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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, CONSTITUTION, AND BY-LAWS OF THE NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

On November 17, 1967, the membership approved a revised Constitution and set of By-laws for the Society, and on December 21, 1967, status as a non-profit corporation was granted the Society by the State Corporation Commission. The new Constitution and By-laws, and the Articles of Incorporation, are reproduced below.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I—Organization

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be THE NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, a non-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

Section 2.

The objects of the Society are to promote interest in geology and allied sciences; to foster scientific research and publication; to encourage cooperation among its members; and to stimulate interest in the geology of New Mexico.

ARTICLE II—Membership and Dues

Section 1.

Membership in the Society shall be in four classes and shall consist of:

- (a) **ACTIVE MEMBERS:** Active Members shall be those persons holding degrees in geology, or allied sciences, from an accredited college or university.
- (b) **HONORARY MEMBERS:** Honorary Members shall be elected by the Executive Committee from those persons who have made outstanding contributions to the geology of New Mexico or to the geologic profession in New Mexico. No more than one Honorary Member shall be elected during any calendar year.
- (c) **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Associate Members shall be those persons whose interests are closely associated with geology or the allied sciences. Associate Members shall enjoy all other privileges of membership except that they shall not hold office or serve on standing committees.
- (d) **STUDENT MEMBERS:** Student Members shall be undergraduate students majoring in geology or allied sciences at an accredited college or university. Student Members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except that they shall not hold office or serve on standing committees.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall elect all classes of membership and may revoke membership for cause.

Section 3.

The Society shall be authorized to collect dues in accordance with the By-Laws, and membership in the Society shall be contingent upon payment thereof.

ARTICLE III—Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected by the Society.

Section 2.

The term of all elected officers shall be one year and the President may not serve for consecutive terms.

Section 3.

All officers must be residents of the State of New Mexico and their duties shall be specified in the By-Laws of the Society.

Section 4.

In the event that the office of President shall be vacated, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President; the Executive Committee shall then appoint a Vice-President from the membership to serve the balance of the term. In the event that any other elected office is vacated, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to fill that office for the balance of the term.

Section 5.

Should an elected officer become ineligible to serve prior to assuming office, the vacancy shall be filled by the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes for the same office.

ARTICLE IV—Executive Committee

Section 1.

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the elected officers and the immediate past-president of the Society. If the immediate past-president is unavailable to serve, the next available past-president shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each calendar year on the day immediately preceding the annual meeting, and any other time at the call of the President.

Section 3.

A quorum of three (3), one of which shall be the President or Vice-President, shall be required to conduct the business of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V—Voting and Elections

Section 1.

Each member shall have one vote on all business brought before the Society.

Section 2.

A quorum at a regular meeting of the Society shall consist of a number to be determined by the By-Laws, including three members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the President or Vice-President.

Section 3.

Candidates for elected offices shall be selected by a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members appointed by the Executive Committee as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 4.

Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot and elected officers shall assume office as set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI—Meetings

Section 1.

The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 2.

The primary purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be the presentation of technical papers concerned with the science of geology, with emphasis on the geology of New Mexico.

Section 3.

A formal business meeting shall be included in the Annual Meeting and shall include reports by the Secretary and the Treasurer as well as other Society business.

Section 4.

Field Conferences and additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII—Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments to the Constitution of the Society may be proposed by a resolution of the Executive Committee, or by petition of any ten Active or Honorary Members, excluding Associate and Student Members, or by a Constitutional Committee appointed by the President.

Section 2.

The proposed amendment may be discussed and submitted to a vote at the business session of the Annual Meeting. Provided, however, that prior notification of the amendment to be discussed shall be given in writing to the membership at least 15 days prior to said meeting.

Section 3.

The Constitution of the Society may be amended by mail ballot provided written notice setting out and explaining the proposed amendment has been distributed to the membership at least 15 days prior to the mailing of the ballots. A two-thirds majority of the ballots returned to the Secretary by the thirteenth day following the mailing of the ballots shall be required for adoption of an amendment.

ARTICLE VIII—Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Society for whatsoever reason, all assets of the Society shall, after payment of all outstanding debts, be distributed equally among the geological library funds of those State institutions of higher learning within New Mexico granting degrees in geology.

BY-LAWS OF THE
NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I—Name

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be THE NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II—Headquarters

Section 1.

The location of the permanent headquarters of the Society shall be in Socorro, New Mexico. The permanent mailing address of the Society shall be: c/o New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, New Mexico 87801.

ARTICLE III—Membership

Section 1.

The membership of this non-profit organization shall consist of those individuals who are now members in good standing of the Society, as well as all those individuals who apply for membership and who are admitted to membership and who maintain membership in accordance with the By-Laws of the Society.

ARTICLE IV—Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Society shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2.

The President shall:

- (a) Preside over meetings of the Society and Executive Committee.
- (b) Appoint committees and serve ex officio on each.

Section 3.

The Vice-President shall:

- (a) Be responsible for the Annual Meeting and shall appoint a chairman to handle all arrangements.
- (b) Perform the duties of President in the absence of the President and shall automatically succeed to the office of President if that office becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever.

Section 4.

The Secretary shall:

- (a) Keep a record of all meetings of the membership and the Executive Committee.
- (b) Prepare and maintain the official roll of the membership and provide each member of the Executive Committee with a copy thereof.
- (c) Be custodian of the Seal and all significant records of that Society other than financial.
- (d) Be responsible for all correspondence of the Society not handled by other officers.
- (e) Act as Executive Officer in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

Section 5.

The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Keep the financial records of the Society.
- (b) Collect dues and other payments due the Society, make disbursements as directed by the Society and maintain the bank accounts of the Society.
- (c) Prepare a financial statement at the end of each fiscal year and present a summary of finances at each regular meeting of the Society or the Executive Committee.
- (d) The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount to be determined annually by the Executive Committee, the expense of said bonding to be borne by the Society. In the absence of the Treasurer the President and the Secretary may jointly sign checks.

ARTICLE V—Fiscal

Section 1.

The fiscal year of the Society shall begin January 1 and end December 31 of each year.

Section 2.

All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer, or, in his absence, jointly by the President and the Secretary. No member or group of members shall incur any indebtedness in the name of the Society without the consent of the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

The books of the Society shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time by members of the Society.

ARTICLE VI—Dues and Membership

Section 1.

The annual dues shall be: Active Members \$4.00; Associate Members \$3.00; Student Members \$1.00; and Honorary Members, none.

Section 2.

A statement of dues for the coming year shall be mailed to each member of the Society, prior to August 15 of each year.

Section 3.

Annual dues will be due and payable on October first of each year. Membership will commence on the following January first and will continue for one year thereafter.

Section 4.

Membership in the Society shall be forfeited if dues are not paid by January first. Reinstatement may be permitted by the Executive Committee upon payment of dues for the current year.

ARTICLE VII—Meetings

Section 1.

All business of the Society shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised.

Section 2.

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in April or May of each year, at a time and place to be chosen by the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

A small registration fee may be charged for the Annual Meeting, provided, however, that admission to the business meeting shall not be contingent upon payment of said fee.

Section 4.

Undergraduate students of geology shall be admitted without payment of the registration.

ARTICLE VIII—Nominations and Elections

Section 1.

The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members, each year to select two candidates each for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible for election to any office of the Society.

Section 2.

The names of the nominees, together with a short biography of each, shall be submitted to the Secretary prior to August first.

Section 3.

Prior to August fifteenth, the Secretary shall mail notices of election and ballots to all members in good standing at the date of mailing. The ballots shall include the names of the nominees and a short biography of each and a blank space for write-in candidates.

Section 4.

The ballots must be received by the Secretary on or before October first to be eligible to be counted. A majority of the votes received by the Secretary on or before October first shall be required for election to each office.

Section 5.

The Secretary and a committee of three (3) members appointed by the Executive Committee shall count the ballots and forward the results to the Executive Committee on or before October fifteenth. The Secretary shall inform all members of the Society of the results of the election on or before December thirty-first.

Section 6.

The elected officers shall assume their duties on January first. The out-going officers shall give all records and symbols of office to the new officers prior to January first.

ARTICLE IX—Quorum

Section 1.

A quorum at any meeting of the general membership of the Society shall consist of not less than 10 members and shall include three (3) members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the President or Vice-President.

Section 2.

No business of the Society shall be conducted without the presence of the quorum.

ARTICLE X—Committees

Section 1.

The standing committees of the Society shall be: (1) Grants-in-aid, (2) Publications and Sales, (3) Road Log, (4) Science Fair and (5) Publicity.

Section 2.

Additional standing committees may be created by the Executive Committee and ad hoc committees may be established by the President as needed.

ARTICLE XI—Seal

Section 1.

The corporate seal of the Society shall be four picks within a Zia symbols with the letters N.M.G.S., an impression of which is attached hereto.

ARTICLE XII—Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted by any Active or Honorary Member, orally or in writing, at any Annual Meeting and shall be passed by a majority of those present voting in its favor.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
THE NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The undersigned persons, all of whom are residents of the State of New Mexico, and citizens of the United States of America, hereby voluntarily organize themselves as a corporation, not-for-profit, under the laws of the State of New Mexico, and make and sign this certificate setting forth the name of the corporation, its objects, location and term of existence and state that the corporation does not and will not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to its members.

I

The name of this corporation shall be THE NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED.

II

The term of existence of this corporation shall be one hundred (100) years.

III

The objects of this corporation shall be:

(a) To promote interest in geology and allied sciences; to foster science research and publication; to encourage cooperation among its members; and to stimulate interest in the geology of New Mexico.

(b) To correlate the activities of, to encourage and strengthen, and to join together with international, national, state and local associations, and with the various allied scientific organizations which in any lawful manner advance the study, interest, and promotion of geology and the allied sciences.

(c) To engage in educational and publicity campaigns and programs.

(d) To collect dues and to elect officers in accordance with its By-Laws.

(e) To acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, such property, real or personal, as may be necessary or advantageous in carrying out the purposes of the corporation.

(f) To own, hold, possess, occupy, lease, mortgage, manage, sell, or otherwise dispose of, such real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient for the use and benefit of said corporation.

(g) To conduct and sponsor field trips of public and private nature and to charge admission to defray the costs of said field trips.

(h) In general, to carry on any other business in connection with the foregoing, and to have and to exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of New Mexico upon this corporation and to do any and or all of the things hereinabove set forth to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, and exercise the foregoing clauses; the foregoing clauses shall be construed as both objects and powers, and it is hereby expressly provided that the foregoing enumeration of specific powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of this corporation.

IV

The location of the principal office of the corporation shall be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the agent in charge thereof, upon whom process shall be served on behalf of said corporation is ROZIER E. SANCHEZ, Attorney At Law, 505 Marquette, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

V

Membership in the Society shall be in four classes and shall consist of:

(a) ACTIVE MEMBERS: Active Members shall be those persons holding degrees in geology, or allied sciences, from an accredited college or university.

(b) HONORARY MEMBERS: Honorary Members shall be elected by the Executive Committee from those persons who have

made outstanding contributions to the geology of New Mexico or to the geologic profession in New Mexico. No more than one Honorary Member shall be elected during any calendar year.

(c) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Associate Members shall be those persons whose interests are closely associated with geology or the allied sciences. Associate Members shall enjoy all other privileges of membership except that they shall not hold office or serve on standing committees.

(d) STUDENT MEMBERS: Student Members shall be undergraduate students majoring in geology or allied sciences at an accredited college or university. Student Members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except that they shall not hold office or serve on standing committees.

The Executive Committee shall elect all classes of membership and may revoke membership for cause.

The Society shall be authorized to collect dues in accordance with the By-Laws, and membership in the Society shall be contingent upon payment thereof.

VI

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and/or the Constitution of the Society may be proposed by a resolution of the Executive Committee, or by petition of any ten Active or Honorary Members, excluding Associate and Student Members, or by a Constitutional Committee appointed by the President.

The proposed amendment may be discussed and submitted to a vote at the business session of the Annual Meeting; provided, however, that prior notification of the amendment to be discussed shall be given in writing to the membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting.

The Articles of Incorporation and/or the Constitution of the Society may be amended by mail ballot provided written notice setting out and explaining the proposed amendment has been distributed to the membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to the mailing of the ballots. A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the ballots returned to the secretary by the thirteenth (13) day following the mailing of the ballots shall be required for adoption of an amendment.

VII

The number of its Directors shall be five (5), the manner of their selection and duties, powers and the terms of their office to be in such manner as may be specified in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

Until the first meeting shall be held by the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall be composed as follows: the Incorporators hereinafter named, Leon Haigler, c/o United States Geological Survey, Post Office Drawer 1857, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201—and Perry K. Hurbut, Cities Service Oil, 55013 Northwest 60th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73122.

VIII

The officers of this Corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and their manner of election and duties, powers and terms of office to be in such manner as may be specified in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

IX

To sue and be sued in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Mexico.

X

Upon dissolution of the Society for whatsoever reason, all assets of the Society shall, after payment of all outstanding debts, be distributed equally among the geological library funds of those State institutions of higher learning within New Mexico granting degrees in geology.

XI

The Corporation shall hold an annual meeting as specified in the By-Laws, the primary purpose of which shall be the presentation of technical papers concerned with the geology of New Mexico.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS of the State of New Mexico, made and provided, the undersigned incorporators have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this 8th day of December, 1967.

/S/ L. L. Werts
/S/ John W. Shomaker
/S/ Frederick D. Trauger