

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF GEOLOGY DIVISION BYLAWS

Established by Council on November 7, 1976.

ARTICLE I

Organization, Name, and Purpose

1. This division of The Geological Society of America, Inc., is organized in accordance with Article IX, *Divisions of the Society*, of the bylaws of that Society and is governed by the provisions of that article.
2. *Name.* The name of the division is the History and Philosophy of Geology Division of The Geological Society of America, Inc.
3. *Purpose.* The purpose of the division is to provide a suitable forum for presentation of papers on history and philosophy of geology and discussion of problems of mutual interest in the study of history and philosophy of geology and the development of the geological sciences, to stimulate research and teaching of such history and philosophy, and to act as an organized group in promoting these objectives within the framework of the Geological Society of America.

ARTICLE II

Membership

1. Any Member, Fellow, Honorary Fellow, or Affiliate of the Geological Society of America who is in good standing may become a member of the History and Philosophy of Geology Division. To effect division membership, an applicant shall express his/her desire on the GSA application or membership renewal forms or in writing to the secretary of the division or the executive director of the Society. All division members in good standing are eligible to vote and to hold office in the division.

ARTICLE III

Finances

1. The division shall be financially responsible for its normal expenses. All other financial obligations or commitments of the division must have prior approval of the Council.
2. The division may collect annual dues or special assessments from affiliates when recommended by its management board and approved by a majority vote of the voting affiliates.
3. The division may solicit and accept contributions of funds to be used and expended under the supervision of the management board and subject to Council approval.

ARTICLE IV
Officers and Management Board

1. *Officers.* The officers of the division shall be a chair, a first vice-chair, a second vice-chair, and a secretary-treasurer. The chair and vice-chairs shall each be elected for terms of one year, and the secretary-treasurer for a term of two years. The terms of office shall begin immediately following the annual business meeting at which the results of the election are announced.
2. *Management Board.* The management board shall consist of the chair, first vice-chair, second vice-chair, secretary-treasurer, and immediate past chair.
3. *Election of Officers.* The nominating committee of the division shall nominate candidates annually for chair, first vice-chair, and second vice-chair, and every two years for secretary-treasurer. When approved by the management board, these nominations shall be printed in the winter issue of the division's newsletter.

A nomination for any of these positions also may be made by any four voting affiliates of the division in good standing who shall verify that the candidate is qualified and willing to serve in that office. The nominations shall be accepted if signed by the nominating affiliates and received by the secretary-treasurer no later than **June 1**.

If no candidates are nominated other than those nominated by the nominating committee, the secretary-treasurer shall declare these candidates elected by affirmation. If other candidates are nominated and approved by the management board, they will be added to the regular ticket and shall be submitted by the secretary-treasurer of the division to the executive director of the Society, who shall have a ballot prepared and mailed with the summer issue of the newsletter to the voting affiliates.

The election of officers shall be in accordance with the election procedures of the Society and shall be under the supervision of the Society. All provisions governing the election of officers of the Society which are applicable to the division shall govern the election of officers of the division.

ARTICLE V
Committees

1. *Program Committee.* A program committee consisting of two or more voting affiliates of the division shall be appointed by the management board.

The program committee shall plan and arrange for the technical sessions of the division at the annual meeting and such other programs as may be directed by the management board.