

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I DESCRIPTION AND OBJECT

- Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be **FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY**.
- Section 2.** The business address of this organization shall be located in the County of Los Angeles and meetings may be held and business transacted in any place in the County of Los Angeles determined by the Executive Committee.
- Section 3.** The Society is a sovereign Society and may join or withdraw from any Federation, Congress or Organization at the discretion of the Executive Committee by a majority vote.
- Section 4.** The Society objectives are to broaden the knowledge of members in their study and enjoyment of the hobby of mineral luminescence by aiding them in the study, collecting, identifying and display of fluorescent and luminescent minerals through the following programs:
1. To develop reliable information on luminescence of minerals through cooperation in scientific programs with Universities, societies and individuals.
 2. To accumulate information on the basic causes of fluorescence, and reasons for variations in color responses.
 3. To identify and catalogue known fluorescent and luminescent minerals and develop a map showing occurrences of such minerals on a local, national and world wide basis.
 4. To encourage interest and study of luminescent minerals in mineral clubs, schools and related fields.
 5. To work for the establishment of a permanent collection of fluorescent mineral specimens in any cooperating museum.
 6. To obtain authoritative facts on fluorescence and luminescence of minerals and make this information available to everyone through the club magazine, "Journal of the Fluorescent Mineral Society".
 7. To organize field trips and information seminars for the collection and study of fluorescent minerals.
 8. To assist in the exchange of fluorescent and luminescent minerals between members.
 9. To assist members in ways to display fluorescent minerals.

10. To promote the interchange of information among members.

11. While promoting fellowship and encouraging the collection of fluorescent minerals the Society shall make every effort to conserve material for future collectors.

Section 5. The Society is not formed for profit, and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

Section 6. In the event of dissolution of this Society, its assets shall be turned over at the discretion of the Executive Committee to a non-profit association or corporation.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Charter Members. Charter Members shall be those members who joined the FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY in the year 1971.

Section 2. General Membership. Membership in the Society shall be open to any person having an interest in mineral fluorescence.

Section 3. Any person or family desiring to join the Society, shall apply in writing to the secretary of the Society, giving the names and address of the prospective member or members. At the same time they shall supply other information relating to their interest in the objectives of the Society as detailed in Article I, Section 4. Any membership application or renewal shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee and upon approval a new member shall receive a certificate of membership in the Society. This certificate of membership shall be good for one year only, and may be renewed upon payment of dues for each future year.

Section 4. Denial of Membership. The Executive Committee shall have the power to deny renewal of membership to any member for conduct, which in its opinion, disturbs the order, dignity, business or harmony or impairs the good name, popularity or prosperity of the Society, or which is likely in its opinion, to endanger the welfare, interest or character of the organization, or for any conduct in violation of these by-laws, or the rules and regulations of the Society, which may be made from time to time. Such action by the Executive Committee may be taken at any meeting of such committee by the initiative of any member or members of such Committee. The proceedings of the Executive Committee in such matters shall be final and conclusive.

Section 5. **Honorary membership.** The Society may establish an honorary membership to consist of persons who have contributed materially to the advancement of fluorescent mineralogy and allied sciences. The names of persons considered eligible to honorary membership may be proposed by a Society member only. A copy of the nomination, including the reason for the proposal and describing the qualifications of the nominee shall be sent by the member making the nomination, to the Executive Committee at least three months prior to action on the nomination. The affirmative vote of the majority of the Executive Committee shall be sufficient to elect any honorary member. It shall be the duty of the secretary to inform the honoree of his or her election. Membership, if accepted shall be for life, or at the pleasure of the member so elected. An Honorary member shall have all the privileges of regular membership. The President shall grant certificate of membership or other credentials to honorary members and the secretary shall keep a list of such members for future reference.

ARTICLE III DUES

Section 1. **Dues.** The membership dues for the FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY shall be determined by 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee. Dues are payable annually on January 1st of each year. Dues of new members joining in November and December shall apply to the following year. Dues for all other new members shall be considered as being for the calendar year, regardless of date of membership.

Section 2. **Delinquency.** Dues shall become delinquent on April 1st of each year. A member who is delinquent in paying his dues shall not be considered in good standing and may not participate in Society activities. The secretary shall notify all members when they become delinquent. When a member has been delinquent for six months (July 1st) he shall be dropped automatically from membership.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. **Membership Meetings.** There shall be an annual meeting of the membership with the time and place to be set by the Executive Committee. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed to all members no later than 45 days prior to the date set for the annual meeting, which shall be anytime between May 1st and September 1st of each year.

- Section 2. Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the membership shall be for the purpose of passing on directions and instructions to the Executive Committee, and on alternate years, of installing the new set of officers.
- Section 3. Quorum. Membership meetings. Quorum shall consist of one-fourth (1/4) (or next whole number) of the number of members living within 100 miles of the Fluorescent Mineral Society business address. The actual quorum may consist of members from any region.
- Section 4. Voting. Voting by the membership is to be by a mail ballot, unless recommended otherwise by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. The results of all votes shall be reported in the next Newsletter, or sooner, to the general membership. The results of any other votes shall be forwarded to each member within 30 days of the results of that vote.
- Section 5. Proxies. The use of proxies is not authorized.
- Section 6. Rules of Procedure. Roberts Rules of Order, insofar as not inconsistent with these by-laws, shall govern the proceedings of the Society.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Vice Presidents from each region of the FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY, plus up to five (5) members at large.
- Section 2. Regional Vice Presidents may be authorized by the Executive Committee when the membership in that region or area reaches a total of 25 or more members.
- Section 3. Responsibilities. The Executive Committee shall have the power to conduct the necessary and normal business of the Fluorescent Mineral Society. They shall have the power to conduct, manage and control all the affairs and business of the Society. They shall be responsible to the membership.
- Section 4. All officers shall serve for a period of two years, with the first full membership election being in 1972 and being in even numbered years thereafter. All officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be members in good standing and must be at least 18 years of age.

- Section 5. Quorum Executive Committee. The Quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of one half (1/2) of the members of the Committee, or the next higher number, if a fraction.
- Section 6. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy. If a member of the Executive Committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee without valid excuse, which is accepted by the Executive Committee, his office shall be declared vacant and shall be filled by appointment by the President, with approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 7. Regions. The Executive Committee may authorize different areas of Canada, the United States, Mexico or world, as regions. Each region must have at least 25 members. The boundaries will attempt to, but are not required to, stay within existing geographical, physical and political borders. The boundaries may be changed by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, or by two-thirds vote of all the members affected by the change providing that all members affected by the change have been notified at least 45 days in advance. The Regional Vice President shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for each such region established.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Section 1. President. The President shall preside at the regular business meeting to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, to assist the other officers in their duties and to approve minor expenditures of the Society, for expenditures not to exceed \$25.00. He shall perform other duties as are customary to the office of the President. The President shall serve as exofficio member of all Committees.
- Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall preside at the meetings and perform all the duties of the President in the event of his absence, or inability to serve. He shall plan and coordinate field trips and information seminars that originate in the region of the Society's business address. The Vice President shall also assist in preparing lists of members that have fluorescent or luminescent minerals to trade. The Vice President shall assist the Regional Vice Presidents in planning field trips in their areas.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the meetings. Keep active attendance and participation records, accept approved membership applications, issue membership certificates, keep an active membership roster and have charge of the general correspondence.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all money received and shall maintain an accurate account of such funds in a local bank. He shall disburse these funds on authorization of the President and/or the Executive Committee, but not on his own discretion. A full financial report shall be made annually; this report to be audited at least once a year by the auditing committee.

Section 5. Regional Vice Presidents. The Regional Vice President shall plan and coordinate field trips and information seminars for his region. Regional Vice Presidents shall act as Chairman and represent the Society at any meeting of the local Fluorescent Mineral Society. He shall report the activities of his region to the Executive Committee at least every four months. One of the Regional Vice Presidents shall represent the Society in all matters pertaining to relationship between the club and any Federation of which it may be a member. If the Society belongs to more than one Federation, the Regional Vice President shall be selected for each such Federation.

Section 6. Members at Large. Their duties shall be to serve on the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee of three members shall be elected by the Executive Committee by December 1st of every year in which there is to be an election of officers. No member of the committee may be selected by the Executive Committee who is a relative of a member of the Executive Committee, or who is on the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to select at least a single slate of nominees for each elective office, including all officers and members at large for the Executive Committee. The names of the nominees shall be published or mailed to members sometime during January of each election year. Additional nominations may be made with the prior written consent of the nominee, at any

time prior to 10 days before the mailing of ballots to the members in March. The election of officers shall be by mail ballot during March of the election year and each officer so elected will serve for a two year term beginning at the annual membership meeting of that year.

Section 2. Journal. The Editorial Committee Chairman shall be responsible for publishing the "Journal of the Fluorescent Mineral Society" at least once a year. The Journal shall have articles on, or related to, fluorescent and luminescent minerals. It shall be informative and technical in nature with articles for the beginner and advanced collector.

Section 3. Newsletter. The Chairman of this committee shall be responsible for publishing the Newsletter at least four times a year. The Newsletter shall inform members about general interest items related to the Fluorescent Mineral Society and its members.

Section 4. Auditing Committee. The Auditing Committee shall consist of two or more members, which will be appointed by the Executive Committee, and no one of whom shall be related to any member of the Executive Committee. The committee shall be responsible for auditing the funds of the Society.

Section 5. Committee - General. The President shall appoint Chairman and Committee members if he so desires of all committees except as hereafter provided, to function during whatever portion of his term of office he desires.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any member in good standing may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Copy of their proposed Amendment in writing, together with an explanation as to why the Amendment has been proposed, must be presented to the President. The proposed Amendment must be approved by the Executive Committee, and then a copy of the proposed amendment must be mailed to the total membership within forty-five days for their rejection or ratification. A majority favorable vote of those voting on the amendment is required for passage.

Section 2. In case the Executive Committee rejects a proposed amendment the person sponsoring the Amendment may secure the signatures of ten (10) members favoring his amendment; upon such authorization the Executive Committee shall have the Amendment circulated to the entire membership for their acceptance or rejection.