

**BYLAWS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS
(AS AMENDED JUNE 4, 2001, DENVER, COLORADO)**

**ARTICLE I
Name**

This organization shall be known as the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, a Colorado corporation.

**ARTICLE II
Objectives**

The objectives of the organization shall be providing for discussion of scientific subjects and problems coming within the scope of petroleum geologists, particularly such as may develop in the Rocky Mountain area; reducing the isolating effects of distance between petroleum geologists and groups of petroleum geologists within the Rocky Mountain area by means of annual meetings held, insofar as practicable, in a different state each year; and promoting the advancement and aims of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists as they are set forth in its Articles and Bylaws.

**ARTICLE III
Memberships**

Section 1. All active members, associate members, junior members and student members of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists residing in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, portions of New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming shall be considered to possess the same type of membership in the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Section 2. If dues are levied at any time by the Executive Committee in accordance with these Bylaws, payment of such dues is an additional requisite for membership in this Section.

Section 3. Applications for membership in the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists may be required on a form approved by the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE IV
Officers, the Executive Committee, and Councillor(s)
to the Advisory Council of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists**

Section 1. The Officers of this Section shall be a President, a President-elect, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Secretary/Treasurer-elect. Their terms of office shall be for one year, or until their respective successor(s) are installed. The President-elect, the Secretary/Treasurer, and the Secretary/Treasurer-elect shall, however, after one year in office, serve as the President, President-elect, and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively, for the following year. In the absence or incapacity to act of the President, the President-elect shall assume those duties (until the local society and the Executive Committee find a President replacement.) The duties of the Officers shall be those customary for the respective offices. They shall assume these duties immediately following the annual Section meeting following their election.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Secretary/Treasurer-elect, immediate past President, and one representative from each of the affiliated American Association of Petroleum Geologists organizations within the Section boundaries. The Executive Committee, or a subcommittee elected by two thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee, shall serve as the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Each year, prior to the annual meeting, one representative shall be selected by appointment or election by the affiliated organization to fill the place of the retiring representative. Their terms of office shall begin at the commencement of the annual Section meeting following their selection.

Section 4. All Officers and representatives of the Section shall be active members of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Officers and representatives may serve more than one term.

Section 5. In the event the President, President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, or Secretary/Treasurer-elect is unable or unwilling to serve his or her term or the remainder thereof, the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to fill the vacant office for the remainder of the term. This appointment should come from the local society from which the person being replaced resides.

Section 6. In the event a representative is unable to finish the term of office, the organization he or she represents is responsible for the appointment or election of a person to fill the remainder of the term.

Section 7. The Section is entitled to elect, subject to Article V, Section 8, subparagraph (d) and Article VI, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, from active members of the Section, a Councillor (or Councillors) to serve for a three (3)-year term as an elected member of the Advisory Council of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. The Section, with not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) members of The American Association of Petroleum Geologists, is entitled to elect one Advisory Council member for up to five thousand (5,000) members of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists within the Section.

ARTICLE V Funds

Section 1. The funds of the Section shall be deposited with any national bank or brokerage company selected by the Secretary/Treasurer into the accounts of the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Such accounts may include, without limitation, checking and money market accounts and certificates of deposits. In addition, Section funds may be invested in bonds or bond funds. Joint written approval by the President and the Secretary/Treasurer shall be required for investments in bonds or bond funds. Whenever necessary, the President shall certify the authority of the Secretary/Treasurer to administer such an account by providing the depository bank or brokerage company with notice of the Secretary/Treasurer's election and with a true copy of these Bylaws.

Section 2. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the authority to issue checks, negotiate or present for redemption United States government bonds or other bonds, or show evidence of indebtedness owned by this Section on his or her own signature. In the absence or incapacity to act of the Secretary/Treasurer, the above authority shall be assumed by the President.

Section 3. The Corporation shall establish the position of Finance Administrator, whose duties shall be to assist the Secretary/Treasurer in financial matters, including the monitoring of financial records and deposits into and payments or withdrawals from accounts of the corporation. The President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Corporation, acting on behalf of the Corporation, shall have the authority to appoint an individual to this position, provided that any individual so appointed shall be properly qualified and reasonably bonded and shall be associated with the statutory registered office of the Corporation. The Finance Administrator shall not have the authority to make withdrawals or authorize checks in an amount greater than \$5,000.00 without a second signature of an Officer or Director of the Corporation. The Finance Administrator shall serve at the will of the then current President and Secretary/Treasurer. The President and Secretary/Treasurer shall determine the compensation to be paid to the Finance Administrator, provided the compensation is commensurate with the individual's ability and the services rendered, and further provided that the terms and amount of the compensation are disclosed to the Board and accurate records are kept of the time spent and the services provided to the Corporation. The President and Secretary/Treasurer shall have the right to appoint a successor Finance Administrator in the event the Finance Administrator is discharged or is otherwise unable or unwilling to serve.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be held annually and at other times as determined by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The time and place of the annual meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII Elections

Section 1. Officers of this Section shall be elected by mail ballot by active members of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists carried on the national roster as residents of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, portions of New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. However, in the event that a nominating committee selects only one candidate for President-elect and one candidate for Secretary/Treasurer for an election, then these candidates can be elected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President. One or two candidates for each office shall be selected and their names furnished to the Secretary/Treasurer not later than 120 days prior to the next meeting.

Section 3. In the event of a tie vote for elected Section office, the tie shall be broken by canvassing the Officers of the Section and abiding by the majority decision.

Section 4. Each Councillor to the Advisory Council of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists will be elected by ballot, submitted to all Section members who are active members of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, from among not less than two candidates nominated by the Section's Executive Committee or by submission of a petition of nomination signed by not less than fifty (50) members of the Section and delivered to the Section president at least 30 days prior to start of said election. Vacancies in Councillor positions will be filled by election to be held within 120 days of said vacancy.

ARTICLE VIII Business

All business of this Section, except amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, dues increases or plans of merger, consolidation or dissolution of the Corporation, may be acted upon by a majority of active members of the Section present at an annual or special meeting, by mail ballot, as determined by the Executive Committee, or by appropriate action of the Executive Committee. At any meeting, a majority of those eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum. In the case of a tie vote, the President shall cast one additional deciding vote.

ARTICLE IX Amendment

The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or plan of merger, consolidation or dissolution may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the active members of the Section. Such a vote may be taken by mail ballot, or at a special or annual meeting, provided written notice explaining the proposed amendment is distributed by mail or through Section publications at least 14 days prior to the distribution of the mail ballots, or prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken.