

**YORKSHIRE GEOLOGICAL
SOCIETY**



RULES OF THE SOCIETY

(incorporating changes approved at the Annual General Meeting, December 2014)

Yorkshire Geological Society
Registered Charity No. 220014
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1. The name of the Society shall be the Yorkshire Geological Society.
 2. The objects of the Society shall be to promote and record the results of research in Geology and its allied sciences, more especially in Yorkshire by holding meetings for the reading of original papers and the delivery of public lectures and by field meetings; to extend knowledge of the science by demonstration and publication and by contributions to a library at the University of Leeds for the benefit of members and such other means as the Council may from time to time determine.
 3. Persons wishing to support the Objects of the Society may apply for membership in writing or electronically. Applications shall be considered and approved by the Council or under delegated arrangements determined by the Council from time to time. The election shall be null and void if the first annual subscription is not received within one month of notification of election. Members elected after 1st October in any year choose, either to receive the Proceedings for the year of election and to pay their second subscription on 1st January of the next year, or not to receive the Proceedings for the year of election in which case their second subscription will become due on the 1st January of the year but one after their election.
 4. **(a)** There shall be the following categories of membership:
 - (i)** Ordinary members who shall be entitled to take full part in the life of the Society and to receive the Circulars and Proceedings of the Society and to use the library referred to in Rule 2 under such conditions as may from time to time be determined by agreement between the Society and the University of Leeds.
 - (ii)** Student Members who shall be in receipt of full time education at an Institution recognised by the Society. They shall automatically transfer to Ordinary Membership without further election on 1st January following three years of student membership or on 1st January following any extension of studentship for which they will have provided a supervisor's statement of such extension. They shall enjoy the same privileges as Ordinary Members except that they shall pay a reduced subscription.
 - (iii)** Associate Members who shall enjoy the same privileges as Ordinary Members except that they shall not receive the Proceedings.
 - (iv)** Honorary Members. Any person who has rendered signal service to the Society, or who is distinguished for the pursuit of the objects of the Society, may be elected an Honorary Member by a General Meeting of the Society on the recommendation of the Council. Honorary Members shall enjoy the same rights as an Ordinary Member for life, without payment of an annual subscription.
- (b) (i)** The annual subscription, which shall be payable in advance on 1st January in each year, shall be as decided by the Council from time to time and confirmed by a General Meeting of the Society.

(ii) Ordinary Members shall pay a reduced subscription from 1st January following their 65th birthday.

(iii) Schools and similar institutions, as determined by Council from time to time, shall be deemed to be Ordinary members.

(iv) Institutions and individuals who make substantial contributions to the funds of the Society shall be accorded the status of Patrons.

5. The Society may participate in schemes permitted by law, which enable charities to reclaim tax on donations.
6. Any member not in arrears with subscriptions may withdraw from the Society by giving notice in writing of his intention to the General Secretary.
7. Members whose subscriptions are in arrears shall not be entitled to receive the Society's publications. Members over one year in arrears shall not be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of membership and may be removed from the Society by the Council.
8. The management of the Society shall be vested in a Council of up to 22 members who shall include the President, two Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary, General Treasurer, and the Editors. Council may from time to time appoint other officers or assistant officers (who need not be council members).
9. The President of the Society shall be nominated by the Council and shall either be a member of the Society taking an active interest in its work or be some other geologist of distinction, not necessarily a member but connected with Yorkshire by birth or research.
10. Election to the office of President shall be for one year and no President shall hold office for more than two successive years. The Vice-Presidents shall serve in the first instance for one year but shall be eligible for re-election. The President, Vice-Presidents, Officers and other members of Council shall be nominated by the retiring Council. The list of nominations shall be sent to all members of the Society with the Circular calling the Annual General Meeting. Members may make other nominations, except for the office of President, and senior Vice-President, in writing, to the General Secretary not later than two days before the meeting.
11. The Council, of whom five shall form a quorum, shall meet when summoned by either the President, or the Treasurer, or the General Secretary, or any four members of the Council. There shall be a Finance Committee of the Council consisting of the President, General Secretary, General Treasurer and three other members, of whom four shall form a quorum. The Council may form such other committees as it considers desirable from time to time. The Council may co-opt non-council members of the Society to any of its committees.

12. The property of the Society shall be vested in the name of the Yorkshire Geological Society. The Trustees are the serving members of the Council. Investments may be made from time to time in or upon any of the following:

(a) The public stocks, funds or government securities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or any Dominion, Commonwealth, Union, Dependency or Colony forming part of the British Commonwealth of Nations;

(b) Any securities the interest of dividends of which are or shall be guaranteed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom;

(c) Upon freehold and leasehold securities in Great Britain, such leasehold securities having not less than 60 years to run at the date of such investments and all such securities being first mortgage or first registered charge under the Land Registration Act, 1925;

(d) The Ordinary Stock or Shares or Ordinary Preferred or other stock or shares of any public company whose shares are quoted on the London Stock Exchange and who have paid a dividend on their ordinary shares of at least 4 per cent for a period of at least five years to the date of such investments;

(e) The Units of any Trust Scheme of which the Trustees are one or more of the principal bankers of England or Scotland.

(f) The shares or deposits of any Permanent Building Society registered in the United Kingdom.

(g) Any investment for the time being authorised by law for the investment of trust funds.

Such investments may also be sold, provided always that no decision to make or sell such investments shall be valid unless it be by resolution agreed by a two-thirds majority of the Finance Committee. A copy of such resolution certified by a chairman and by the Secretary and endorsed by the President (or in the absence of the President, a Vice-President) as having been passed by the necessary majority shall be sufficient authority for the Officers of the Society to act in accordance therewith. Such resolution shall also be reported to the Council at its next meeting.

13. The Treasurer shall receive and keep an account of all the moneys of the Society and shall produce vouchers and accounts whenever required by the Council and shall also present the accounts for each year ending August 31st, examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act, so that they may be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. All moneys received for the Society shall be paid into such banks as the Council shall appoint.

14. The General Secretary shall, as directed by the Council, make arrangements for the organisation and conduct of all meetings. The Secretary shall take minutes of the

proceedings of the General, Special and Annual Meetings and the meeting of the Council, and enter them regularly in the minute books and shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and shall report to the Council all that relates to the business of the Society.

- 15.** The Editors of the Proceedings shall receive the manuscript of original papers submitted to the Society. Papers will be scrutinised by independent referees and approved for publication by the Editors on behalf of the Council.
- 16.** The Library referred to in Rule 2 shall be maintained by the University of Leeds in accordance with the Agreement between the Society and the University of Leeds dated 31st December 1987 or subsequent amendments of that Agreement agreed between the two parties.
- 17.** General Meetings shall be held in the principal towns of Yorkshire and adjacent counties for transacting the business of the Society and for the delivery of public lectures. Field meetings, at which the general business of the Society may be transacted, shall be held wherever the Council shall direct. Not less than seven day's notice of each meeting shall be given to members by the General Secretary. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November or December of each year.
- 18.** A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the President, the Council or any twelve members. At least fourteen days' notice of such a meeting shall be given by the General Secretary and the objects of the meeting shall be stated therewith.
- 19.** This Society shall not be dissolved except at a Special General Meeting summoned for this purpose. One month's notice shall be given to all members by registered post and the resolution of dissolution shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting, together with those who shall have communicated their views to the officers of the Society in writing. In case of dissolution of this Society, the property shall be presented to some charitable organisation concerned with geological research or other cognate objects of the Society.
- 20.** These rules shall not be altered except at a Special General Meeting, for which fourteen days' notice shall have been given and the full text of the proposed additions or alterations shall be announced in the Circular calling the meeting.