

The Constitution of the Gem and Mineral Society of the Virginia Peninsula

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as: The Gem and Mineral Society of the Virginia Peninsula, here after referred to as the 'Society'.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Society is: **1.** To facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation among its members by promoting the study of lapidary techniques, mineralogy, paleontology, and allied fields of Earth sciences: **2.** To provide the community with a knowledge of the hobby through lectures, demonstrations, and exhibitions: **3.** To enjoy good fellowship.

Article III – Policies

The program of the Society shall be educationally and recreationally oriented and shall be developed through meetings, field trips, exhibitions, and projects. The Society shall operate as a non-profit corporation, in accordance with section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code, and any monies derived by any means shall be used to further the purpose and policies of this society. This society may cooperate and/or affiliate with other organizations in the hobby and educational fields.

Article IV – Membership

Application may be made by any person who agrees with the purpose of the Society and is willing to abide by its Constitution. Acceptance into the membership is made without discrimination.

Article V – Dues

Dues are paid on an annual basis. The fiscal year for the Society dues shall be from the first of January through December of the same calendar year.

Article VI – Officers

The Elective Officers of the Society shall consist of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Article VII – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be the elected officers.

Article VIII – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of: the elected officers, the chairs of all standing committees, and coordinators of the special interest groups.

Article IX – Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on a once a month basis.

Article X – Quorum

A quorum shall be not less than 33 percent of the voting membership.

Article XI – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by vote of two-thirds of the voting members present, provided that the proposed amendment has been proposed at the previous regular meeting.

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