

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BY-LAWS WYOMING STATE MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERS

Section 1. Qualifications. Application for membership in the Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society shall be open to all duly organized clubs that are located within the State of Wyoming, whose purpose is consistent with those of the Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society, and are approved by the WSMGS Board of Directors. All WSMGS member clubs and their individual members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership and are also subject to all the responsibilities, duties, and obligations as stated in the WSMGS By-Laws.

Section 2. Selection of WSMGS Member Clubs. Application from an organized club that conforms to the WSMGS By-Laws will be approved and recognized as a WSMGS Member Club if they are approved by a majority vote of the WSMGS Board.

Section 3. Rights of WSMGS Club Members. Individual members of the WSMGS may participate fully in all activities of the WSMGS. Each WSMGS Member Club is entitled to two individual members who are authorized to vote as delegates at all regular and special WSMGS membership meetings.

Section 4. Dues and Special Assessments. WSMGS member club dues and special assessments shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable annually to the WSMGS Treasurer by December 15th based on the total number of individual dues paying club members who are 12 years or older as of October 31 of that year. Nonpayment of dues or special assessments may result in action by the WSMGS Board of Directors.

Section 5. Resignation of WSMGS Member Clubs. Any WSMGS Member Club may resign from the Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society with a written resignation, signed by the current Club officers, and accepted by the WSMGS Board of Directors.

Section 6. Transfer of Membership. Membership cannot be purchased or transferred to other organizations or individuals.

Section 7. Removal of Members for Cause. If it happens that an WSMGS Member Club or an individual in a WSMGS Member Club fails to comply with the qualifications of membership or commits a deliberate act that is harmful to the WSMGS, they will receive a certified notification by the WSMGS Board explaining the violation and that it may result in the suspension or termination of their membership. The Member Club or individual will be afforded due process to defend their innocence as to the violation. The WSMGS Board will then formally vote as to the recommendation to suspend or terminate their membership. If 66% or more of the WSMGS Board members vote to suspend or terminate the membership, the member club and/or the individual will receive a certified notification as to the WSMGS Board's decision.

Section 8. Recognition of WSMGS Members. The WSMGS Board of Directors will promote the Club Rockhound of the Year recognition program. Each WSMGS member club may nominate one adult member (or if a couple -2 adult members) and one junior member to be recognized at the annual membership meeting and forwarded to the RMFMS and AFMS for recognition as Club Rockhounds of the Year. Nominations may also be submitted by member clubs or individuals to WSMGS for consideration as WSMGS State Rockhound of the Year.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular Meetings of the WSMGS Membership will be held annually at the WSMGS Mineral and Gem Show or at such a time and place as designated by the WSMGS Board of Directors.

Section 2. Notice of Regular Meeting. Notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of each regular WSMGS Membership meeting shall be delivered by mail or by other recognized viable means of communication to each member club prior to May 1st, of the year the meeting will be held.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the WSMGS membership may be called by the President, four or more Board Members, or by 50% or more of the WSMGS Member Clubs. The WSMGS membership may meet via phone or electronic communication if individual Board of Directors and/ or member clubs can communicate, participate, respond, and vote if required. A record of such phone or electronic meetings will be recorded by the WSMGS Secretary.

Section 4. Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of all special meetings of the WSMGS will be communicated to the Board of Directors and the WSMGS Member Clubs as to date, time, place, and purpose by the WSMGS secretary.

Section 5. Quorum. At any meeting of the WSMGS membership, 66% of the total WSMGS authorized voting members are required to participate to constitute a quorum in order to conduct an official meeting. The voting of a simple majority of authorized voting members at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall represent the decision of the entire WSMGS membership, except as required otherwise by the WSMGS Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws

Section 6. Authorized Voting Members. At every meeting of the WSMGS membership, each member club may authorize two delegates and two alternates. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote with a maximum of two votes if voting with an additional proxy vote. If a delegate is not present, an alternate shall serve in place of the delegate. In the event the delegates and/or alternates are unable to attend, each club may be represented by proxy. The holder of each proxy must be certified by the secretary or president of the member club requesting a proxy, and the authorized proxy voter must be a member of the member club to which they are representing. A designation of delegate, alternate, or proxy voter is only for one year. Each member of the WSMGS Board of Directors shall have one vote at all meetings. WSMGS Board members may also be represented by Proxy at all membership meetings.