

CONSTITUTION
of the
NEW YORK MINERALOGICAL CLUB

The original Constitution as of 1926 with the amendments thereto.

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Article I -- Name

The name of this Club shall be the New York Mineralogical Club.

Article II - Purposes

- (a) The study of Mineralogy by members.
- (b) Publication of bulletins relating to mineralogy covering results of work by members of the Club.
- (c) Collecting minerals, especially in and near New York City.
- (d) Field excursions to mineral localities.

Article III - Membership

(a) There shall be a Committee on membership consisting of three members appointed by the President.

(b) There shall be a class of Honorary Members paying no dues and having no vote. Proposals of names for Honorary Membership shall be privately made to the membership Committee, and for election receive an unanimous vote of the Club.

(c) Candidates for active membership may be proposed at any meeting of the Club and shall be referred to a membership committee who shall report at the next meeting of the Club, either in person or through the Secretary and upon favorable report shall be immediately presented to the Club for election by vote.

Amendment No. 1.:

Amend Article III -- "Membership" , by adding thereto:

(c) There shall be a class of Life Members. An active member may become a Life Member by paying into the treasury the sum of \$25 and thereafter such member shall pay no annual dues.

Change Section "c" to "d".

In line 3, section d, change to read "to the Membership Committee which..."

Article IV - Officers

The officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, 1st and 2nd, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officers of the Club shall be elected yearly at the annual meeting of the Club by ballot. Nominations for Officers shall be made by a temporary Committee of five members, exclusive of the Officers of the Club, who shall be elected by ballot at a meeting of the Club preceeding the annual meeting. No person shall be elected to the office of President for more than two terms in succession. This Committee shall furnish its nominations for officers at a meeting before the annual meeting. Any five members of the Club may name in writing a nominee for any office of the Club, and a nominee so named shall be presented to the Club for ballot, equally with the nominees of the nominating Committee.

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The election shall be determined by the highest number to the ballots cast by the members present at the annual meeting of the Club, at which time tellers shall be appointed to collect, count, and report the results of the ballot. The officers of the Club shall constitute a general committee in charge of program and general welfare of the Club.

Amendment No. 2.:

Amend Article IV -- "Officers", so that the same shall read:

The officers of the Club shall be a President, who shall not be eligible for office for more than two terms in succession, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, A Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officers of the Club shall be elected yearly at the annual meeting of the Club by ballot. The newly elected officers shall immediately take office.

A temporary nominating Committee of five members composed of two former Presidents of the Club and three other members shall be elected by ballot at the February meeting of the Club.

Nominations for officers shall be made by the nominating committee at the March meeting.

The election shall be determined by the highest number of ballots cast for a nominee, by the members present at the annual meeting of the Club in April, at which time tellers shall be appointed to collect, count, and report the results of the ballot.

The officers of the Club shall constitute the Executive Committee thereof in charge of program and general welfare of the Club, with power to fill vacancies in offices occurring by reason of resignation or otherwise. They shall appoint a Delegate to the New York Academy of Sciences.

No payment or engagement of an unusual nature shall be made by any officer without the special authorization of the Executive Committee.

Article V - Dues

The Annual Dues shall be \$1.00, payable at time of the April meeting. Any member in arrears of annual dues for two years shall cease to be a member and can only be restored to membership by reelection and payment of his unpaid dues.

Amendment No. 3.:

Amend Article V -- "Dues", so that the same shall read:

The annual dues shall be \$2.00 for an active member, payable at the time of application and at each annual meeting thereafter. In the event of the election of an applicant such sum shall be applied to dues for the period up to the next annual meeting, except that where the election of the applicant shall occur at the February or March Meeting such dues shall apply for the year following.

Any member in arrears of annual dues for two years shall cease to be a member and can be restored to membership only by reelection and the payment of the unpaid dues.

Article VI - Meetings

(a) Regular meetings of the Club shall be held in the City of New York upon the third Wednesday of each month except June, July, August, and September. Further meetings may be held at any time upon call of the Secretary, and due notice to the members. Eleven active members shall constitute a quorum. The annual meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday of April.

(b) The Treasurer shall present an annual report of the finances of the Club at the annual meeting.

Article VII- Excursion Committee

An excursion committee of two members shall be appointed by the Chairman at the annual meeting to serve for the ensuing season. This committee shall determine and arrange for excursions of the Club.

Amendment No. 4.:

Amend Article VII by changing the title from "Excursion" to "Field".

In the first line change "An excursion" to "A field".

Article VIII - Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority of this Club.

Article IX - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting. Such amendments must have been first presented to the Club at a regular meeting before that upon which the vote is taken.

Article X -- By-Laws

By-laws may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Club by a majority vote of the members present after having been first presented at a prior regular meeting.