

BYLAWS

BLACK HILLS SECTION, of the SOCIETY for MINING, METALLURGY, and EXPLORATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Section shall be the Black Hills Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc. (SME).

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The aims and purposes of this Section shall be the promotion of mutual cooperation in furthering the objectives of the Society by providing regular meetings for the free discussion of subjects relating to the advancement of the mineral industries.

ARTICLE III

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of this Section will encompass all the counties in the state of South Dakota.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

All Members and Associate Members of the SME, residing in the Section shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of this Section shall be a Chair, one Vice Chair, one Secretary, and one Treasurer who shall be elected annually. The Chair shall not succeed himself/herself.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the aforementioned officers and three or more other members of the Section.

Sec. 3. All officers must be Members or Associate Members at the time of their election, in good standing in SME.

Sec. 4. A vacancy in any office occurring between annual elections shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Election of Officers

Sec. 1. The Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint, not later than March of each year, a Nominating Committee, composed of a minimum of 3 members of the Black Hills Section to present a slate of at least one candidate for each office at the annual meeting of the Section. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Sec. 2. The officers of this Section shall be elected at the annual meeting and the election shall be conducted by vote of the Members and Associate Members present. To be elected, each candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes of the eligible members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of the Executive Committee. He/she shall appoint all committees and perform all other duties that pertain to the direction of the Section.

Sec. 2. The First Vice Chair shall be responsible for the arrangement of programs, entertainment, and incidental details, relating to the meetings. In the absence of the Chair, he/she shall serve as Chair.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for membership activities.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the Section and the Executive Committee, attend to all correspondence, issue all calls or announcements of meetings, receive and disburse all monies received by the Section, with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall submit the records for an annual audit by a committee to be named by the Chair.

ARTICLE VIII

Dues and Finances

Sec. 1. The expenses of the Section shall be paid from the money appropriated by the Executive

Committee.

Sec. 2. Accounts payable shall be paid by check issued by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Sec. 1. The annual meetings of the Section for the election of officers shall be held in the month of December.

Sec. 2. Regular meetings of the Section shall be held each month of the year except May, June, and July. The regular meeting day shall be the last Friday of each month.

Sec. 3. Special meetings of the Section or of the Executive Committee to consider important business, or to hear technical papers or discussions that cannot be scheduled at regular meetings, may be called by the Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Quorum

Sec. 1. A quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Section shall consist of ten Members or Associate Members.

Sec. 2. A quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall consist of four members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments to Bylaws

Amendments to these bylaws shall be made by a two-thirds vote of all Members and Associate Members present at a meeting, providing that all those members of the Section in good standing, have been notified at least one week in advance of the meeting that the bylaws are to be amended.

ARTICLE XII

Disposal of Funds Upon Dissolution

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On the dissolution of this Section, all funds remaining after the payment of its debts and obligations shall be turned over and paid to the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc., or in case of its dissolution to another organization exempted from taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. This article of the bylaws is not amendable during the existence of this Subsection.

ARTICLE XIII

Parliamentary Authority

Roberts' Revised Rules of Order shall be the official guide of this Section in conducting business.

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