

OZARK MOUNTAIN
GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY,
INC.

BY-LAWS

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

1. The name of the Corporation shall be: The Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.; and is sometimes referred to in these By-Laws as the Corporation or Society.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. The objectives for which the Corporation is formed are those set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation, as from time to time amended. Namely, to study and promote an interest in earth science, geology, paleontology and mineralogy. To study and promote lapidary and the jewelry-making art, and conduct educational programs. To support youth activities and encourage interest in earth science and related areas on behalf of Youth.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Active members shall be of good character and interested in at least one phase of the objectives of the Corporation.
2. Junior membership shall be available to any individual under sixteen (16) years of age and is sponsored by an active member.
3. Persons desiring affiliation with the society shall present a completed application blank to one of the Officers. Membership in the Society shall be available without regard to race, sex, color, creed, national origin, Veterans status or handicapped condition.
4. Annual dues and membership categories are subject to annual reappraisal and adjustment by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable Dec. 31 of each year for the forthcoming year and become delinquent on Dec. 31st.
5. Anyone who has not paid their dues before March 31 of each year shall be dropped automatically from the membership list.
6. If application for membership is made after the September meeting, the dues then paid shall apply for the following year.
7. At the time of voting and acceptance by the membership a new member will immediately be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of full membership.

ARTICLE IV - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member charged with conduct unbecoming a member of the Society or with any act prejudicial to the best interest of the Corporation and against whom such charges are sustained after opportunity to appear before the Board of Directors in their own defense, may at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be expelled from membership. Upon such action by the Board of Directors the Secretary shall notify the member in writing of said action without further explanation of reasons therefore.
2. Any member whose membership in the Society has been terminated for any reason whatsoever shall forfeit all interest in any funds or property of the Society and all rights to the use of the Corporation name or emblem.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Show Chairman.
2. In The event of a vacancy occurring in any office other than the President the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors. In The event of a vacancy in the office of President that vacancy will be filled by the Vice-President.

3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Directors, appoint all committees as approved the by Board of Directors, be an ex-officio member of all committees, exercise general supervision over affairs of the Society, coordinate the work of the Officers and Committees and perform such other duties as may be incumbent upon a President.
4. The Vice-President shall act as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of that Officer to act and to perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the president of Board of Directors.
The Second Vice-President shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to act on behalf of the Executive in performing special tasks as needed. Their term shall expire when the Board is satisfied that the special task has been completed.
5. The Secretary shall keep and maintain all records of membership, attendance, minutes of all membership and Director's meetings and shall conduct such correspondence as may be required by the President or Board of Directors and generally perform such duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a Secretary.
6. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Corporation; shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements as authorized and approved by the Board of Directors.
7. The Treasurer shall prepare a financial statement monthly and whenever requested by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of such books of account and records as conform to these By-Laws.
8. The Treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually by and auditing committee of not less than three (3) members, who, when satisfied that the Treasurers records are correct, shall sign a statement of that fact at the end of the report. The auditing committee shall be appointed by the President one (1) month prior to the annual meeting with their report being required by the annual meeting.
9. The Show Chairman shall produce an annual Gem and Mineral show. He shall appoint such committees as may be needed to assist him in the many details required to create the type and quality of show most beneficial to the Society.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Corporation, the immediate Past-President and two (2) elected Directors or one (1) Director for each twenty (20) members with the elected Directors serving a one (1) year term. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve until the election and qualification of their successors.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly at a time designated by the President prior to the regular monthly meeting of the general membership to conduct the regular business of the Corporation. Any business other than normal business which affect and changes in the Society or its normal operation shall after consideration by the Board of Directors be brought before the general membership for their vote. At the next meeting of the general membership the President shall give a report of the business conducted by the Board of Directors at their previous meeting.
3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of any two members of the Board.
4. The Board of Directors shall have the power of dismissal of a Member or Officer when it has been demonstrated that such Member or Officer has shown unethical or disloyal conduct with reference to the Corporation.
5. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a Quorum.

ARTICLE VII - METHOD OF ELECTION

1. At the regular meeting in August each year the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members. The nominating committee shall select at least one (1) nominee for each expiring office and Directorship. Such nomination in writing shall be in the hands of the Secretary at the Board meeting immediately prior to the September meeting.
2. Election shall be held at the September meeting at which time the President shall read the nomination presented by the nominating committee then proceed with the regular election. Separate balloting shall be conducted for each office or Directorship except where there is only one nominee for office, in which case the President shall request a unanimous ballot for such nominee. A majority of votes cast shall be required to elect. In the case of Directors, if the number of nominees exceed the number of vacancies, the required number receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
3. Nothing in this article shall be construed as precluding nomination from the floor.
4. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote or hold office.
5. Voting shall be by individual and no person may cast more than one vote. Proxy will not be recognized.
6. All Officers and Directors shall assume responsibility of their respective office January 1 immediately following election.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings shall be held on the fourth Monday of each month unless the membership decide and vote to have the meeting on a different date.
2. Nine members shall constitute a Quorum.
3. The order of business shall be:
 - a Call to order.
 - b Reading of the minutes.
 - c Report of the Treasurer.
 - d Report of the Committees.
 - e Communications.
 - f Unfinished business.
 - g New business.
 - h Appointments and elections.
4. Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern matters of Parliamentary Procedure at all meetings.
5. The annual meeting shall be held in January.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

1. The President shall appoint such committees as are necessary to handle the activities of the Society.
2. The Board of Directors may create such standing committees as it may deem necessary to promote the objectives and expedite the work of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X - FISCAL OBLIGATIONS

1. No obligation in excess of the funds in the Treasury shall be incurred by the Corporation or in behalf of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

1. Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed in writing at any meeting by any member. A copy of proposed amendment shall be sent to each member prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted. A two-thirds majority of members present at said meeting shall be required for adoption.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

1. No funds of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member or members. In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, funds remaining after payment of all obligations shall be donated to a recognized charitable, religious, civic, or educational organization as directed by the membership.

ARTICLE XIII - MISCELLANEOUS

1. Any person who applies and is accepted for membership in the Society shall be deemed to have accepted these By-Laws and shall be bound by them in all respects as if they had been a member at the time of their adoption.

