

# **THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NAMIBIA**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **1. THE SOCIETY**

- 1.1 *The name of the Society is the Geological Society of Namibia.*
- 1.2 *The Administrative Offices of the Society shall be in Windhoek, Namibia, or in any such other place in Namibia as the Committee may, from time to time, decide.*
- 1.3 *The objects of the Society are:*
- (a) *To promote geological study in Namibia.*
  - (b) *To do all things conducive to the advancement of geological science.*

### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

*Members of the Society shall consist of :*

- 2.1 *Ordinary Members : Persons with a professional qualification in the earth sciences from a recognised institute of learning.*
- 2.2 *Associate Members : Any other person with an interest in the aims of the Namibian Geological Society, may become an Associate Member if approved of by the Society Executive Committee.*
- 2.3 *Student Members : Any full time student at an accredited university or other institute of learning approved of by the Society Executive Committee.*
- 2.4 *Ordinary or Associate Members may compound their subscription to Life Membership of the Society with the approval of the Committee.*
- 2.5 *Honorary Life Members : The Committee may grant Honorary Life Membership to any person who, in their opinion, has rendered extraordinary service to the Society or to the science and practice of geology in Namibia. Honorary members shall be exempt from paying any subscription.*
- 2.6 *Patron of the Society: To be elected by a majority vote of the Committee.*
- 2.7 *Membership Fees  
The fee payable for membership, as defined in Clauses 2.1 to 2.4, shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.*
- ### **2. VOTING POWERS**
- 2.1 *Ordinary and Life members only will be entitled to vote.*

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 *The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of nine (9) Ordinary or Life Members. Nominations shall be called for, and committee members shall be elected by postal ballot before notice of the next A.G.M and shall hold office for one year. They shall be eligible of re-election.*
- 3.2 *The Committee shall each year, from among its members, elect a Vice-Chairperson who during the year shall act for the Chairperson in his/her absence and who will automatically, without election to the Committee, become Chairperson the following year.*
- 3.3 *The Committee shall elect an Honorary Secretary/Treasurer from among its members and shall have the power to co-opt members to the Executive or any sub-committee for specific purposes.*
- 3.4 *The duties of the Committee shall be to manage the affairs of the Society in the interest of the members and to jointly act as Trustees.*
- 3.5 *The Committee shall meet at least once every three (3) months.*
- 3.6 *The quorum shall consist of four (4) members.*

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 4.1 *The Annual General meeting shall take place not more than four (4) months after the end of the financial year to consider the Chairman's Statement, the audited financial statement, announcement of the names of the Committee for the ensuing year, and to conduct any other business by the Chairperson.*
- 4.2 *At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given by the Secretary and this date shall be after the closing date of the postal ballot.*
- 4.3 *A quorum shall be 15 ordinary members.*
- 4.4 *Minutes of this meeting shall be circulated to members before the next Annual General Meeting.*

5. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

5.1 *Extraordinary General Meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, or by petition signed by not less than ten (10) members, on 21 days notice to all members. The nature of business or resolution(s) to be considered must be circulated with the notice.*

6. FINANCES

6.1 *All monies raised shall be used in the interests of the Society.*

6.2 *The financial year shall end on the 31 December each year.*

6.3 *Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.*

7. GENERAL

7.1 *Alterations or additions to the Constitution shall be made only if seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the votes cast by the Ordinary and Life Members voting by post are in favour of the amendments.*

7.2 *The Society shall endeavour to establish and maintain close ties with the Geological Societies of neighbouring countries.*