



**Mission:** The mission of the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society is to promote the study and appreciation of mineralogy, paleontology and related earth sciences and the arts.

**Vision:** The vision of the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society is to become an internationally recognized scientific and educational resource.

## PRESIDENTS of FGMS

*Chartered in 1957 by*

*K.N. Rasneor, A.E. Rasneor, G.M. Francis, James Russ and Walter Hughes*

Kenneth Rasneor	1958
Gertrude Hughes	1959
Z.H. McAnear	1960, 1967
Bud Francis	1961
Hamilton (Bill) Temple	1962
Garth Bricker	1963, 1968, 1975, 1976, 1983, 1986
Bryant Harris	1964, 1965
Iola Plambeck	1966
Kenneth Hesse	1969
Jim Ross, Lou Fritts	1970
Lou Fritts	1971
Ken Nelson	1972
Ron Korn	1973, 1974
Karl Odom	1977
Alice Crowell	1978
Bob Crowell	1979
Charles Weber	1980, 1981, 1988, 1989
Cal Graeber	1982, 1985
Tim Sherburn	1984
Bob Blankenship	1987
Janice Bricker	1990, 1991, 2009, 2010
Pat Origlieri	1992, 1993
Don Layton	1994
Mick Palculich	1995, 1996, 1998, 1999
Dee Grover	1997
Richard Busch, John Watson	2002
Robert Lowrie	2003
Laurie Kern	2004
Gina Palculich	2000, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
Vanessa Jones	2011, 2012
Gail Kerry	2013-2016
Mary Fong-Walker	2017-2022
Lea Barton	2023

**FALLBROOK GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be "The Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society, Inc." (hereinafter referred to as the "Society").

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSES**

**Section 1.** The primary activities of the Society shall be scientific, educational, and research-oriented.

**Section 2.** The purposes of the Society shall be:

- a. To promote the study of mineralogy, paleontology, and allied earth sciences.
- b. To promote the study and practice of the lapidary arts and related crafts.
- c. To educate its members and members of the general public in the earth sciences and lapidary arts.
- d. To promote good fellowship.

**ARTICLE III: POLICIES**

**Section 1.** The Society is formed as a non-profit organization under section 501(c) (3) the United States Tax Code.

**Section 2.** None of the assets of the Society shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

**Section 3.** The purposes of the Society shall be developed through meetings, field trips, classes, projects, and public- awareness activities.

**Section 4.** The Society shall cooperate with other organizations and agencies whose purposes are aligned with those of the Society.

**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Membership in the Society shall be open to those who are interested in its purpose and who agree to uphold its policies.

**Section 2.** The following categories of membership in the Society are defined:

a. **Regular:** A regular member of the Society is an individual who is at least 18 years of age and who pays annual regular member dues. A regular member has full rights and privileges in the Society, including the right to vote and hold elected office.

b. **Honorary:** An honorary member of the Society is a regular member who has been exempted from the payment of dues. A motion to grant honorary membership shall be made to and voted upon by the Board of Directors. Should the motion receive two or more negative votes, the grant of honorary membership shall be rejected. An honorary member has full rights and privileges in the Society, including the right to vote and hold elected office.

c. **Junior:** A junior member of the Society is one who is 17 years of age or younger and who pays annual junior member dues. A junior member has the rights and privileges of a regular member, excluding the rights to vote and hold elected office. A junior member must be accompanied by his/her parent or sponsor at all meetings and activities of the Society.

d. **Associate:** An associate member of the Society is one who subscribes to the purpose and policies of the Society and who pays annual associate member dues. An associate member may neither vote nor hold elected office in the Society and may be restricted from certain Society activities. Unless specifically exempted by the Board of Directors, an associate member must reside outside a 50-mile radius from Fallbrook, California.

e. **Charter:** All members on the Society's records on November 1, 1957, shall be regarded as Charter members.

**Section 3.** Each application for membership shall be made, in writing, to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee (or his/her designated alternate) and shall include the, initiation fee and dues for the year.

**Section 4.** Should the conduct or attitude of a member at any time be detrimental to the welfare of the Society, the member shall be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Before such action may be taken, a written notice shall be served by the Secretary to the member for him/her to appear before the Board of Directors at a time and place to be designated and to show cause why such action should not be taken. The refusal of the member to appear before the Board of Directors shall not stop the expulsion process.

#### **ARTICLE V: DUES**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall set the dues and initiation fees of the Society.

**Section 2.** Dues are due by the first regular meeting of the calendar year. To remain in good standing, a member must pay his/her dues before March 1.

**Section 3.** Members who have not paid by March 1 will be automatically dropped from membership. Delinquent members may be restricted from participating in certain Society activities as determined by the Board of Directors. Delinquent members may be reinstated after payment of dues.

**Section 4.** The Board of Directors shall have the right to establish pro-rated dues for partial-year memberships and shall have the right to define and establish group rates, such as a family rate, for the payment of dues to the Society.

**Section 5.** Dues will be refunded on a pro-rated basis to any individual who is expelled from the Society.

#### **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Society shall be: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Directors.

**Section 2.** The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee; and, with ratification of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Chairpersons of Standing Committees.

**Section 3.** The **Vice-President** shall assist the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

**Section 4.** The **Secretary** shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors and shall answer routine correspondence.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer shall receive all dues and other funds and shall deposit them in the Society's account. The Treasurer shall make disbursements when authorized by the Board of Directors. All checks in excess of \$500 must be signed by the Treasurer or Secretary and be countersigned by the President or Vice-President. The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of all transactions and shall render a report at every meeting of the Board of Directors. Additionally, the Treasurer shall prepare a written profit and loss report that will be presented to the Society at its Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation and filing of all tax forms, and shall ensure that the Society adheres to the tax regulations defined for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

**Section 6.** The **Directors** shall assume duties assigned by the President.

#### **ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

**Section 1.** Nomination of officers shall be made by a Nominating Committee of three (3) persons selected in the following manner:

- a. The Board of Directors shall select one member before October 1.
- b. The voting members of the Society shall select two members at the October regular meeting.
- c. The members of the Nominating Committee shall select one of their numbers to serve as Chairperson of the Committee.

**Section 2.** From the rolls of regular and honorary members, the Nominating Committee shall select at least one, but not more than two, candidates for each office and submit their names to the Secretary of the Society. The Committee shall obtain the consent of the candidates before submitting their names. The Secretary shall provide a list of the candidates to all members at least five days before the November regular meeting.

**Section 3.** The Nominating Committee shall present its list of candidates at the November regular meeting at which time further nominations may be made from the floor.

**Section 4.** Elections will be by secret ballot at the December meeting. Ballots may be eliminated for all offices for which there is only one candidate.

**Section 5.** Newly elected officers shall assume office at the January meeting of the Board of Directors or the January regular meeting, whichever occurs first.

**Section 6.** No member shall serve in more than one elected office concurrently.

**Section 7.** The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall each serve for a term of one (1) year. Each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Two (2) Directors shall be elected in each even-numbered year. .

**Three (3) directors** shall be elected in each odd-numbered year.

**Section 8.** An elected officer of the Society may be removed from office for one or more of the following reasons:

- a. Voluntary resignation.
- b. Non-payment of dues.
- c. Failure to attend regular meetings of the Society and/or the Board of Directors.
- d. Three-fourths (3/4) vote of the general membership at a regular meeting.
- e. Expulsion from the Society

**Section 9.** Vacancies in elected offices shall be filled in the following manner:

- a. If the Office of President is vacated, the Vice- President shall assume the Office of President for the remainder of the term and shall vacate the Office of Vice-President.
- b. If an elected office other than President is vacated, the Board of Directors shall elect a regular or honorary member to fill the office for the remainder of the term.

**Section 10.** If the President is temporarily incapacitated or temporarily unable to serve, the Vice-President shall assume the Office of President in an acting capacity until the President can return to service or for the remainder of the term, whichever occurs first. If any elected officer other than President is temporarily incapacitated or temporarily unable to serve, the Board of Directors shall appoint a regular or honorary member to act in that capacity until the elected officer can return to service or for the remainder of the term, whichever occurs first.

## **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES & APPOINTED POSITIONS**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors of the Society shall have the power to establish committees and to appoint regular and honorary members to positions of responsibility in the Society.

**Section 2.** Committees and appointed positions shall include, but are not limited to:

a. Membership: The Membership Committee shall solicit and accept applications for membership in the Society and shall ensure that membership applications are acted upon promptly. The Membership Committee shall issue membership cards to all members of the Society.

b. Program: The Program Committee shall arrange for a speaker or other activity to be held in conjunction with the Society's regular meetings. The Program Committee shall ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that all members of the Society are reasonably well informed of scheduled programs in advance of the meetings.

c. Education: The Education Committee shall organize, publicize, and supervise educational activities for the benefit of the members of the Society. Additionally, the Education Committee shall organize, publicize, and supervise educational activities for members of the community.

d. Field Trip: The Field Trip Committee shall organize, publicize, and supervise field trips for the benefit of the members of the Society

e. Federation Director: The Federation Director is the liaison between the Society and the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS). The Federation Director shall publicize the activities of the CFMS at the Society's meetings and in its publications. If the Society declines to participate in the activities of the CFMS, the position of Federation Director may be abolished.

f. Museum Curator: The Museum Curator is responsible for the overall management of the Society's museum and for the maintenance and security of the Society's collection. The Museum Curator shall have the authority to assemble a staff of advisors and associate curators in order to carry out his/her responsibilities.

g. Editor: The Editor is responsible for publishing the Society's bulletin. The Editor shall publish general information about the activities of the Society, news of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and any other societies or activities which further the purpose and policies of the Society.

h. Historian: The Historian shall keep a record of exhibitions, field trips, and all other historical data pertaining to the Society.

**Section 3.** Additional committees may be created and appointments to other positions may be made by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** There is no restriction against any person serving in more than one committee or appointed position concurrently. Elected officers may also serve in appointed positions.

**Section 5.** All committee chairpersons shall render a written report to the Society at the Society's Annual Meeting.

**Section 6.** All persons in appointed positions serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may be removed by the Board, at any time, with or without cause.

## **ARTICLE IX: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the nine (9) elected officers of the Society.

**Section 2.** The non-voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the Chairpersons of all Committees and other appointed positions.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Society, shall have general management and control of all property belonging to the Society, and shall possess such powers and perform such duties as the Society shall prescribe.

**Section 4.** The Board of Directors shall transact all necessary business between regular meetings and any business referred to it by the Society. The Board of Directors shall create such Committees as are deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Society. The Board of Directors is subject to orders of the Society. None of its acts shall conflict with any action taken by the Society.

**Section 5.** The Board of Directors shall meet at least four (4) times per year. Special meetings may be called by the President and must be called upon the request of three (3) or more members of the Board.

**Section 6.** Four (4) voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE X: MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** A Regular Meeting time and place shall be determined by a majority vote of the members of the Society.

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be called by the order of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** The Annual Meeting shall be the regular meeting for the month of December. Required business for the Annual Meeting shall include:

- a. The presentation of all annual reports required in these bylaws.
- b. The election of officers for the following year.

**Section 4.** A quorum shall consist of the voting members present at any properly scheduled meeting of the Society.

## **ARTICLE XI: BUSINESS**

**Section 1.** The business conducted at all regular meetings shall include, not necessarily in this order:

- a. Call to order
- b. Reports of Committees
- c. Announcements

d. Unfinished business

e. New business

f. Program or open forum

g. Adjournment

**Section 2.** All commercial activity shall be conducted only after adjournment of the business meeting and program.

**Section 3.** All commercial activity shall be conducted under rules established by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** Where business procedure is not covered by these bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

#### **ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1.** In the event of dissolution of the Society, its assets shall be turned over to the State of California for educational purposes and/or to one or more non-profit organizations or corporations that have educational and/or scientific purposes similar to those of the Society. The selection of the specific organizations to receive the Society's assets shall be determined by the Society's Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all voting members present at any regular meeting of the Society, provided that notice of such vote has been given at the previous regular meeting.

**Section 2.** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Society's Board of Directors at any properly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of amendments made by the Board of Directors shall be promptly provided, in writing, to all members of the Society. The voting members of the Society may nullify any amendment made by the Board of Directors by a simple majority vote at any of the next three (3) regular meetings of the Society following the written notice.

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## 2018 CLUB MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

General Meetings (7:00 PM, 2nd Thursday except February, June and September). There are no General Meetings for July and August

January	May (due to SD Fair)
February	September (starts at 6:00 PM – Pot Luck)
March	October
April	November
May 1	December

Board Meetings (6:30 PM, 1st Thursday except June)

January	July (if needed)
February	August
March	September
April	October
May	November
May (due to Fair)	December

Avocado Festival –

Arts In The Park –

San Diego County Fair –

Fall Festival –

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