

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I: Description and Objective

- I. A. **NAME.** The name of this organization shall be the FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY.
- I. B. **EMBLEM.** A black-and-white version of the emblem of the Society is shown on page 1 of these By-Laws. The colored emblem is in seven colors in a roughly triangular shape, depicting fluorescent Calcite (red), Willemite (green), Hydrozincite (blue), and Wernerite (yellow), excited by ultra-violet lamps. The name FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY is around the edge, and the emblem is on a background of alternating rays of light and dark blue, symbolizing the rays of ultraviolet light and fluorescent emissions.
- I. C. **ADDRESS.** 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.
- I. D. 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 of that committee.
- I. E. **PURPOSE.** The objectives of the Society are to broaden the knowledge of members in their study and enjoyment of the hobby of mineral luminescence, by aiding them in studying, collecting, identifying, and displaying fluorescent and luminescent minerals through the following programs:
- I. E. 1. To develop reliable information on luminescence of minerals through cooperation in scientific programs with Universities, Societies, and individuals.
- I. E. 2. To accumulate information on the basic causes of fluorescence, and reasons for variations in color responses.
- I. E. 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.

- I. E. 4. To encourage the interest and the study of luminescent minerals in rock and mineral clubs, schools, libraries, museums, and related fields.
- I. E. 5. To work for the establishment of a permanent collection and display of fluorescent mineral specimens in any cooperating museum.
- I. E. 6. To obtain authoritative facts on fluorescence and luminescence of minerals and to make this information available to all members through the Society publications.
- I. E. 7. To organize field trips and information seminars for the collection and study of fluorescent minerals.
- I. E. 8. To assist in the exchange of fluorescent and luminescent minerals between members.
- I. E. 9. To assist members to learn effective methods of displaying fluorescent minerals.
- I. E. 10. To promote the interchange of information among members, to promote fellowship, and to encourage the collection of fluorescent minerals.
- I. E. 11. To make every effort to conserve material for future collectors.
- I. F. **NON PROFIT.** The Society is a non-profit organization, and none of its assets shall be used for the financial gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.
- I. G. **DISSOLUTION.** In the event of dissolution of this Society, its assets shall be turned over to a non-profit association or corporation.
- I. H. **NOMENCLATURE.** Throughout these By-Laws, the terms Chairman, Chairwoman, he, she shall be understood to be interchangeable as appropriate.

ARTICLE II -- OFFICERS

- II. A. **OFFICERS.** The officers of the Society shall consist of a President; a Vice-President; a Secretary; a Treasurer; Regional Vice-Presidents, and no more than five Members At Large of the Board of Directors. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. All officers shall serve for a period of two years, and

shall be elected/re-elected on even-numbered years. All officers shall be members in good standing and at least eighteen years of age.

- II. B. **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS.** The Executive Committee may authorize different areas of the world as Regions, when the membership in the proposed new Region reaches 10 or more members, or as may be especially approved by the Executive Committee. The boundaries will attempt, but are not required, to follow existing geographical, physical, or political boundaries. The boundaries may be changed by a two-thirds vote of all members affected by the change, upon a 45 day mailed notice. Regional vice-presidents shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for each such region established.

ARTICLE III -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- III. A. **PRESIDENT.** The duties of the President shall be to preside at the regular business meetings, to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, to serve as ex-officio member of all committees, to assist the other officers in their duties, and to approve expenditures not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). He may recommend to the Executive Committee, appointments to fill the unexpired term of all vacancies, and assist committee Chairmen as needed. He shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office of President.
- III. B. **VICE PRESIDENT.** The Vice President shall preside at meetings and perform all the duties of the President in the event that the President is absent or unable to serve. The Vice President shall plan a program for each meeting. 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 who have fluorescent or luminescent minerals to trade. He shall conduct and coordinate any silent auctions held in his region. The Vice President shall assist the Regional Vice Presidents in planning programs, field trips, and silent auctions in their areas.
- III. C. **SECRETARY.** The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, keep active attendance and participation records, accept approved membership applications, issue membership certificates and cards, keep an active membership roster, have charge of general correspondence, and turn over all dues to the Treasurer. Minutes of all meetings shall be printed in the Newsletter of the Fluorescent Mineral Society. He shall have published in the UV Waves the names of all new members as soon as they join the Society.

- III. D. **TREASURER.** The treasurer shall be responsible for all dues and other money received, and shall maintain an accurate checking account of such funds in a local bank. He shall disburse these funds on authorization of the president and/or Executive Committee, but not on his own discretion. Checks shall require the signatures of both of the two officers whose signatures are on record with the bank. A full financial report shall be made annually. The annual report shall be audited at least once a year by the Auditing Committee.
- III. E. **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS.** Each Regional Vice President shall, wherever distances permit, and as especially designated by the Executive Committee, plan and coordinate meeting programs, field trips, information seminars, and Society shows and displays for his region. Regional vice-presidents shall act as Chairmen and represent the Society at any local meeting of the Fluorescent Mineral Society, Inc. The chairmen shall report the activities of their Region to the Executive Committee at least every six months. One of the Regional Vice Presidents shall represent the Society in all matters pertaining to relationships between the Society and any Federation of which it may be a member. If the Society belongs to more than one Federation, a Regional Vice President shall be selected for each such Federation.
- III. F. **MEMBERS AT LARGE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Members at large of the Board of Directors shall serve on the Executive Committee, and perform such additional duties as the President may from time to time request.

ARTICLE IV -- COMMITTEES

- IV. A. 1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Vice Presidents, plus up to five Members At Large of the Board of Directors. A Quorum of the Executive Committee shall have the power to conduct, manage, and control all the affairs and business of the Society. The Committee shall be responsible to the membership. Advance approval by the Executive Committee shall be made for expenditures of more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- IV A. 1. a. **QUORUM.** The required quorum of the Executive Committee, in the interests of practical operation of the Society, shall consist of one half (1/2) of the members of the Committee, excluding Regional Vice Presidents, or the next higher number, if a fraction.

- IV. A. 2. **AUDITING COMMITTEE.** An Auditing Committee of two or more members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. No Auditing Committee member shall be related to any member of the Executive Committee. The Auditing Committee shall be responsible for auditing the funds and financial records of the Society at least once a year.
- IV. A. 3. **JOURNAL COMMITTEE.** The Executive Committee shall establish a Journal Committee to include the Journal Editor and additional members, if needed, to assist him to issue the annual Journal of the Fluorescent Mineral Society. The Journal shall have articles on, or related to, fluorescent and luminescent materials. The articles shall be informative in nature, with subject matter suitable to the beginner as well as the advanced collector.
- IV. A. 4. **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE.** A Newsletter Committee will be established, chaired by the Newsletter Editor and including such additional members as are needed to assist him to issue the UV Waves of the Fluorescent Mineral Society. The UV Waves shall be issued six times a year: January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, and November/December. This will not restrict the Committee from issuing more issues if desired. The UV Waves shall have articles of general interest, reports and photographs of Society regional members, reports of meetings and programs, and minutes of meetings. The Newsletter Committee shall issue a roster of all paid members as of April 1, which shall be mailed to all members no later than May 1.
- IV. A. 5. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on or before October first of each odd-dated year (prior to the even-number-dated election year). No member may serve on the Nominating Committee who is relative of a member of the Executive Committee, or who is currently a member of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to select a slate of nominees for each elective office, including all officers and members at large of the Executive Committee. In October, November, and December, any member may suggest to the nominating committee, with the consent of the nominee, names for any office. The names of the nominees shall be published in ballot form and mailed to all members by January 10. The ballots shall be marked and returned to the Secretary no later than March 1. Election shall be by a simple majority of those voting. The Secretary will tally the ballots and announce the results at the meeting in March when the elected officers will be installed and will immediately assume their duties.
- IV. B. **PROXIES.** Throughout these By-Laws, the use of proxies is not authorized for any voting.

- IV. C. **RULES OF ORDER.** Roberts Rules of Order, insofar as not inconsistent with these By-Laws, shall govern all of the proceedings of the Society.
- 1V. D. **VACANCIES.** In the event of a vacancy in any elected office or committee, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the position. 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 the unexpired term shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V --Dues

- V. A. **DUES.** The membership dues for the FLUORESCENT MINERAL SOCIETY shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Dues shall be payable January 1 of each year.
- V. B. **REMINDER.** A reminder of dues payment deadlines shall be made by an appropriate notice sent to all members in December, and again in February. Such notice may be placed in the November/December and the January/February UV Waves, provided they will be mailed by December 31 and February 28 respectively. If for any reason these dates for insertion in the UV Waves cannot be met, then a special notice shall be mailed by the secretary to all members whose dues have not been received and recorded by February 28.
- V. C. **DELINQUENCY.** Dues shall become delinquent on April 1 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 become delinquent, he shall automatically be dropped from the membership roster, and shall receive no further UV Waves or Journals as of the date of delinquency (April 1).
- V. D. **REINSTATEMENT.** Former members may be reinstated at the discretion of the Executive Committee, by applying in writing and paying the full dues from the first of the calendar year in which they apply. They will be furnished back copies of that year's publications insofar as they are available. Their reinstatement shall be noted in the next issue of the UV Waves.

ARTICLE VI --Membership

- VI. A. **Charter Members.** Charter members shall be those members who joined the Society in the year 1971.
- VI. B. **General Membership.** Membership in the Society shall be open to any person having an interest in mineral fluorescence.

Note the following section on Honorary Membership was inadvertently left off of the Lee Burleigh version of the Constitution that was approved. It was a mistake since all of the membership parts were reorganized and somehow the missing part was not caught until later. I have included the Honorary Membership section that was in the original Constitution.

- VI. X. **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 the 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 secretary shall keep a list of such members for future reference.

- VI. C. **Method of Joining.** Any person or family desiring to join the Society, shall apply in writing to the Secretary of the Society, giving the name and address of the prospective member(s), and enclosing dues for the current calendar year. At the same time, applicants shall supply other information relating to their interest in the objectives of the Society as detailed in article I. E. Any membership application shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee and upon approval, a new member shall receive a copy of these BY-LAWS, and a membership card for the current year, which may be renewed upon payment of dues for the next calendar year.

- VI. D. **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 of the Society. Impairs the good name, popularity, or prosperity of the Society. Endangers the welfare, interest, or character of the Society.

Consists of conduct in violation of these BY-LAWS, or rules and regulations of the Society, which may be made from time to time.

Denial action by the Executive Committee may be taken at any meeting of such Committee on the initiative of any member or members of such Committee. The proceedings of the Executive Committee in such matters shall be final and conclusive.

- VI. E. **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.** Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held in each region on dates and at times to be determined by the Regional Vice President of that Region. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and guests of the Southwest Region shall be held the third Tuesday of each month in Los Angeles County at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. Guests shall be welcome at all meetings of the Society. Such meetings shall be for the purpose of forwarding requests and recommendations to the Executive Committee, and on alternate years, of installing the new slate of officers.
- VI. F. **VOTING.** Voting on ordinary business shall be by a simple majority of all members present at any given meeting. Results of ordinary business meetings shall be reported to all members by means of the Minutes, printed in the UV Waves.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS.

- VII. A. Any member in good standing may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. A copy in writing, of the proposed amendment, together with 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 a copy of the proposed amendment must then be mailed to the total membership within forty-five days for their ratification or rejection. A majority favorable vote of those voting on the amendment is required for passage.
- VII. B. 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 proposed amendment circulated to the entire membership for their acceptance or rejection.

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