



**ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1 Name

The name of this non-profit corporation shall be The Knoxville Gem And Mineral Society, Inc.

Section 2 Purpose

The purpose of the Knoxville Gem And Mineral Society, Inc. Is:

- A. To carry on only activities exempted under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (C) (3) of the 1954 Code and any later modification or future legislation pertaining to this code section;
- B. To carry on charitable, scientific, and educational activities;
- C. To educate the citizens of the community in the collection, cleaning, and preservation of minerals, rocks, fossils, and other classes of earth science materials;
- D. To sponsor exhibits and shows to encourage the citizens in the collection, cleaning, and preservation of minerals, rocks, fossils, and other earth science materials;
- E. To sponsor field trips to collection sites;
- F. To hold programs and other types of educational activities;
- G. To assist in the education and in the promotion of the earth sciences.

**ARTICLE II
ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION**

Section 1 Powers

The corporation shall be governed by its officers and board of directors.



ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Number and Qualification

The corporation shall consist of any number of individuals who are interested and who desire to become members. No qualifications shall be stated other than that the member shall have paid the dues in effect and shall support the purposes of the corporation.

Section 2 Renewal of Membership

Membership shall be renewed annually by payment of dues in effect on January 1 of that year.

Section 3 Term

No term limit for membership shall be imposed.

Section 4 Classification

The corporation shall have a single classification of membership.

Section 5 Removal From Membership

Any member committing any unsafe, unethical, dishonest, or other act casting discredit upon the club shall be asked by the president, with advice from the Board, to resign his membership, and in case he does not resign he may be expelled from membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and so notified by registered mail. The Board shall grant said member a hearing if requested. Termination of membership under this Article shall bar the former member from all facilities or activities of the club.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 Members

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, and four (4) members elected from the membership-at-large.



ARTICLE IV, continued
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, continued

Section 2 **Election**

Two (2) members of the membership-at-large shall be elected annually to serve a two (2) year term. However, in the first year of operation four (4) directors shall be elected from the membership-at-large in the following manner: two (2) members shall be elected to serve one (1) year and two (2) members shall be elected to serve two (2) years. Thereafter, each board member shall serve two (2) years.

Section 3 **Vacancy**

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the membership at the next monthly meeting by a majority of the members present at such meeting.

Section 4 **Meetings**

- A. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly.
- B. The President shall have the authority to call additional board meetings.
- C. A majority of the Board of Directors shall exercise the powers generally given to a governing board.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

Section 1 **Officers**

The officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2 **Board Members**

All officers are automatically members of the Board of Directors.



**ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1 President

The President shall preside over all meetings when present, serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors, appoint chairpersons of the standing committees, appoint all special committees, and otherwise perform all duties ordinarily the responsibility of the president of a non-profit organization.

Section 2 Vice President

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. In addition, the Vice President shall act as Program Chairperson for the monthly meetings and any other meetings at the President's direction.

Section 3 Secretary

The Secretary shall record all minutes of the meetings and perform such services as the President shall direct.

Section 4 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the corporation, place such funds in a bank or other institution insured by the Federal Government, disburse funds as approved by the Board of Directors and perform such other duties as may be directed by the President.

Section 5 Other Officers

The Board of Directors may recommend to the membership that additional officers be elected to assist in the carrying on of the business of the corporation.



**ARTICLE VII
TERMS OF OFFICE**

Section 1 President

The President shall be elected annually by the membership to serve one (1) year. The President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 2 Vice President

The Vice President shall be elected annually by the membership to serve one (1) year. The Vice President may be elected to consecutive terms.

Section 3 Secretary

The Secretary shall be elected annually by the membership for a term of one (1) year. The Secretary may be elected to consecutive terms.

Section 4 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected annually by the membership for a term of one (1) year. The Treasurer may be elected to consecutive terms.

**ARTICLE VIII
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 1 Election

The membership shall elect all officers and directors at the monthly meeting preceding the December meeting.



**ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES**

Section 1 Standing Committees

The corporation shall have the following standing committees:

- A. Publication Committee. The Publication Committee shall be responsible for the publication of a monthly newsletter.
- B. Field Trip Committee. The Field Trip Committee shall arrange monthly trips as conditions permit to hunt for minerals, fossils, rocks, and other earth science materials. The committee shall make rules governing the time, place, and any safety requirements necessary for safe trips.
- C. Education Committee. The Education Committee shall keep a roster of speakers and make this list available to schools requesting lectures and demonstrations.
- D. Historian. The Historian shall keep a scrapbook of all activities of the corporation.
- E. Safety Committee. The Safety Committee shall endeavor to keep members and participants safe on field trips. The committee shall be responsible for the maintenance of a first aid kit to accompany all field trips.
- F. Library Committee. The Library Committee shall maintain the library of the corporation.
- G. Other Committees. Other committees may be appointed by the President to aid in the carrying out of the corporation's activities.



**ARTICLE X
POWERS**

Section 1 Powers

The corporation shall have the power to:

- A. To sue and be sued in the corporation's name;
- B. To have and use a common seal;
- C. To receive property, real, personal, or mixed, by purchase, gift, devise, or bequeath, and sell the same and apply the proceeds toward the promotion of the corporation's objectives;
- D. To have any other powers ordinarily available to nonprofit organizations.

**ARTICLE XI
QUORUM**

Section 1 Monthly Meetings

Quorum shall consist of the members present.

Section 2 Board of Directors

Quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the elected Board members.

**ARTICLE XII
DISSOLUTION**

Section 1 Procedure

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.



**ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 Procedure

These Bylaws may be amended as circumstances may warrant, provided the membership has been notified sixty (60) days in advance in writing of the proposed amendment or amendments.

Section 2 Notification

The members shall be notified of the proposed amendment by direct mail or by publication in the monthly newsletter. The notification shall include the date of the meeting at which the amendment is to be presented and a complete statement of the proposed amendment or amendments.

Section 3 Requirements

The amendment or amendments shall require at least a two-thirds majority of the members present at that meeting in order to be approved.

**ARTICLE XIV
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES**

Section 1 Governing Rules

In the event of procedural disputes, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.



REVISION LOG

Revision	Date	Change
0	07/18/2009	<p>The following by-law changes were approved by the membership at the meeting on 07/18/2009.</p> <p>Article I, Name and Purpose, Section 2, Purpose, G PREVIOUS TEXT: To assist in any other manner in the promotion of the hobby. REVISED TEXT: To assist in the education and in the promotion of the earth sciences.</p> <p>Article VII, Terms Of Office, Section 1, <u>President</u> PREVIOUS TEXT: The President shall be elected annually by the membership to serve one (1) year. The President shall not serve consecutive terms. REVISED TEXT: The President shall be elected annually by the membership to serve one (1) year. The President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.</p> <p>Article XI, Quorum, Section 1, Monthly Meetings PREVIOUS TEXT: Quorum for the monthly meeting shall consist of the majority of the members present at that meeting. REVISED TEXT: Quorum shall consist of the members present.</p> <p>Article XI, Quorum, Section 2, Board of Directors PREVIOUS TEXT: Quorum for the Board of Directors meetings shall be the majority of board members. REVISED TEXT: Quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the elected Board members.</p> <p>Article XIII, Amendments, Section 3. PREVIOUS TEXT: <u>Quorum</u> REVISED TEXT: <u>Requirements</u></p>
1	02/16/2012	<p>The following by-law changes were approved by the membership at the meeting on 02/16/2012.</p> <p>Article III, Membership NEW SECTION: Section 5, Removal From Membership Any member committing any unsafe, unethical, dishonest, or other act casting discredit upon the club shall be asked by the president, with advice from the Board, to resign his membership, and in case he does not resign he may be expelled from membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and so notified by registered mail. The Board shall grant said member a hearing if requested. Termination of membership under this Article shall bar the former member from all facilities or activities of the club.</p>