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1. Name. The name of the organisation shall be the International Mineralogical Association.
2. Object: The object of the Association shall be to further international co-operation in the science of Mineralogy.
3. Members. The members of the Association shall be Mineralogical Societies (or other equally representative bodies of mineralogists) of national standing: only one such society or body from any one country may join. In what follows the words 'member Society' shall be deemed to include such a representative body.
4. Representation. Each member Society shall have the right to be represented at business meetings of the Association by one delegate with power to vote. Additional delegates up to a maximum of four may be present representing each member Society but these shall not have power to vote.
5. Executive Committee. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer. In addition to these officers the Executive Committee shall have three ordinary members [or the Executive Committee shall consist of these officers with the addition of three ordinary members.]
6. Election of Executive Committee. The Secretary shall invite each member Society to submit nominations for the office of President and for the office of Secretary and further nominations, up to a maximum of five, for the elections to the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall then conduct a postal ballot among the member Societies, and the votes shall be scrutinised by the Auditors appointed at a business meeting of the Association.  
  
[or Nominations for the offices of President and Secretary shall be made by the Executive Committee and these shall be circulated to member Societies at least ten weeks before the date of the return of ballots. Member Societies shall be entitled to make additional nominations for these offices, provided that at least three member Societies nominate the same person for a particular office. No member Society shall nominate more than one person for a particular office. Further, each member Society may nominate up to a maximum of five other persons for election to the Executive Committee.]  
  
The Secretary of the Association shall circulate all nominations to the Secretaries of member Societies at least ten weeks before the date by which ballots have to be returned, along with the ballot forms. Each member Society shall have one vote for the office of President, one for the office of Secretary and five other votes for the remaining members of the Executive Committee.  
  
The elected Executive Committee shall appoint its own Vice-President and its own Treasurer. If necessary the Secretary shall conduct any voting by post.
7. Finance. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Association at its business meetings for the conduct of financial affairs. Each member Society shall pay annually to the Association the following dues, these being based on its personal membership for the preceding year:
  - (a) Personal membership up to and including 150, U.S. \$ 20.00
  - (b) For each additional hundred, or part thereof. \$ 10.00

• Powers of the Executive Committee.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be charged with the conduct of such business as may be delegated to it by the business meeting of the Association and shall have authority to act for the Association between business meetings of delegates.
- (b) Action by the Executive Committee on any matter may be initiated by a written request from one quarter of the member Societies.
- (c) At meetings of the Executive Committee the quorum shall consist of three, of whom one at least shall be the President or the Secretary.

9. Commissions.

- (a) The Association shall have as many commissions to carry on its work as shall be decided by business meetings of delegates.
- (b) The Chairman and the members of each Commission shall be elected at a business meeting of delegates. Further members may be co-opted and vacancies may be filled by the Commissions themselves which shall further elect their own Secretary.
- (c) The Commissions shall be responsible to the business meeting of delegates, but shall in general have freedom to draw up their own Rules of Procedure and their method of work.
- (d) The Chairman of each Commission shall report on its activities to the business meeting of delegates. These reports shall be sent to the Secretary of the Association at least fourteen weeks before the date of the business meeting of delegates. The Secretary of the Association shall send these reports to the Secretaries of the member Societies at least ten weeks before the business meeting of delegates.

10. Frequency of Business Meetings. A business meeting of delegates shall be held at least once in every four years.

11. Appointment of Auditors. The business meeting of delegates shall appoint auditors to audit the accounts and to scrutinise the ballot votes.

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