

THE DANBURY MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC
Danbury, Connecticut

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I Name

The name of this Society shall be The Danbury Mineralogical Society

ARTICLE II Policy

This Society shall be non-sectarian, non-partisan, and non-profit, and shall not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

ARTICLE III Objectives

The particular objectives for which this Society is formed are:

1. To promote general interest in mineralogy.
2. To study rocks, minerals, fossils, and the lapidary arts through lecture and discussion periods and field trips.
3. To encourage the search for minerals indigenous to our area.
4. To keep an accurate and permanent record of all mineral localities visited by this Society and to make such records available to members.

ARTICLE IV Membership

Members shall consist of those persons interested in the objectives of this Society. Members under 12 years of age are to be accompanied by an adult responsible for his/her welfare.

Payment of dues constituted membership. Voting members shall be those members whose dues are paid prior to April 1st of the current year, and shall be 18 years of age or older. Junior members are those persons 12 to 17 years of age.

Members shall be dropped from the mailing list for non-payment of dues prior to April 1st of the current year and will be dropped from the society automatically if the dues are not paid prior to June 1st of the current year.

ARTICLE V Officers

The officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers of this Society, the Bulletin Editor, and the immediate past President along with three members at large shall constitute an Executive Committee to meet on call by the President or by any four members of the committee, for the consideration of special matters in the interim between regular meetings of this Society.

Committee chairs shall be ex-officio members of the executive committee.

ARTICLE VI Duties of the Officers

It is the responsibility of the President to preside over all meetings and be the ex-officio member of all committees. The President will also appoint all committee chairmen

The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, assist with the duties of the President and arrange for monthly programs.

It is the responsibility of the secretary to keep the minutes of all regular and special meetings, to send out notices of all special meetings and to conduct the correspondence of the Society.

It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to conduct the financial matters pertaining to the Society and to submit a report at each regular meeting of the Society. It is also the duty of the Treasurer to maintain a current manifest of all members, addresses and phone numbers.

ARTICLE VII Election of Officers

The officers of the society shall hold office for one calendar year. The President is not to hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

A Nominating committee will be appointed by the president at the June meeting, and this committee will present a slate of nominees at the October meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Members are encouraged to contact the Nominating Committee if they wish to submit nominees. Two thirds of the members present at the November meeting shall elect the officers for the ensuing year, providing the list of nominees for office has been published in the November Bulletin.

Officers elected by the Society at the November meeting shall assume office on the first of January following their election.

Vacancies in office shall be appointed for the unexpired term by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee.

The President shall call a joint executive board meeting of the outgoing and newly elected officers to be held during the month of November to aid in the transition of officers for the following year.

ARTICLE VIII Meetings

Regular meetings of the Society shall be held once a month except July and August. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President. Regular meetings are to be held in a place so designated by the Society unless otherwise stated in "The Danburite."

ARTICLE IX Dues

The annual meeting in November shall set the dues structure for the following year. Those applying for student membership shall be enrolled as full time students. Dues paid by new members after September 1st of the current year are void until December 31st of the following year.

ARTICLE X Quorums

A quorum shall constitute 15% of the paid membership.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that a copy of the proposed amendments shall be sent to every member at least ten days prior to any vote.

ARTICLE XII Exempt Status

- a) The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- b) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, and or be distributable to its members, except that the organization shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise influence legislation and the organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) and political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall

not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the internal revenue code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- c) Upon the dissolution of the organization, 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 section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government for a public purpose.

Assets will be divided equally between 1) the Scholarship Fund of the Eastern Federation of Mineral Lapidary Societies, and 2) the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association Mining and Mineral Museum.

End of bylaws