

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Membership Committee Guidelines

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Membership Committee (MemCom) shall be to consider all applications for membership and shall pass upon them in accordance with the provision of the Geological Society of the Philippines («Society») By-Laws. It shall cause the names, addresses and positions of all applicants approved by the Committee to be submitted to the GSP Board of Trustees for its action.

In fulfilling its purpose, the MemCom shall :

- (a) accept all membership application, process them and approve or disapprove them accordingly, and submit them to the Board of Trustees for its action ;
- (b) keep a record of all its members ;
- (c) provide advice to the Board of Trustees with respect to membership matters.

2. Membership Committee Composition

The MemCom shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members to be appointed annually and shall include the Secretary as ex-officio voting member.

3. Types of Membership

The membership of the Society shall be classified and defined as follows:

3.1 Regular Member. Any person who is in possession of a valid professional license in geology issued by the Professional Regulation Commission of the Philippines (“PRC”) and engaged in geological work, in teaching geology or in graduate study in geology, may be admitted as a regular member. A regular member of active status has the right to vote and be voted upon as a member of the Board of Trustees or Officer of the Society.

A regular member is deemed to be of active status when he or she pays on time the annual fees and any other assessments, if warranted, to the Society.

3.2 Associate Member. Any person who has completed and had been granted a degree of Bachelor of Science in Geology or allied course by a recognized educational institution may be admitted as an associate member. The definition

of "Allied Course" is any university degree as long as the applicant has past or current experience for at least five (5) years associated with any field of geological endeavor such as in the minerals and energy industries and other similar industries. He/she is not allowed to vote and be voted upon as a member of the Board of Trustees but may serve as Secretary/Assistant Secretary or Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer of the Society and head or be a member of any committee upon nomination and election by the Board of Trustees.

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3.3 Patron. Any person natural or juridical, who subscribes to the aims and purposes of the Society and who agrees to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Society and who will pay Pesos Five Hundred Thousand (₱500,000.00) or more for the welfare of the Society, may be admitted as a patron. A person or its representative has no right to vote nor be voted upon as an officer of the Society.

3.4 Student Member. Any person who is either a third or fourth year student in any school, college or university duly recognized by the government and who has completed at least eight (8) units of geology, may be admitted as a student member. A student member has no right to vote nor to be voted upon as an officer of the Society.

A student member is deemed to be of active status when he or she pays on time the annual fees and any other assessments, if warranted to the Society.

3.5 Honorary Member. Any person who is not a member of the Society, in one way or the other, has contributed his/her distinguished and invaluable service to the cause of geology or related sciences or in the furtherance of the objectives of the Society may be admitted as an honorary member. He/she may participate in the deliberation and discussion in the Society but he/she cannot vote nor be voted upon as an officer of the Society unless he/she is also a regular or life member.

The selection of honorary members will be based on the following criteria, namely: (a) profound contribution(s) to the advancement of the geosciences &/or the geological profession in the Philippines, (b) sponsorship in writing by a regular member of the Society, (c) the candidate is not a member of the Society, (d) submission of his/her curriculum vitae and other relevant information when requested, and (e) approval by the Board of Trustees.

3.6 Life Member. Any person who has been a regular member for at least ten (10) years and of active status may, upon payment of twenty (20) times the annual

dues, be classified and admitted as a Life member. Thereafter, he/she shall not be required to pay annual dues. A life member has the right to vote and be voted upon as an officer of the Society.

4. Membership Application

Any person, having the necessary qualifications and desiring to apply for membership, shall ask for an application form from the Secretary of the Society or download the application form from the Society's website and submit the filled up form to the Secretary of the Society together with the applicant's curriculum vitae.

5. Admission of Members

The duly accomplished form shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Society for transmittal to the MemCom for screening. No screening shall be required for any applicant who applies as a regular member if he/she has passed the PRC licensure examination in the same year as his/her date of application. For other types of members, the membership committee shall, within ten (10) days from receipt of the application, submit its recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The decision of the majority of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be necessary to approve or disapprove an application.

6. Membership Fee

Every member in accordance with his/her classification shall pay a membership fee that shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees of the Society payable within ten (10) days from actual receipt of the notice of the Secretary of the Society. No such notice shall be required for an applicant who has passed his/her PRC licensure examination within the same year as his/her date of application as long as he/she pays a membership fee prior to being sworn in as a regular member of the Society.

7. Annual Fees

Every member in accordance with his/her classification shall pay an annual fee that shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees of the Society payable within the first month of each calendar year.

8. Resignation of Member

Any member may resign from the Society at any time. Such resignation shall be in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Society and shall be submitted to and approved by the Board of Trustees subject to the payment of all outstanding dues and obligations of the resigning member.

9. Delinquent Payment of Annual Dues

Any member who has been delinquent in the payment of annual dues for one year shall not be entitled to vote, be voted upon as a member of the Board of Trustees or Officer of the Society, or receive the publication of the Society. Any member who has been

delinquent in the payment of dues for two years shall be dropped from the Society. The Secretary shall notify in writing the delinquent member of his/her dropping from the Society's roll of members. The time of payment of delinquent dues for either one or two years may be extended by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees.

10. Resignation/Dropping/Suspension of Member

Any member who resigns or is dropped or suspended under the provisions of items 7 and 8 of these rules and regulations ceases to have any right in the Society and ceases to incur further indebtedness to the Society.

11. Reinstatement of Resigned/Dropped Member

Any person who has ceased to be a member under items 7 or 8 of these rules and regulations may be reinstated by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees subject to the payment of any outstanding dues and obligations which were incurred, prior to the date when he/she ceased to be a member of the Society.

12. Required Membership for PRC Licensed Geologists

As implied by Sec. 34 of the Geology Act of 2011 (RA No. 10166) and Sec. 35 of its implementing rules and regulations (PRC Resolution No. 03, Series of 2012), a registered Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) geologist is required to be a regular member of the Society in connection with the practice of his/her profession.