

2021 Update to AGS By-Laws

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP BASIS

SECTION 1. *Classes.* There shall be ~~four~~ **three** classes of membership: Class I (regular membership) shall be open ~~to those individuals holding a university or college degree in geology or geoscience, or those who are practicing geoscientists of with three years experience.~~ Class II (associate membership) shall be open to all persons interested in geology and earth sciences ~~but ineligible for full Class I membership.~~ Class ~~III~~ **II** (student membership) shall be open to all students enrolled in Earth Science or Geo-science curricula at a recognized college or university. **Paid Life Memberships are available for membership Classes I –~~III~~ II.** Class ~~IV~~ **III** (honorary **life** membership) may be awarded by the Board of Directors to those individuals who the Board, in its discretion, determines to have distinguished themselves in the pursuit, teaching, study, application, or furtherance of geologic or earth science, or the geology of Alaska, or who have in some other way rendered exceptional service to or brought credit upon the earth science professions.

SECTION 2. *Eligibility.* Any person interested in geology shall be eligible for membership under the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. *Application for Membership.* Applications for Class I, “regular membership”, ~~or Class II, “associate membership”, or Class III,~~ “student membership”, shall be presented on an application form prescribed by the Board of Directors and recorded by **both the Treasurer (Finance Committee) and** the Chair of the Membership Committee. Class ~~IV~~ **III** “honorary memberships” shall be awarded by the Board and any individual so honored shall thereafter be for all purposes a lifetime member of the Society with the right to full privileges thereof.

SECTION 4. *Membership Dues.* The Board of Directors shall determine the annual dues for regular, ~~associate,~~ and student members, and all applications for membership shall be accompanied by the appropriate dues. The payment of dues shall be recorded by **both the Treasurer (Finance Committee) and** the Chair of the Membership Committee, **who maintains the Society membership roster.** The dues shall be deposited in the operational account of the Society by the Treasurer of the Society. No honorary member shall at any time be required to pay dues.

SECTION 5. *Members.* The members shall consist of the Officers and Directors of the Society, and applicants who have paid their membership dues. The Officers and members of the Board of Directors shall also have submitted applications and paid the **appropriate** membership dues.

SECTION 6. *Transfer of Membership.* A Membership in the Society shall not be transferable.

SECTION 7. *Termination of Membership.* Any member desiring to terminate membership in the Society may do so by written notice of his intent to terminate to the **Chair of the Membership Committee, who will inform the** Board of Directors; however, that termination of membership shall not be accepted by the Board of Directors nor be effective until all previously incurred liabilities or charges have been paid by the withdrawing member.

SECTION 8. *Expulsion of Members.*

(a) Any member of the Society who fails to pay his or her membership dues by ~~October~~ **November** 1 of the calendar year following the date said dues are due shall be automatically suspended from membership on that day. While he or she is suspended he or she shall have no rights in the Society.

(b) A suspended member of the Society will automatically be reinstated by payment of outstanding dues and obligations and the dues for the current ~~calendar year~~ **membership cycle (November 1 to October 31 of the year following).**

(c) A member who has been suspended more than one year shall be dropped from the Society **roster of members** by the Board of Directors and is required to re-apply in order to regain membership.

(d) Any member who, after being granted a hearing by the Board of Directors, shall be found guilty of a violation of established principles of professional ethics, or shall be found guilty of having made a false or misleading statement in his application for membership in the Society, shall be

asked to resign from the Society by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors in all matters pertaining to the interpretation and execution of the provisions of this paragraph shall be final.

SECTION 9. *Rights and Privileges of Memberships.* The Society reserves the right to make decisions regarding the distribution of newsletters. All active members of Classes I-III can vote in Society elections.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

SECTION 2. *Program Committee.* The Program Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President of the Society. The Vice-President may appoint additional committee members as needed to carry out the responsibilities of the committee. The Committee plans the programs such as lectures and technical conferences, and conducts the programs at such meetings. The Program Committee shall be responsible for contracting venues and food providers, and for setting registration and meal fees at an appropriate amount to recover the costs of the program or meeting. Contracts to venue and meal providers and registration and meal fees for program participants shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Society. The Program Chair and the Treasurer will ensure that registration and meal fees are collected from meeting or program attendees, properly recorded, and that contract obligations are met.

SECTION 2, (a)

Lectures delivered at AGS-hosted events shall generally be technical in nature and shall not overtly promote commercial products or services. If a lecturer represents a for-profit entity, the lecturer shall be so informed in advance by a representative of the Program Committee.

SECTION 4. *Membership Committee.* The President shall appoint a Chair of the Membership Committee of the Society. The Chair may appoint the Society Treasurer and other members to the committee as needed to carry out the responsibilities of the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall maintain a record of all regular, student, and honorary members, their contact information, and the status of their dues payments.

The Membership committee shall be responsible for notifying members when membership fees are due. The Membership Committee shall prepare a monthly summary listing the members with the dates of most recent dues payments and future membership expiration date. A current roster of the Society membership shall be available to the public. The Society Treasurer is responsible for recording and providing receipts for dues payments, and for transferring dues payments to the operational bank account of the Society.

ARTICLE X. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for actively managing the funds and accounts of the Society. The Finance Committee shall inform the Board of Directors on the status of the accounts of the Society, make recommendations to the Board for management of the accounts of the Society, and act on the accounts only with approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

~~SECTION 14. Seal. The Society shall have a seal for the certification of documents as needed.~~