

1 **THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS**

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3 **BYLAWS**

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6 **ARTICLE 1. NAME**

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8 The name of the corporation shall be The American Association of Petroleum Geologists
9 ("Association" or "AAPG"), a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the
10 state of Colorado.

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12 **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSES**

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14 The purposes of the Association shall be as defined in the Articles of Incorporation and
15 as follows:

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17 • to advance the science of geology, especially as it relates to energy resources;
18 • to foster the spirit of scientific research and the application of the scientific method,
19 including the understanding of the subsurface;
20 • to advance the technology of energy exploration, production, and related
21 mitigations in an economically and environmentally sound manner;
22 • to disseminate information relating to the geology and associated technology of
23 energy resources and related mitigations;
24 • to promote a high standard of professional and ethical conduct for geoscientists;
25 • to provide a means to recognize professional geoscientists;
26 • to honor exceptional geoscientists; and
27 • to promote the well-being of all geoscientists whose contributions provide energy
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30 **ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP**

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32 **Section 1. Eligibility**

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34 A. Individuals interested in earth science and willing to abide by AAPG's Code of
35 Ethics are eligible for membership.
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37 B. An individual shall be declared a member of the Association upon completion of a
38 membership application and payment of any required membership dues.

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40 **Section 2. Membership Classifications and Privileges**

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42 A. Active Members

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44 1. Members with both a geoscience degree and who have been engaged in work
45 related to geoscience for at least one year are Active Members ("Active
46 Members").

47 a. A geoscience degree shall include but not be limited to a degree in
48 geology, geophysics, earth science, geological engineering, or
49 environmental science.

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51 b. The Board of Directors ("Board") may waive either the degree or work
52 experience requirement upon request.

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54 2. An Active Member who is 67 or older shall receive a 50% discount on
55 membership dues upon request to Association headquarters.

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57 3. An Active Member who has been awarded honorary membership by the
58 Association shall not be required to pay membership dues.

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60 B. Associate Members

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62 1. Members who do not qualify as Active Members are Associate Members
63 ("Associate Members").

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65 2. Associate Members shall have all of the privileges of Active Members, except
66 (a) making and discussing motions at Association or Region meetings, (b)
67 voting in Association or Region elections or on motions, (c) serving as
68 Ambassadors, voting members of committees, or on the Board; and (d) holding
69 office.

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71 **Section 3. Membership Dues**

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73 A. Membership dues shall be set by the Board with the guidance of the Finance
74 Committee.

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76 B. Membership dues shall be paid in accordance with a schedule established by the
77 Board. Notice of the membership dues amount for a given year shall be sent to
78 each member no later than 60 days prior to the payment deadline.

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80 C. Membership in the Association shall be canceled upon failure to pay dues within
81 45 days of the payment deadline. Members shall receive notice 30 days prior to
82 cancellation. A membership canceled for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated
83 at any time before the close of that membership year upon payment of the current
84 year's membership dues in full.

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86 **Section 4. Resignation**

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88 Any member may resign by giving notice to Association headquarters, but no
89 refund shall be issued for dues that have been paid prior to resignation.
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91 **ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP CONSTITUENCY**

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93 **Section 1. Geographic Constituencies**

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95 A. Members shall be divided into the following geographic constituencies for the
96 purpose of advancing the Association’s purposes among individuals in a specific
97 geographic area:

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99 1. Regions

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101 a. Africa
102 b. Asia Pacific
103 c. Europe
104 d. Latin America and Caribbean
105 e. Middle East
106 f. Canada, including the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec,
107 Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia, Prince Edward
108 Island, Saskatchewan, and Alberta

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110 2. Sections

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112 a. Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington
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114 b. Rocky Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada,
115 North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and the counties in New
116 Mexico listed below.

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118 *New Mexico Counties*: Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola, Colfax, Grant, Guadalupe,
119 Harding, Hidalgo, Los Alamos, Luna, McKinley, Mora, Quay, Rio Arriba,
120 Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Sierra, Socorro, Toas,
121 Torrance, Union, Valencia

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123 c. Southwest: The counties in New Mexico and Texas listed below.

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125 *Texas Counties*: Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden,
126 Bosque, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Childress,
127 Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Comanche, Concho,
128 Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dallas,
129 Dawson, Deaf Smith, Denton, Dickins, Donley, Eastland, Ector, El Paso,
130 Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Freestone, Gaines, Garza,
131 Glasscock, Gray, Grayson, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman,
132 Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Howard, Hudspeth, Hunt,
133 Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kent,
134 Kimble, King, Knox, Lamb, Leon, Limestone, Lipscomb, Loving, Lubbock,
135 Lynn, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, McLennan, Menard, Midland, Mills,
136 Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Motley, Navarro, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham,

137 Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Petter, Presidio, Randall, Reagan,
138 Reeves, Roberts, Rockwall, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford,
139 Sherman, Somervell, Stephens, Sterline, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher,
140 Tarrant, Taylor, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, Wheeler,
141 Wichita, Wilbarger, Winkler, Wise, Yoakum, and Young

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143 *New Mexico Counties:* Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Doña Ana, Eddy, Lea,
144 Lincoln, Otero, Roosevelt

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146 d. Mid-Continent: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and the
147 counties in Arkansas listed below.

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149 *Arkansas Counties:* Baxter, Boone, Benton, Carroll, Cleburne, Conway,
150 Crawford, Faulkner, Franklin, Fulton, Garland, Independence, Izaard,
151 Johnson, Logan, Lonoke, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Newton, Perry,
152 Polk, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Sharp,
153 Stone, Van Buren, Washington, White, and Yell

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155 e. Gulf Coast: Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and the counties in
156 Texas and Arkansas listed below.

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158 *Arkansas Counties:* Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Clark,
159 Clay, Cleveland, Columbia, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha,
160 Drew, Grant, Greene, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Jackson, Jefferson,
161 Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Miller, Mississippi, Monroe,
162 Nevada, Ouachita, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, Prairie, Sevier, St. Francis,
163 Union, and Woodruff

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165 *Texas Counties:* Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera,
166 Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks,
167 Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers,
168 Cherokee, Colorado, Comal, Delta, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Falls,
169 Fayette, Fort Bend, Franklin, Frio, Galveston, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales,
170 Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson,
171 Hidalgo, Hopkins, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim
172 Wells, Kames, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, Lamar, Lampasas,
173 LaSalle, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Live Oak, Llano, Madison, Marion,
174 Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Milam, Montgomery, Morris,
175 Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Real, Red
176 River, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San
177 Patricio, San Saba, Shelby, Smith, Starr, Terrell, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler,
178 Upshur, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller,
179 Washington, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Wood, Zapata,
180 and Zavala

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182 f. Eastern: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois,
183 Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New
184 Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania,
185 Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia,
186 Wisconsin, and the Canadian Province of Ontario
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188 B. Section Governance
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- 190 1. Each Section shall be governed according to the governing documents of the
191 Section.
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- 193 2. These Bylaws shall not prevent the dissolution, merger, or acquisition of any
194 Section, and to the extent that any such event occurs, the geographic
195 descriptions of the Sections outlined in this Article shall be automatically
196 amended, without a vote of the Active Members, to reflect the geographic
197 Section boundaries resulting from the event.
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199 C. Region Governance
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201 Each Region shall adopt procedures for its governance that are consistent with the
202 Association's Bylaws.
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204 D. Section and Region Membership
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206 Members shall be assigned to the Section or Region of their primary residence unless
207 they submit a request to Association headquarters to be assigned to a different
208 Section or Region.
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210 E. Region Officers
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- 212 1. Each Region shall have the following officers: Region Chair, Region
213 Chair-Elect, and Region Secretary. Regions may select additional officers at
214 their discretion.
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- 216 2. All Region Officers shall be Active Members.
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- 218 3. The Region Chair shall serve as the Region's primary liaison between the
219 Board and the Region's members; shall lead efforts to further the Association's
220 mission in the Region in keeping with the Association's strategic plan; shall
221 preside over all meetings of the Region; and shall fulfill all other duties as may
222 be delegated by the Board.
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- 224 4. The Region Chair-Elect shall assist the Region Chair and in the absence of the
225 Region Chair, fulfill all of the Region Chair's duties.
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227 5. The Region Secretary shall serve as the custodian of records for the Region
228 and shall record the minutes of each Region meeting.
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230 F. Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies of Region Officers
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232 1. Each Region shall elect a Region Chair-Elect who shall serve a term of three
233 years. The first year shall be as Region Chair-Elect. The second year, without
234 further election, the Region Chair-Elect shall become Region Chair and shall
235 hold office for two years or until a successor is elected and installed.
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237 2. Each Region shall elect a Region Secretary who shall serve a term of two years
238 and shall hold office until a successor is elected and installed.
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240 3. The only members who may vote in a Region election are the Active Members
241 of that Region.
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243 4. The Region Chair shall notify Association headquarters of the results of its
244 elections no later than 60 days prior to the Association's Annual Business
245 Meeting.
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247 5. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Region Chair, the Region Chair-Elect shall
248 succeed to the office of Region Chair for the completion of that term and
249 subsequently serve the full one-year term that they were originally elected to
250 serve as Chair.
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252 6. A vacancy in the office of Region Chair-Elect shall remain unfilled until the next
253 regular Region Chair-Elect election.
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255 7. A vacancy in the office of Region Secretary shall be filled by the Region Chair
256 within 30 days for the remainder of the unexpired term.
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258 G. Section and Region Ambassadors
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260 1. Each Section and Region shall select Ambassadors to represent the members
261 of the Section or Region, recruit new members, develop outreach initiatives,
262 assist in retention of existing members, and foster connections between
263 members, with other local organizations, other Sections, and other Regions to
264 further the global sharing of ideas and best practices.
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266 2. The number of Ambassadors in each Section and Region shall be at least 2%
267 of the Active Members in the Section or Region as of the beginning of each
268 fiscal year.
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270 3. Each Section President and each Region Chair, or their designees, shall notify
271 Association headquarters of its Ambassador selections no later than 60 days
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H. Region Meetings

1. Region meetings (a) may be called by the Region Chair or (b) shall be called upon the written request of 2.5% of the Active Members of the Region. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all Region members at least 15 days prior to the meeting.
2. To constitute a quorum for a Region business meeting, 2.5% of the Active Members of the Region must be present in person or linked by means such that all members participating in the meeting are able to hear each other.

Section 2. Technical Directorates

A. Technical Directorates

Members shall be associated with one or more of the following five technical directorates (“Technical Directorates”) for the purpose of advancing the Association’s purposes among individuals with similar technical interests:

1. Oil and Gas Directorate. The Oil and Gas Directorate shall include members interested in the research, education, and application of the geoscience and technologies related to the exploration, development, production, and utilization of petroleum resources.
2. Alternative and Future Energy Directorate. The Alternative and Future Energy Directorate shall include members interested in the research, education, and application of the geoscience and technologies related to the exploration, development, production, and utilization of non-petroleum energy resources; commodity economics; and analysis and forecasting of future trends in energy supply and demand.
3. Environmental Geosciences Directorate. The Environmental Geosciences Directorate shall include members interested in the research, education, and application of best practices in environmental geosciences, hydrogeology, and related fields to promote environmental stewardship for energy exploration, development, production, and utilization.
4. Business and Certification Directorate. The Business and Certification Directorate shall coordinate and promote continuing education, professional and ethical standards, adherence to the scientific method, and professional certification for geoscientists.
5. Publications and Events Directorate. The Publications and Events Directorate shall coordinate with the AAPG *Bulletin* Editor and AAPG staff to plan and support AAPG’s events, publications, and website.

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B. Technical Directorate Governance

Each Technical Directorate shall adopt procedures for its governance that are consistent with the Association’s Bylaws.

C. Technical Directorate Membership

1. Any member is eligible to join any Technical Directorate.
2. Each member shall join at least one Technical Directorate and may join as many Technical Directorates as the member chooses.
3. Members who join more than one Technical Directorate shall designate a Primary Technical Directorate. Members may change their Primary Technical Directorate designation by submitting a request to AAPG headquarters.

D. Technical Directorate Committees

Each Technical Directorate may form one or more committees of members focused on topics relevant to the Directorate (“Technical Committees”) in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board.

E. Technical Directorate Officers

1. Each Technical Directorate shall have one Technical Director, except the Oil and Gas Directorate, which shall have two Technical Directors. Technical Directors may select additional officers for the Technical Directorate at their discretion.
2. Each Technical Director shall be an Active Member and shall be elected as outlined in the Article titled “Board of Directors.” All other Technical Directorate officers shall also be Active Members.
3. If a Technical Director vacancy occurs, the Board shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term in consultation with the Active Members of the respective Technical Directorate.

F. Technical Directorate Meetings

1. Technical Directorate meetings (a) may be called by the Technical Director or (b) shall be called upon the written request of 2.5% of the Active Members of the Directorate. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all members of the respective Technical Directorate at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

- 365 2. To constitute a quorum for a Technical Directorate business meeting, 2.5% of
366 the Active Members of the Directorate must be present in person or linked by
367 means such that all members participating in the meeting are able to hear each
368 other.
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370 **Section 3. Membership Directorates**

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372 A. Membership Directorates

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374 Members shall be divided into the following three membership directorates
375 (“Membership Directorates”) for the purpose of advancing the Association’s purposes
376 among individuals with similar age, professional, public service, or stakeholder
377 demographics, or volunteer service interests:
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- 379 1. Academic Relations Directorate. The Academic Relations Directorate shall
380 include administrators, faculty, staff, and students from academic institutions
381 who are interested in the research, education, and application of geoscience,
382 and other members who are interested in volunteer service to support
383 administrators, faculty, staff, and students from academic institutions.
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385 2. Member Services Directorate. The Member Services Directorate shall include
386 members interested in creating and fostering member networks for specific
387 demographics (e.g., age, gender, job description, etc.).
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389 3. Stakeholders Directorate. The Stakeholders Directorate shall include corporate
390 advisors, Section and affiliated society representatives, and other industry
391 leaders who are interested in building, maintaining, and furthering the external
392 relations of the Association.
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394 B. Membership Directorate Committees

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396 Each Membership Directorate may form one or more committees of members with
397 similar interests (“Membership Committees”) in accordance with policies and
398 procedures established by the Board.
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400 C. Membership Directorate Officers

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402 1. Each Membership Directorate shall have a Membership Director. Membership
403 Directors may select additional officers for the Membership Directorate at their
404 discretion.
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406 2. Each Membership Director shall be an Active Member and shall be elected as
407 outlined in the Article titled “Board of Directors.” All other Membership
408 Directorate officers shall also be Active Members.
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- 410 3. If a Membership Director vacancy occurs, the Board shall fill the vacancy for
411 the remainder of the unexpired term in consultation with the Active Members of
412 the respective Membership Directorate.
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414 **D. Membership Directorate Meetings**
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- 416 1. Membership Directorate meetings (a) may be called by the Director or (b) shall
417 be called upon the written request of 2.5% of the Active Members of the
418 Directorate. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall
419 be sent to all members of the respective Membership Directorate at least 15
420 days prior to the meeting.
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- 422 2. To constitute a quorum for a Membership Directorate business meeting, 2.5%
423 of the Active Members of the Directorate must be present in person or linked
424 by means such that all members participating in the meeting are able to hear
425 each other.
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427 **ARTICLE 5. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETINGS**
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429 **Section 1. Annual Business Meeting**
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- 431 A. An annual business meeting of the Association (“Annual Business Meeting”) shall
432 be held at such time, date, and place selected by the Board at least 30 days prior
433 to the close of the fiscal year.
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- 435 B. Notice of the Annual Business Meeting shall be provided to each member of the
436 Association at least 60 days prior to the meeting.
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438 **Section 2. Special Business Meetings**
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- 440 A. Special business meetings of the Association (a) may be called by the President
441 upon a majority vote of the Board or (b) shall be called by the President upon the
442 written request of a total of 2.5% of the Active Members of the Association from at
443 least four different Sections or Regions, or (c) shall be called by the President upon
444 the written request of two-thirds of the entire membership of a special governance
445 committee.
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- 447 B. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all
448 members of the Association at least 20 business days prior to the meeting.
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450 **Section 3. Quorum**
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452 To constitute a quorum, 5% of the Active Members must be present in person or linked
453 by means such that all members participating in the meeting are able to hear each other.
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455 **Section 4. Voting**

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457 A. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, all matters shall be decided by a
458 majority of the votes cast by Active Members.
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460 B. Votes may be cast during a meeting of the members by the Active Members
461 present in person or virtually, or they may be cast outside of a meeting by mail,
462 electronic ballot, or other suitable means under Colorado law. In no event shall
463 votes cast during a meeting be counted together with votes cast outside of a
464 meeting. No proxy voting is permitted.
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466 **ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS**

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468 **Section 1. Officers**

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470 The officers of the Association shall be the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past
471 President, Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), Secretary,
472 and Treasurer (collectively, the “Officers”). The CEO shall serve as the Secretary and the
473 CFO shall serve as the Treasurer, except in the event of a vacancy in the office of CEO
474 or CFO, as outlined below.
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476 **Section 2. Election and Term of Office**

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478 A. The President-Elect shall be elected by the Active Members.
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480 B. The President-Elect shall serve a term of three years. The first year shall be as
481 President-Elect. The second year, without further election, the President-Elect
482 shall become President and shall hold office for one year or until a successor is
483 elected and installed. The third year, without further election, the President shall
484 become the Immediate Past President.
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486 C. Any Active Member elected to the office of President-Elect must be eligible to serve
487 as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President.
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489 D. Past Presidents shall be ineligible to serve for re-election as President-Elect.
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491 E. Officer terms begin on July 1 following the election.
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493 F. Officers may be removed from office by the Active Members as provided in the
494 parliamentary authority specified in these Bylaws.
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496 **Section 3. Duties**

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498 A. The President shall be the chair of the Board and shall preside over all meetings
499 of the Board and of the Association. The President shall serve as the Board’s
500 primary liaison to the Membership Directors and shall perform all other duties
501 ordinarily pertaining to the office of President and such duties prescribed by the

502 Board. The President shall present a report of activities during the term of office to
503 the members at the Annual Business Meeting.

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505 B. The President-Elect shall serve as a member of the Board and shall perform all
506 duties prescribed by the Board or an officer authorized by the Board. In the
507 absence or incapacity of the President, the President-Elect shall fulfill the duties of
508 and possess all the powers of the President. The President-Elect shall serve as
509 the Board's primary liaison to the Technical Directorates through the Technical
510 Directors. The President-Elect shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of
511 the Finance Committee.

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513 C. The Immediate Past President shall serve as a member of the Board and as a non-
514 voting, ex-officio member of the Honors and Awards Committee, and Nominating
515 Committee. The Immediate Past President shall perform all duties prescribed by
516 the Board or an officer authorized by the Board.

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518 D. The CEO shall be appointed by the Board to hold office at its pleasure and shall
519 perform all duties ordinarily pertaining to the office of CEO or prescribed by the
520 Board, including the daily operation of the Association subject to the general
521 supervision and direction of the Board. The CEO shall have the authority to
522 execute documents on behalf of the Association as directed by the Board.

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524 The CEO shall serve as the Secretary of the Association, and in that role, shall be
525 the custodian for corporate records of the Association, shall prepare minutes of the
526 Board and the Association meetings, and shall authenticate all corporate records.

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528 The CEO shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board and of the Finance
529 Committee.

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531 E. The CFO shall be appointed by the Board to hold office at its pleasure and shall
532 perform all duties ordinarily pertaining to the office of CFO or prescribed by the
533 Board.

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535 The CFO shall serve as the Treasurer of the Association, and in that role shall
536 oversee the financial operation of the Association, obtain an annual audit of
537 Association finances, and submit such audit to the Board. The CFO shall be a
538 non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board and of the Finance Committee.

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540 **Section 4. Vacancies**

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542 A. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the President-Elect shall succeed to
543 the office of President for the completion of that term and subsequently serve the
544 full one-year term that they were originally elected to serve as President.

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546 B. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall remain unfilled until the next regular
547 President-Elect election.

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549 C. A vacancy in the office of Immediate Past President shall be filled by the most
550 recent Past President who is available.
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552 D. A vacancy in the office of CEO shall be filled by the Board. The Board shall select
553 an individual to fulfill the duties of Secretary until the hiring of a permanent CEO.
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555 E. A vacancy in the office of CFO shall be filled by the Board. The Board shall select
556 an individual to fulfill the duties of Treasurer until the hiring of a permanent CFO.
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558 **ARTICLE 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

559 **Section 1. Authority**

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562 A. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Board shall exercise the
563 corporate powers set forth in the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act and
564 shall manage or direct the management of the business and affairs of the
565 Association.
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567 B. The Association will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each member of the
568 Board from personal liability in all matters related to the Association to the full
569 extent permitted under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(6), any other
570 pertinent federal law or regulation, and under the Colorado Revised Nonprofit
571 Corporation Act.
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573 C. The Board may adopt and amend policies and procedures necessary for the
574 administration and governance of the Association, provided such policies and
575 procedures are consistent with these Bylaws.
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577 D. The Board shall select the AAPG *Bulletin* Editor in consultation with the Nominating
578 Committee.
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580 E. The Board shall not have power to amend these Bylaws; to merge or dissolve the
581 Association; or to sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the
582 Association's assets.
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584 **Section 2. Composition**

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586 A. The Board shall consist of the Officers and eleven directors. The CEO and the
587 CFO shall be non-voting, ex-officio members of the Board.
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589 B. There shall be six technical directors ("Technical Directors"); and five membership
590 directors ("Membership Directors"), including the Sections Director and the
591 Regions Director (each a "Director" and collectively, "the Directors").
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- 593 C. The Technical Directors shall be as follows: Oil and Gas Director 1, Oil and Gas
594 Director 2, Alternative and Future Energy Director, Environmental Geosciences
595 Director, Business and Certification Director, and Publications and Events
596 Director.
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- 598 D. The Membership Directors shall be as follows: Academic Relations Director,
599 Member Services Director, Stakeholder Director, Sections Director, and Regions
600 Director.
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602 **Section 3. Meetings**
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- 604 A. The Board shall hold regular meetings. Meetings shall be held at such time, date,
605 and place as directed by the President. Notice of each meeting shall be provided
606 to each member of the Board no less than 10 days prior to the meeting.
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- 608 B. Special meetings (a) may be called by the President or (b) shall be called by the
609 President upon the request of at least a majority of the Board, within 15 days of
610 receiving the request. Notice of the meeting shall be provided to each member of
611 the Board no less than 5 days prior to the meeting, unless at least two-thirds of the
612 entire Board consents to waive this notice requirement.
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- 614 C. To constitute a quorum, a majority of the Board must be present in person or linked
615 by means such that all members participating in the meeting are able to hear each
616 other.
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- 618 D. Decisions by the Board shall be made by a majority of the Board members present
619 and voting at a regular or special meeting.
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621 **Section 4. Election and Term of Office**
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- 623 A. Each Technical Director shall be elected by the Active Members in the Director's
624 Technical Directorate and shall serve a term of three years or until a successor is
625 elected and installed.
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- 627 B. The Academic Relations Director, Member Services Director, and Stakeholder
628 Director shall be elected by the Active Members, and each of these Directors shall
629 serve a term of three years or until a successor is elected and installed.
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- 631 C. The Sections Director shall be elected by the Section Presidents from among the
632 Section Presidents and shall serve a term of one year or until a successor is
633 elected and installed. A vacancy in the position of Sections Director shall be filled
634 by the Section Presidents for the remainder of the unexpired term.
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- 636 D. The Regions Director shall be elected by the Region Chairs from among the
637 Region Chairs and shall serve a term of one year or until a successor is elected

638 and installed. A vacancy in the position of Regions Director shall be filled by the
639 Region Chairs for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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- 641 E. Elections of Directors shall be staggered so that no more than four Directors are
642 elected in any one year, except that the maximum number of Directors to be
643 elected shall be increased by the number of vacancies not previously filled by the
644 Board.
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- 646 F. Director terms begin on July 1 following the election.
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- 648 G. No Active Member shall serve more than one consecutive term in the same
649 Director position.
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- 651 H. Directors may be removed from office by the Active Members as provided in the
652 parliamentary authority specified in these Bylaws.
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654 **ARTICLE 8. COMMITTEES**

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656 **Section 1. Standing and Special Committees**

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- 658 A. The Association shall have the following standing committees: Honors and Awards
659 Committee, Nominating Committee, and Finance Committee.
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- 661 B. The structure and membership of all standing committees shall be as outlined in
662 the committee charge unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.
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- 664 C. All standing committees shall operate according to policies adopted by the Board,
665 provided that such policies are consistent with these Bylaws.
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- 667 D. The President may appoint special committees at any time for any purpose
668 relevant to the purposes of the Association. In addition, a special governance
669 committee shall be formed upon a majority vote of the Board or at the request of
670 at least 2.5% of the Active Members. Special committees, including a special
671 governance committee, shall be assigned specific charges and report to the Board.
- 672
- 673 E. To constitute a quorum for a committee meeting, a majority of the Active Members
674 on a committee must be present in person or linked by means such that all
675 members participating in the meeting are able to hear each other.
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- 677 F. All matters decided by a committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast
678 by Active Members at a meeting of the committee.
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680 **Section 2. Honors and Awards**

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- 682 A. The Honors and Awards Committee shall report to the Board and shall consist of
683 one Active Member from each Section and Region with up to 2,000 Active

684 Members, two Active Members from each Section and Region with at least 2,000
685 Active Members, and one Active Member from each Technical Directorate. Each
686 Section, Region and Technical Directorate may select its Active Member or
687 Members to serve on the Committee.
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689 B. The Immediate Past President shall be a non-voting, ex-officio Committee member
690 and shall act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board.
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692 C. Committee members shall serve staggered three-year terms so that no more than
693 four members of the Committee are elected in any one year, except that the
694 maximum number of Committee members to be elected shall be increased by the
695 number of vacancies not previously filled by the Board. No Committee member
696 may serve consecutive terms.
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698 D. The Committee shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the existing
699 Committee members, each of whom shall serve a one-year term. The vice-chair is
700 eligible to be elected as chair, but neither the chair nor the vice-chair shall serve
701 consecutive terms in the same position. The Immediate Past President may not
702 serve as the chair.
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704 E. A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board with an Active Member
705 from the Section, Region or Technical Directorate represented by the vacancy and
706 in consultation with the leadership of the respective Section, Region, or Technical
707 Directorate. A vacancy in the position of chair shall be filled by the vice-chair. A
708 vacancy in the position of vice-chair shall be filled by the remaining members of
709 the Committee. All vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.
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711 F. The Honors and Awards Committee shall solicit nominations from the members
712 for the awards to be given by the Association and make recommendations to the
713 Board for award recipients according to a timeline established by the Board. The
714 Board shall review the recommendations and upon a majority vote, approve the
715 individuals to receive awards. Only candidates recommended by the Committee
716 and approved by the Board may receive an award.
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718 G. Members of the Honors and Awards Committee, members of the Board, and
719 Association staff and consultants are not eligible to receive an award.
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721 **Section 3. Nominating Committee**
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723 A. The Nominating Committee shall report to the Board and shall consist of one
724 member from each Section and Region with up to 2,000 Active Members, two
725 members from each Section and Region with at least 2,000 Active Members, and
726 one Active Member from each Technical Directorate. Each Section, Region and

727 Technical Directorate may select its Active Member or Members to serve on the
728 Committee.

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730 B. The Immediate Past President shall be a non-voting, ex-officio Committee member
731 and shall act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board.

732
733 C. Committee members shall serve staggered three-year terms so that no more than
734 four members of the Committee are elected in any one year, except that the
735 maximum number of Committee members to be elected shall be increased by the
736 number of vacancies not previously filled by the Board. No Committee member
737 may serve consecutive terms.

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739 D. The Committee shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the existing
740 Committee members, each of whom shall serve a one-year term. The vice-chair is
741 eligible to be elected as chair, but neither the chair nor the vice-chair shall serve
742 consecutive terms in the same position. The Immediate Past President may not
743 serve as the chair.

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745 E. A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board with an Active Member
746 from the Section, Region or Technical Directorate represented by the vacancy and
747 in consultation with the leadership of the respective Section, Region, or Technical
748 Directorate. A vacancy in the position of chair shall be filled by the vice-chair. A
749 vacancy in the position of vice-chair shall be filled by the remaining members of
750 the Committee. All vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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752 **Section 4. Finance Committee**

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754 A. The Finance Committee shall report to the Board and shall consist of one Active
755 Member from each Technical Directorate and Membership Directorate, and the
756 Sections Director and Regions Director. Each Technical Directorate and
757 Membership Directorate may select an Active Member to serve on the Committee.

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759 B. The Finance Committee shall study the financial needs of the Association,
760 recommend ways of securing adequate funds for the proper operation of the
761 Association, and assist the Board in reviewing the budget. The Committee shall
762 recommend the next year's budget to the Board for approval.

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764 C. The President-Elect, CEO, and CFO shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio
765 Committee members.

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767 D. Committee members shall serve staggered three-year terms so that no more than
768 three members of the Committee are elected in any one year, except that the
769 maximum number of Committee members to be elected shall be increased by the
770 number of resignations and removals not previously filled by the Board. No
771 Committee member may serve consecutive terms.

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- 773 E. The Committee shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the existing
774 Committee members, each of whom shall serve a one-year term. The vice-chair is
775 eligible to be elected as chair, but neither the chair nor the vice-chair shall serve
776 consecutive terms in the same position. Neither the President-Elect, CEO, or CFO
777 may serve as the chair.
778
- 779 F. A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board with an Active Member
780 from the Membership or Technical Directorate represented by the vacancy and in
781 consultation with the leadership of the respective Membership or Technical
782 Directorate. A vacancy in the position of chair shall be filled by the vice-chair. A
783 vacancy in the position of vice-chair shall be filled by the remaining members of
784 the Committee. All vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.
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- 786 G. Current members of the Board, other than the Sections Director and Regions
787 Director, President-Elect, CEO and CFO, are not eligible to serve on the
788 Committee.
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790 **ARTICLE 9. ELECTIONS**

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- 792 A. No later than October 15 of each year, the Nominating Committee shall solicit
793 nominations from the Association members for positions to be elected by the
794 Active Members.
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- 796 B. No later than November 15 of each year, the Nominating Committee shall present
797 to the Board at least two nominees for each position to be elected by the Active
798 Members.
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- 800 C. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to be nominated for any
801 position to be elected by the Active Members.
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- 803 D. Current members of the Board are not eligible to be nominated for President-Elect.
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- 805 E. Upon a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Board, the Board may
806 request that the Nominating Committee present an alternative nominee to one or
807 both nominees presented by the Nominating Committee for a position.
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- 809 F. Additional nominations for positions to be elected by the Active Members may be
810 made by a petition signed by no fewer than a total of 50 Active Members from at
811 least four different Sections and Regions and submitted to Association
812 headquarters at least 30 days before the distribution of ballots.
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- 814 G. No Active Member shall be placed on the ballot for any position elected by the
815 Active Members, whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition,
816 who fails to meet the qualifications for the position for which the Active Member is
817 nominated.
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819 H. All Region and Association elections shall be held via electronic ballot distributed
820 to all Active Members by Association headquarters. Ballots shall be distributed no
821 later than 90 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Active Members shall be
822 given at least 30 days to cast a ballot in any Region election and at least 60 days
823 to cast a ballot in any Association election.
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825 **ARTICLE 10. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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827 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall
828 govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not
829 inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.
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831 **ARTICLE 11. AMENDMENTS**

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833 A. These Bylaws, including any appendices to them, may be amended upon (1) a
834 recommendation of the Board, (2) a recommendation of a special governance
835 committee, or (3) a petition signed by at least a total of 2.5% of the Active Members
836 from at least four different Sections or Regions, provided the amendment is
837 considered at an Association meeting and receives a favorable vote from at least
838 two-thirds of the ballots cast by Active Members following the meeting at which it
839 is considered. A ballot shall be sent by mail, electronic mail, or other suitable
840 means under Colorado law to all Active Members within 60 days after the meeting
841 at which an amendment is considered, and ballots received within 60 days of such
842 mailing shall be counted.
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844 B. Any proposed amendment submitted by petition must be submitted to the
845 President no later than 90 days prior to the meeting at which it will be considered.
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847 C. Any proposed amendment shall be reviewed for legality by the Association's legal
848 counsel before notice of the amendment is given to the members.
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850 D. Notice of any amendment to be considered at a meeting shall be given to the
851 members no later than 60 days prior to the meeting.
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853 **ARTICLE 12. DISSOLUTION**

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855 A. In the event of the Association's dissolution, the Association shall distribute any
856 assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities, for charitable, scientific, or
857 educational purposes in strict compliance with exemption provided under Section
858 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
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860 B. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent
861 jurisdiction located in the District Court of the District of Arapahoe County,
862 exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court
863 shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
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C. No member of the Association shall have any right or interest in or to the property or assets of the Association.

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APPENDIX A

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AAPG CODE OF ETHICS

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SECTION 1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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1. Geology is a profession, and the privilege of professional practice requires professional morality and professional responsibility.

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2. Honesty, integrity, loyalty, fairness, impartiality, candor, fidelity to trust, and inviolability of confidence are incumbent upon every member as professional obligations.

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3. All members, regardless of classification, shall be guided by high standards of business ethics, personal honor, and professional conduct.

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SECTION 2. RELATION OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC

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1. Members shall not make false, misleading, or unwarranted statements, representations or claims in regard to professional matters, nor shall they engage in false or deceptive advertising.

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2. Members shall not permit the publication or use of their reports or maps for any unsound or illegitimate undertakings.

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3. Members shall not give professional opinions, make reports or give legal testimony without being as thoroughly informed as reasonably required.

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SECTION 3. RELATION OF MEMBERS TO EMPLOYERS AND CLIENTS

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1. Members shall disclose to prospective employers or clients the existence of any pertinent competitive or conflicting interests.

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2. Members shall not use or divulge any employer's or client's confidential information without their permission and shall avoid conflicts of interest that may arise from information gained during geological investigations.

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SECTION 4. RELATION OF MEMBERS TO ONE ANOTHER

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1. Members shall not falsely or maliciously attempt to injure the reputation or business of others.

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2. Members shall freely recognize the work done by others, avoid plagiarism, and avoid the acceptance of credit due others.

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3. Members shall endeavor to cooperate with others in the profession and shall encourage the ethical dissemination of geological knowledge.

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SECTION 5. DUTY TO THE ASSOCIATION

1. Members of the Association shall aid in preventing the election to membership of those who are unqualified or do not meet the standards set forth in this code of ethics.
2. By applying for or continuing membership in the Association each member agrees to uphold the ethical standards set forth in this code of ethics.
3. Members shall not use AAPG membership to imply endorsement, recommendation, or approval by the Association of specific projects or proposals.

SECTION 6. DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF STANDARDS

Members violating any standard prescribed in this article shall be subject to discipline as provided by policies and procedures adopted by the Board.

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932 ***Provisos (Adopted Simultaneously with Proposed Bylaws):***

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934 *All of the dates noted below are reflected in a chart on the last page of this document.

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936 **Special Transition Governance Committee**

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938 A Special Transition Governance Committee shall be formed on the date these Bylaws
939 are adopted and shall be dissolved three years after the date these Bylaws are adopted.

940 The Special Transition Governance Committee shall be structured as follows:

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942 1. The Special Transition Governance Committee shall report to the Board and shall
943 consist of the individuals who are members of the House of Delegates Constitution
944 and Bylaws Committee on the date these Bylaws are adopted.

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946 2. The Special Transition Governance Committee shall (1) review the governing
947 documents of the Association and identify opportunities for improved governance
948 practices, and (2) make recommendations to the Board and the Association regarding
949 proposed amendments to the Bylaws.

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951 3. The Immediate Past President shall be a non-voting, ex-officio Committee member
952 and shall act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board.

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954 4. Committee members shall serve three-year terms.

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956 5. The Committee shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the existing Committee
957 members, each of whom shall serve a one-year term. The vice-chair is eligible to be
958 elected as chair, but neither the chair nor the vice-chair shall serve consecutive terms
959 in the same position. The Immediate Past President may not serve as the chair.

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961 6. A vacancy in the position of Committee chair shall be filled by the vice-chair. A vacancy
962 in the position of Committee vice-chair shall be filled by the remaining members of the
963 Committee. Any vacancy other than chair or vice-chair shall be filled at the Board's
964 discretion in consultation with the current members of the Committee. In no event shall
965 the number of Committee members be fewer than 13. All vacancies shall be filled for
966 the remainder of the unexpired term.

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968 7. Members of the Board are not eligible to serve on the Committee.

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971 **2024–2025 Association and Region Leaders:**

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- 973 1. On the date these Bylaws are adopted, the Officers and Board, and their terms,
- 974 shall be as follows:
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Officers	Name	Term
President	Deborah Sacrey ¹	2024–2025
President-Elect	Incoming 2024 President-Elect ²	2024–2025
Immediate Past President	Claudia Hackbarth ³	2024–2025
Secretary	David Curtiss ⁴	N/A
Treasurer	Bryan Haws ⁵	N/A

Technical Directors	Name	Term
Oil and Gas Director 1	Incoming 2024 HOD Chair (Kenneth Mohn) ¹	2024–2025
Oil and Gas Director 2	Molly Turko ⁶	2024–2025
Alternative and Future Energy Director	Incoming 2024 EMD President ²	2024–2025
Environmental Geosciences Director	Incoming 2024 DEG President ²	2024–2025
Business and Certification Director	Incoming 2024 DPA President ²	2024–2025
Publications and Events Director	Matthew Pranter ³	2024–2025

Membership Directors	Name	Term
Regions Director	Sa'id Hajri ¹	2024–2025
Sections Director	Incoming 2024 Sections VP ²	2024–2025
Stakeholder Relations Director	Incoming 2024 Treasurer ²	2024–2025
Member Services Director	Sarah Barnes ¹	2024–2025
Academic Relations Director	TBD ⁷	2024–2025

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- 977 1 Elected in 2023 under current Bylaws' election cycle and currently serving in office
- 978 2 Elected in 2024 under current Bylaws' election cycle
- 979 3 Elected in 2022 under current Bylaws' election cycle and currently serving in office
- 980 4 Current AAPG Executive Director, serving as an employee at the pleasure of the
- 981 Board
- 982 5 Current AAPG Controller, serving at as an employee at the pleasure of the Board
- 983 6 Elected in 2023 and currently serving a two-year term as PSGD President
- 984 7 To be elected by the Board in consultation with the Special Transition Governance
- 985 Committee within 45 days following the date these Bylaws are adopted

986 2. The 2024–2025 Region Chairs shall be as follows:
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Region	Name	
Africa	Nillian Mulemi	Incoming President ¹
Asia Pacific	Herman Darman	Current President ²
Europe	Maria Mutti	Current President ²
Latin American and Caribbean	Xavier Ravi Moonan	Current President ²
Middle East	Ahmed Mohammed Al-Hakami	Current President ²
Canada	Marc H. Enter	Current President ²

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 989 ¹ Elected in 2022 under current Bylaws’ election cycle
 990 ² Elected in 2023 under current Bylaws’ election cycle and currently serving in office
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992 **Technical Directorates**

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 994 3. The current Divisions shall be included as committees in the following Technical
 995 Directorates:
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 997 a. Petroleum Structure and Geomechanics Division → Oil and Gas Directorate
 998 b. Energy Minerals Division → Alternative and Future Energy Directorate
 999 c. Division of Environmental Geosciences → Environmental Geosciences
 1000 Directorate
 1001 d. Division of Professional Affairs → Business and Certification Directorate
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 1003 4. The ballot for the proposed Bylaws shall include a question asking each member
 1004 to indicate which Technical Directorates they would like to join. Each member
 1005 returning a ballot must select at least one Technical Directorate. Any member who
 1006 returns a ballot shall be assigned to the Technical Directorates they selected for
 1007 the remainder of the 2024–2025 membership year.
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 1009 5. No later than 15 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, AAPG headquarters
 1010 shall issue a survey to all members who did not vote on the proposed Bylaws with
 1011 a question asking each member to indicate which Technical Directorates they
 1012 would like to join. Any member who returns a survey prior to the deadline for
 1013 paying 2025–2026 membership dues shall be assigned to the Technical
 1014 Directorates of their choice for the remainder of the 2024–2025 membership year.
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1016 **Membership Directorates**

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 1018 6. No later than 30 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, the Stakeholder
 1019 Relations Director, Member Services Director, and Academic Relations Director
 1020 shall meet with each of the Association membership groups existing prior to
 1021 adoption of these Bylaws – e.g., Women’s Network, Young Professionals
 1022 Network, Corporate Advisory Board – to discuss the members’ interest in the
 1023 group’s continuation and their preferences for involvement in a Membership

1024 Directorate. The Directors shall report the information gathered from their
1025 meetings with their respective membership groups to the Board.

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1027 7. No later than 45 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, the Board shall
1028 notify each membership group of the Membership Directorate to which they
1029 belong.

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1031 8. All membership groups existing prior to adoption of these Bylaws that express an
1032 interest in continuing to exist may do so.

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1034 **Policies and Procedures:**

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1036 9. No later than 60 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, the Board shall
1037 adopt policies and procedures for nomination and election of Association-elected
1038 positions for the 2025 election and for giving Association awards in 2025. Upon
1039 adoption, the Board shall publish the policies and procedures to all members.

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1041 10. For the 2025 election and the 2025 Association awards, the Board shall adopt
1042 policies and procedures that are identical to the current nomination and election,
1043 and awards policies and procedures in every material respect, making only those
1044 additions and changes that are necessary to implement the timing and provisions
1045 outlined in the proposed Bylaws. In adopting such policies and procedures, the
1046 Board shall consult with members of the Advisory Council existing prior to
1047 adoption of these Bylaws and members of the current Honors and Awards
1048 Committee existing prior to adoption of these Bylaws as necessary.

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1050 11. No later than 60 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, the Board shall
1051 adopt policies and procedures to govern the formation of Technical Committees
1052 and Membership Committees in consultation with Association staff and
1053 stakeholders.

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1055 **Region Elections**

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1057 12. No later than 15 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, the Region Chairs
1058 shall coordinate with AAPG headquarters to issue a call for nominations for the
1059 positions listed below. Any Association member in the Region may nominate any
1060 Active Member in the Region for these positions. The deadline for submitting
1061 nominations is 45 days following the adoption of these Bylaws.

1062
1063 a. Region Chair-Elect, 2024–2025

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1065 ● Africa
1066 ● Europe
1067 ● Latin America and Caribbean
1068 ● Middle East
1069 ● Canada

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1071 *The Asia Pacific Region currently has a Chair whose term expires in 2026
1072 and thus does not need to elect a Region Chair-Elect until the 2025
1073 elections.

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1075 b. Region Secretary/Treasurer, 2024–2025
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1077 ● All Regions
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1079 c. Region Nominating Committee Member
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1081 ● 1-Year Term (2024–2025) – Latin America and Caribbean, and Africa
1082 ● 2-Year Term (2024–2026) – Asia Pacific and Middle East
1083 ● 3-Year Term (2024–2027) – Europe and Canada
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1085 d. Region Honors and Awards Committee Member
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1087 ● 1-Year Term (2024–2025) – Asia Pacific and Middle East
1088 ● 2-Year Term (2024–2026) – Europe and Canada
1089 ● 3-Year Term (2024–2027) – Latin America and Caribbean, and Africa
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1091 13. No later than 60 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, the Region Chairs
1092 shall coordinate with AAPG headquarters to issue ballots for the positions to be
1093 elected in each Region. The deadline for submitting a ballot shall be 90 days
1094 following the adoption of these Bylaws.
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1096 **Committee Composition**
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1098 14. No later than 15 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, AAPG headquarters
1099 shall notify each Section President that they need to select an Active Member or
1100 Members to serve on the Nominating Committee for terms as outlined below. The
1101 deadline for selection shall be 90 days following the adoption of these Bylaws.
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- 1103 a. 1-Year Term (2024–2025) – Gulf Coast and Eastern
1104 b. 2-Year Term (2024–2026) – Gulf Coast, Pacific, and Mid-Continent
1105 c. 3-Year Term (2024–2027) – Rocky Mountain and Southwest
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1107 15. No later than 15 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, AAPG headquarters
1108 shall notify each Section President that they need to select an Active Member or
1109 Members to serve on the Honors and Awards Committee for terms as outlined
1110 below. The deadline for selection shall be 90 days following the adoption of these
1111 Bylaws.
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- 1113 a. 1-Year Term (2024–2025) – Rocky Mountain and Southwest
1114 b. 2-Year Term (2024–2026) – Gulf Coast and Eastern
1115 c. 3-Year Term (2024–2027) – Gulf Coast, Pacific, and Mid-Continent

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1117 16. No later than 90 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, each Technical
1118 Director shall select an Active Member or Members of their respective Technical
1119 Directorate to serve on the Nominating Committee, Honors and Awards
1120 Committee, and Finance Committee for the 2024–2025 Term.
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1122 17. No later than 90 days following the adoption of these Bylaws, the Stakeholders
1123 Director, Member Services Director, and Academic Relations Director shall select
1124 an Active Member of their respective Membership Directorate to serve on the
1125 Finance Committee for the 2024–2025 Term.
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1127 **Officer and Director Elections for the 2025–2026 Term**
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- 1129 18. No later than November 15, 2024, the Nominating Committee, Special Transition
1130 Governance Committee, Honors and Awards Committee, and Finance
1131 Committee shall elect a committee chair and vice-chair.
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1133 19. No later than November 20, 2024, the Nominating Committee shall coordinate
1134 with AAPG Headquarters to distribute a call for nominations for all
1135 Association-elected positions, which will be as follows:
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1137 a. President-Elect, 2025–2026
1138 b. Oil and Gas Director 1, 2025-2027
1139 c. Oil and Gas Director 2, 2025-2028
1140 d. Alternative and Future Energy Director, 2025-2027
1141 e. Environmental Geosciences Director, 2025-2028
1142 f. Business and Certification Director, 2025-2026
1143 g. Publications and Events Director, 2025-2028
1144 h. Stakeholder Relations Director, 2025-2027
1145 i. Member Services Director, 2025-2026
1146 j. Academic Relations Director, 2025-2028
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1148 20. The deadline for submitting nominations to the Nominating Committee for all
1149 Association-elected positions shall be December 20, 2024.
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1151 21. No later than January 20, 2024, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the
1152 Board the names of at least two candidates for each Association-elected
1153 positions.
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1155 22. No later than February 20, 2025, the Nominating Committee shall finalize its slate
1156 of candidates for each Association-elected position and coordinate with AAPG
1157 headquarters to publish it to the Association members.
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1159 23. Any Active Member seeking to run for an Association-elected position by petition
1160 must meet all of the requirements to do so, as specified in the policies and
1161 procedures, no later than March 20, 2025 in order to be placed on the ballot.

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1163 24. No later than April 1, 2025, AAPG headquarters shall distribute ballots for all
1164 Association-elected offices to all Active Members. The deadline for submitting a
1165 ballot shall be May 30, 2025.
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- 1167 25. No later than February 20, 2025, AAPG headquarters shall notify the Region
1168 Chairs and the Section Presidents that they need to elect a Regions Director for
1169 a 2025–2027 term and Sections Director for a 2025–2026 term, respectively, no
1170 later than May 30, 2025.
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- 1172 26. No later than May 30, 2025, the Region Chairs shall elect a Regions Director for
1173 a 2025–2027 term and notify AAPG headquarters of the results of the election.
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- 1175 27. Any vacancy in a 2024–2025 Committee or Director position shall be filled by the
1176 Board for the remainder of the unexpired term.
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1178 **Dues**
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- 1180 28. No change in the amount of dues shall occur prior to the 2025 fiscal year.
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1182 **Honors and Awards**
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- 1184 29. The honors and awards given by AAPG, the House of Delegates of AAPG, and
1185 the Divisions of AAPG prior to the adoption of these Bylaws shall be maintained
1186 until through the 2024 fiscal year.
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1188 **Staff and Board Authorization**
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- 1190 30. AAPG staff shall be authorized to correct article and section designations,
1191 punctuation, and cross references, and to make any other technical and
1192 non-substantive conforming changes in this document as may be necessary to
1193 reflect the intent of the voting members.
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- 1195 31. The Board shall be authorized to make all transition decisions necessary to
1196 achieve the intent of this document and to implement it, provided such decisions
1197 do not conflict with Colorado law.
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IF REVISION IS ADOPTED – TRANSITION MILESTONES

Date/ Days After Adoption	Event	Responsible Party
15 days	Survey sent to each member asking which Technical Directorates they would like to join	AAPG Headquarters
	Call for nominations for positions to be elected by each Region	AAPG Headquarters
30 days	Stakeholder Relations, Member Services, and Academic Relations Directors meet with each membership group to discuss the group’s continuation and preferences for involvement in a Membership Directorate	Respective Directors
45 days	Board notifies each membership group of the Membership Directorate to which they belong	Board of Directors
	Deadline for Region election nominations	Region Members
60 days	Ballots sent for Region elections	AAPG Headquarters
	Board adopts policies and procedures to govern the nomination and election of Association-elected positions for the 2025 election, and the process for giving Association awards in 2025	Board of Directors
90 days	Deadline for return of Region election ballots	Region Members
	Deadline for selection of Region representatives on Nominations and Honors and Awards Committees	Region Members
	Deadline for selection of Section representatives on Nominations and Honors and Awards Committees	Section Presidents
	Deadline for selection of Technical Directorate representatives on Nominations, Honors and Awards, and Finance Committees	Technical Directors
	Deadline for selection of Membership Directorate representatives on Finance Committee	Membership Directors
November 15	Deadline for Nominating, Special Transition Governance, Honors and Awards, and Finance Committees to elect a Committee chair and vice-chair	Respective Committees
November 20	Call for nominations for all 2025–2026 Association-elected positions	AAPG Headquarters
December 20	Deadline for 2025–2026 Association-elected position nominations	Members
January 20, 2025	Nominating Committee submits names of at least two candidates for each Association-elected position to Board	Nominating Committee
February 20, 2025	Nominating Committee finalizes slate of candidates for each Association-elected position and coordinates with AAPG Headquarters to publish it to the members	Nominating Committee AAPG Headquarters
	AAPG headquarters notifies Region Chairs and Section Presidents that they need to elect a Regions Director for a 2025–2027 term and Sections Director for a 2025–2026 term, respectively, no later than May 30, 2025	AAPG Headquarters
March 20, 2025	Deadline for submission of petition candidacy	Active Members
April 1, 2025	Ballot sent to Active Members for all Association-elected offices	AAPG Headquarters
May 30, 2025	Deadline for submitting ballots for Association-elected positions	Active Members