

# **Geological Society of Connecticut Constitution**

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## **Article I**

### **NAME & FORM**

The name of the organization shall be the "Geological Society of Connecticut, Inc."; it is known as the Geological Society of Connecticut. The Society is a non-profit, non-capital stock corporation.

## **Article II**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Society is to support:

1. the science and profession of geology and its related branches by encouraging education, research and service through the holding of meetings, maintaining communications, and providing a common union of its members;
2. the public education of the geology of Connecticut and to promote the proper use and protection of its natural resources;
3. professional conduct by those engaged in the collection, interpretation and use of geologic data.

## **Article III**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Society shall consist of Members, Honorary Members and Student Members, all with full voting rights in Society proceedings.

## **Article IV**

### **MANAGEMENT**

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Board of Directors, who are elected at regular terms by the voting membership at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) Members and will include the immediate Past-President, if available to serve. The Board shall elect, from its own ranks, a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to conduct its affairs.

## **Article V**

### **ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING**

The Society shall hold one Annual Corporate Meeting, having the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors may prescribe. Other membership meetings and Board meetings may also be held as deemed desirable by the Board of Directors.

## **Article VI**

### **FINANCES**

The fiscal year of the Society shall be from July 1 to June 30th of the following year. The affairs of the Society shall at all times be managed in such a way as to preserve and safeguard its tax-exempt status. No part of the net earnings of the Society shall benefit any private group or individual, with the exceptions of moneys for scholarships or other endowments which may be provided to groups or individuals meeting requirements established and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **Article VII**

### **BYLAWS**

Bylaws, consistent with this Constitution and with the Certificate of Incorporation, shall be adopted at the time of adoption of this Constitution and may be amended as therein provided.

## **Article VIII**

### **DISPOSITION OF CORPORATE ASSETS**

Dissolution of the Society will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Society membership present at the Annual Meeting of the Society. In the event the Society dissolves after paying or making provision for the payment of any outstanding debts, the Board of Directors shall distribute all remaining assets to one or more Connecticut not-for-profit organizations as determined by a majority vote of the Board. The assets are to be used by the receiving organization(s), expressly to promote and enhance the public knowledge and understanding of Geology and/or the Earth Sciences.

## **Article IX**

### **AMENDMENTS**

A proposed amendment to this Constitution may be approved for membership balloting in three (3) ways:

1. A written petition signed by not less than fifteen (15) Members of the Society may be submitted to the Society Secretary. The proposed amendment shall be reviewed and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors before going to a vote of Society membership.
2. A written amendment proposal may be submitted by a Board of Directors member to the Society Secretary. The proposed amendment shall be reviewed and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors before going to a vote of Society membership.
3. A proposed amendment may be submitted by written petition, signed by twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the membership, to the Society Secretary. When accompanied by the petition, Board of Directors approval is not required. The proposed amendment shall be voted on by the membership of the Society. Proposed amendments shall be voted upon at the next Annual Meeting after approval for vote, provided due notice having been given each member of such proposed amendments at least three (3) weeks before the Annual Meeting. A proposed amendment to this constitution must receive an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Society membership present at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

## **Article X**

### **POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

No part of the activities of the Society shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (h)), or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution or statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.