



North America Research Group

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NARG Bylaws - draft

General

NARG shall be non-political, non-commercial and non-profit.

Meetings

Board Members Meeting

Board members will meet the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00PM to 7:30PM.

All Members are welcome to board meetings.

Members Meeting

The Members meeting will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 7:30PM to 9:00PM.

Meeting Location

All meeting activities will be held at the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals.

Code of Ethics

All members of NARG are expected to conduct themselves ethically and orderly during all meetings and functions, and refrain from any behavior that would undermine the good name of NARG.

Members shall not claim to be conducting NARG business unless they actually are at the time, nor represent themselves to be members of the Group while engaged in any questionable collecting or improper activities on their own time.

Membership

Requirements:

Any person of good character who is interested in the objectives of NARG is eligible for membership, and may become a regular member on payment of the dues as determined in the bylaws.

Membership will be required for regular participation in the Groups activities.

Membership Dues:

Membership dues are \$25.00 annually. If you join between June and December, dues are \$25.00. If you join between January and May, dues are \$12.50.

Dues are renewed each year and are due on June 1st.

Executive Officers, Board Members and Elections

Officers

Officers of the Group shall consist of President, Vice President, Information Coordinator, Secretary, and Trip/Workshop Coordinator.

Duties of Executive Officers

President:

The President shall preside over the meetings of the Group and of the Board of Directors.

Shall facilitate communication and cooperation among all members and committees of the Group, outside organizations, and the public.

Vice President:

At the request of the President, or in the event of his/her absence or disability, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions placed upon the President. He/she shall also serve as program chairperson.

Information Coordinator

The Information Coordinator shall keep meeting minutes of all meeting of the Members and of the Board of Directors, and shall conduct the correspondence and maintain the records of the Members as the Board of Directors may direct; shall be prepared at all times to furnish information on the rulings of the Group.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer will keep records of all moneys received and shall approve all disbursements from the Group account after they have been approved by the board or by the officers who were responsible for the bills incurred.

Field Trip/Workshop Coordinator:

The Field Trip/Workshop Coordinator, shall act in the name of the Group when making arrangements and scheduling trip and workshop events to be conducted by NARG.

Board Members

Board Members are appointed by the Executive Officers by a majority vote.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Officers and Board Members.

Appointments

Any vacancy occurring among the Executive Officers or Board Members shall be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors with a majority vote.

Removal of Officers

Executive Officers and Board Members may be removed if they have broken the principles of NARG or are not acting in its best interest. Executive Officers and Board Members are removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Trips and Workshops:

NARG sponsored trips and workshops are generally reserved for NARG members only. Members who wish to bring a guest must have prior approval from the Trip/Workshop Coordinator. Guests are limited to one trip and one workshop per year.

All fossil specimens collected on NARG sponsored trips are for educational and research and may not be used for commercial purposes.

Participants in field trips agree to abide by the rules of and policies of the site owners and managers.

Members and guests may be required to sign release forms to participate in field trips and workshops.

No minors (persons under 18 years of age) may participate in field trips unless accompanied by an adult responsible for the safety and conduct of said minors.

Committees:

Standing and special committees shall be established and dissolved by the Board of Directors as needed.

Chairpersons of each committee shall enlist participants and call committee meetings as needed.

Committee chairpersons shall report their activities at each regular meeting or as requested by the Board.

Expenses anticipated by the committees shall be reviewed with the Board of Directors.

If a committee chairperson cannot continue his duties, the Board of Directors will appoint a willing replacement.

Liability Disclaimers and Miscellaneous Policies:

NARG and its board members assume no liability for any harm to persons or property in connection with any field trips, workshops, meetings, or other functions arranged by NARG.

Change of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.