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**Statutes and Bye-laws**  
**of the**  
**INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

**1. Name**

The name of the organization shall be "The International Mineralogical Association".

**2. Object**

The object of the Association shall be to further international co-operation in mineralogical science.

**3. Members**

The members of the Association shall be Mineralogical Societies (or other equally representative bodies of mineralogists) of national standing; only one such society or body from any one country may join. In what follows the words "member society" shall be deemed to include such a representative body. Applications for membership should be submitted to the Executive Committee which has power of decision.

**4. Representation**

Each member society shall have the right to be represented by one delegate with power to vote. In addition, alternates up to a maximum of four representing each member society may be present at business meetings, but these shall not have power to vote.

**5. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of nine members. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the First and Second Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, three Councillors, and the retiring President.

**6. Election of Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall be elected by ballot. Nominations for the offices of the new Executive Committee shall be made by the acting Executive

Committee. Delegates shall be entitled to make additional nominations for these offices, provided that at least three delegates nominate the same person for a particular office. No delegate shall nominate more than one person for a particular office. The secretary of the Association shall circulate all nominations to the delegates at least ten weeks before the date of election. Each delegate shall have one vote for each office to be filled.

#### **7. Term of Office of the Executive Committee**

The officers of the Executive Committee shall hold office for four years (except those first elected).

#### **8. Finance**

The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Association at its business meetings for the conduct of financial affairs. Each member society shall pay annually to the Association the following dues, these being based on its resident personal membership for the preceding year:

- (a) Resident personal membership up to and including 150: 2 units.
- (b) For each additional hundred or part thereof: 1 unit.

The value of the unit will be decided at each business meeting.

#### **9. Powers of the Executive Committee**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be charged with the conduct of such business as may be delegated to it by the business meeting of the Association and shall have authority to act for the Association between business meetings of delegates.
- (b) At meetings of the Executive Committee the quorum shall consist of five, of whom two at least shall be the president and/or a vice-president and the secretary.

#### **10. Commissions**

- (a) The Association shall have as many commissions to carry on its work as shall be decided by business meetings of delegates.
- (b) The chairman, secretary, and the members of each commission shall be nominated and elected at a business meeting of delegates. Further members may be co-opted and vacancies may be filled by the commissions themselves.
- (c) The Commissions shall be responsible to the business meeting of delegates, but shall in general have freedom to draw up their own rules of procedure, their method of work, and dates of their meetings.
- (d) The chairman of each Commission shall report on its activities to the business meeting of delegates. These reports shall be sent to the secretary of the Association at least fourteen weeks before the date of the business meeting of delegates. The secretary of the Association shall send these reports to the delegates at least ten weeks before the business meeting of delegates.

## **11. Business Meetings**

- (a) A business meeting of delegates shall be held as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, but at least once every four years.
- (b) A business meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee on the written request of one quarter of the delegates, as soon as possible, but in any case within one year.
- (c) A quorum shall consist of one-third of the delegates.

## **12. Appointment of Auditors**

The business meeting of delegates shall appoint auditors to audit the accounts and scrutinize the ballot votes.

## **13. Amendments**

The statutes and bye-laws can only be amended at business meetings. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to the delegates at least ten weeks before the date of business meetings. A two-thirds majority of the delegates present at the business meeting shall be required in order to effect any such change. Proposed amendments to the statutes and bye-laws should be submitted to the Executive Committee at least fifteen weeks before the business meeting.