail or otherwise shall be necessary for an election.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Meetings**

Section 1. Meetings for the transaction of business and the presentation and discussion of papers shall be held at least three times a year, provided that a meeting in November be combined with the Annual Meeting. Meetings of the Society for the presentation and discussion of papers or for the transaction of business or for any other purposes may be called for any time and place by the

Council.

Section 2. A majority vote of members present shall be decisive at any regular or special meeting except as otherwise herein required. Not less than 12 qualified members shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Committees**

Section 1. The President shall appoint all committees, and shall designate the chairman of each, except the chairman of the Program Committee, who is the Vice-President of the Society. The Program Committee shall be a standing committee and be charged with the duty of arranging programs to be presented at the meetings of the Society. In addition to the chairman, the committee will consist of not less than two, nor more than four other members who will be appointed annually.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Amendments**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by the same procedure and vote of the Society as provided for amending its Constitution.