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ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY (*Revised June 27, 2023*)

ARTICLE I - NAME, EMBLEM AND COLORS

SECTION 1: The name of this non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Society, shall be the Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society.

SECTION 2: The emblem of the Society shall be a golden rose superimposed upon the center of a cluster of emerald crystals.

SECTION 3: The colors of the Society shall be gold and green.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

SECTION 1: The purpose of the Society shall be to bring together, in good fellowship, individuals who are interested in the earth sciences, the arts of lapidary and gemology, with the intent of furthering their knowledge, abilities and comprehension of those arts and sciences.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: There shall be five (5) classes of membership in the Society:

- A. **ADULT MEMBERS:** Age 18 or over who shall be voted into membership as prescribed in Section 2 through 5 of this Article.
- B. **FAMILY MEMBERS:** Age 18 or over (2 adults at the same address) who shall be voted into membership as prescribed in Section 2 through 5 of this Article.
- C. **JUNIOR MEMBERS:** Age 8 through 17, who shall be voted into this membership as prescribed in Section 2 through 5 of this Article. Junior members are required to have at least one parent, adult relative or legal guardian who is a member of the Society.
- D. **HONORARY MEMBER:** Shall be bestowed upon a member who has rendered outstanding service to the benefit of the Society. Honorary members shall have the voting privileges of an active member. Membership of an honorary member shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and be valid for one (1) year.
- E. **LIFE MEMBER:** Shall be bestowed upon a long time member who has rendered outstanding service to the benefit of the Society. To be considered after 25 years as a paid member. Life members shall have the voting privileges of an active member. Membership as a life member shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and be ratified by the membership. Society to pay for lifetime badges.

SECTION 2: Application for membership in the Society shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by such information as the Board of Directors may request.

SECTION 3: Applications shall be endorsed by one (1) adult member of the Society and accompanied by the first year's dues and fees for badges.

SECTION 4: Prospective members shall attend one (1) Society function before becoming eligible for membership in the Society.

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SECTION 5: Applications for membership shall be received by the secretary and presented to the Board of Directors at the next business meeting for investigation and action and accepted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6: A rejected applicant shall not be eligible to submit a new application until six (6) months from the date of the rejection.

SECTION 7: Adult members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership including the right to vote. Candidates for office shall have been members for at least three (3) months.

SECTION 8: Junior members shall not vote or hold office except in the Junior organization.

ARTICLE IV - TERMINATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Any member may terminate his or her membership by submitting their resignation in writing to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: Membership shall be terminated for nonpayment of dues and assessments as stated in Article V Section 2.

SECTION 3: Any former member terminated according to either Section 1 or 2 may be reinstated without Board of Directors action by paying all back and current dues and assessments or may rejoin by meeting new membership qualifications in Article III Sections 2 through 5 inclusive.

SECTION 4: Any member may have his membership terminated by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors if all of the following occurs:

- A. Charges are preferred by another member or members against the member in writing to the Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors make a thorough investigation of the charges.
- C. The member is given thirty (30) days to reply to the charges either in writing or by appearing at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5: Any member so terminated shall not be eligible for reinstatement until after the period of one (1) year.

ARTICLE V - ANNUAL DUES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 1: Each adult member (excluding Honorary and Life members) shall pay annual dues as provided by the standing rules of the Society.

SECTION 2: Annual dues and assessments are due and payable on the first of October and become delinquent on the last day of December.

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SECTION 3: Any member whose dues and assessments are unpaid by the last day of November shall be sent written notice by the Treasurer to the last known address shown in the records of the Society or notified by telephone or e-mail. If a member so notified fails to pay by the delinquent date, the member shall be dropped from membership.

SECTION 4: Should the Board of Directors determine that a special assessment is necessary to meet financial needs of the Society, the requirement shall be presented to the membership at either a regular Educational Meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Notice of such a meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each member, at the last known e-mail or US mail address shown in the records of the Society and shall be sent no later than fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting. The notice shall include an absentee ballot form for those members unable to attend the meeting. Absentee votes shall be received by the Secretary either by mail or from an attending member before the meeting is called to order. A two-thirds affirmative vote of received total votes is required for passage of the special assessment.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The business meeting of the Society shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month and if necessary, after the Educational Meeting. Changes to the location or date of the business meeting shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: The business meeting shall be for the purpose of conducting Society business. A quorum of seven (7) members of the Board of Directors shall be required in order to conduct any business except adjournment.

The President may determine forty-eight (48) hours in advance of any business meeting whether a quorum of directors may be expected to attend and, if not, he/she may postpone or cancel the meeting. Members not on the Board of Directors are welcome to attend meetings and express their views but shall not vote. The order of business shall be determined by the Board of Directors; however, in lieu of a prepared published agenda, the following shall be observed:

- A. Call to order.
- B. Roll call of directors.
- C. Reading and approval of minutes of the previous educational, business and special meetings.
- D. Approval of bills.
- E. Communications.
- F. Committee reports.
- G. Unfinished business.
- H. New business.
- I. Adjournment.

SECTION 3: The Educational Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Changes to the time, location or date of the educational meeting shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and published in the Society bulletin or in the event of unforeseen circumstances, sent via e-mail to the members. This meeting shall be for the purpose of furthering the members' knowledge and abilities in the earth sciences and lapidary arts. The suggested order of business, at the discretion of the President, follows:

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- A. Call to order.
- B. Pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- C. Program.
- D. Special announcements.
- E. Business as required.
- F. Social.
- G. Drawings for door prizes.
- H. Silent auction.
- I. Adjournment.

SECTION 4: Special meetings of members may be called by the President, by a quorum of the Board of Directors or by the petition of 25% or more adult members. Members shall be notified of the meeting place, time and subject matter of the special meeting, by e-mail addressed to the last known address of the Society records at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. A quorum of the Board of Directors or a majority of the adult membership shall be required to conduct any Society business, except as noted under special assessments, Article V, Section 4.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The elective offices of the Society are:

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| A. President | G. Librarian/Historian |
| B. Vice President | H. Four Directors (two elected each year to serve a two-year term) |
| C. Secretary | I. Juniors' Advisor |
| D. Treasurer | J. Field Trip Chairperson |
| E. Federation Director | K. Past President |
| F. Bulletin Editor | |

SECTION 2: The Nomination Committee shall consist of three (3) members, who shall have been members for at least three months and elected by a majority of the general membership at the September Educational Meeting.

SECTION 3: The Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee members. The Chairperson will lead and coordinate the Committee's activities.

SECTION 4: The Nomination process timeline, along with instructions on how to nominate an individual, shall be explained: the Chairperson will ask for nominations for open positions at the September and October Educational Meetings. Each Committee member will have his/her name and contact information published in the October Society bulletin. The deadline for accepting nominations will be during the October Educational Meeting.

SECTION 5: The Committee will review the qualifications of nominees, verify their eligibility and ensure they meet the qualifications set forth in the Society's By-Laws. Each candidate will provide consent to their nomination.

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SECTION 6: After nominations are closed, at the October Educational Meeting, the Nomination Committee shall present its slate of nominees for each office, excluding Show Chairperson. The Slate of Officers will be published in the November bulletin.

SECTION 7: The election of officers shall be held at the November Educational Meeting. The Nomination Committee is dissolved after the elections. The election of officers, if there are multiple nominees, shall be by secret ballot at the November Educational Meeting. Installation shall be made at the December Educational Meeting.

SECTION 8: The newly elected officers, except Show Chairperson, shall assume their duties after the December business meeting and shall continue for one year, or two years in the case of Directors, or until their successors are elected. Both outgoing and incoming officers should attend the December business meeting.

SECTION 9: Show Chairperson and Assistant Show Chairperson may serve at the discretion of the Board, and if no irregularities are noted.

SECTION 10: A member in good standing may hold no more than two (2) elective offices in the Society. The elective office of Librarian/Historian, Director, Past President, Show Chairperson, Juniors' Advisor, Federation Director, Bulletin Editor or Field Trip Chairperson may hold any additional elective office. The elective office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer may only hold an additional office of Librarian/Historian, Director, Past President, Show Chairperson, Federation Director, Bulletin Editor or Field Trip Chairperson. Any member or members holding more than one (1) elective office shall have only one (1) vote for the purpose of conducting business at any scheduled or unscheduled meeting of the Society.

SECTION 11: The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

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| L. President | R. Bulletin Editor |
| M. Vice President | S. Librarian/Historian |
| N. Secretary | T. Show Chairperson |
| O. Treasurer | U. Juniors' Advisor |
| P. Directors | V. Field Trip Chairperson |
| Q. Federation Director | W. Past President |

ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1: The Society is not formed for profit and none of its assets shall be used for the monetary gain of any member. Members shall not use educational or other meetings for selling or showing for sale any personal equipment or material. Society members may be dealers at our club shows.

SECTION 2: All functions of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

SECTION 3: Standing rules may be modified by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or general membership.

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SECTION 4: In the event of dissolution of the Society, its assets shall be turned over, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to the State of California for educational purposes, or to a nonprofit association or corporation for the continuation of such projects as the Society may have commenced, per CFMS and State of California rules.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: Any member desiring to amend these By-Laws shall present a written proposal or proposals to the Board of Directors. If approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the proposal or proposals shall be printed in the Society's bulletin, after which the proposal or proposals shall require ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the adult membership in attendance at an Educational Meeting. Addendums are to be printed and made available to the membership.