

**FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.
MIDWEST CHAPTER
BY-LAWS**

Passed September 8, 2001
Amended November 2, 2013

ARTICLE I—DUES

Section 1. The annual dues for an individual to be a member of the Chapter are as follows: \$20.00 for an individual.

Section 2. Only individuals, not organizations or institutions, may join the Chapter.

Section 3. Dues are payable upon application for membership in the Chapter and again on January 1 of each year. There is no “inactive members” status; an individual is not a member until dues are paid and when paid, is a full member in the Chapter. Dues are considered delinquent if not paid by March 1 of each year, then, at that time he or she will be dropped as an active member.

ARTICLE II—NON-MEMBERS

Section 1. In order to promote interest in mineralogy, to recruit new members and to share fellowship with others that may wish to attend, the regular meetings of the Chapter will be open to the general public.

Section 2. Because of the special nature of field trips, only current Chapter members are allowed to participate in such events, with one exception: a prospective member may attend one field trip before joining. He or she must then join the Chapter before participating on any other trips.

ARTICLE III—MEETINGS

Section 1. The Chapter will hold at least six (6) regular meetings per year, including the annual meeting.

Section 2. The place and time of Chapter meetings shall be set by the Executive Board, with notice of meetings sent in a timely manner to all members.

ARTICLE IV—NEWSLETTER

The President shall appoint one member to edit and distribute a bi-monthly newsletter to the membership. This newsletter will contain information pertinent to the Chapter and/or to mineralogy, including notification of coming meetings, proposed amendments, *etc.* Cost of this newsletter shall be borne by the Chapter treasury.