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Article I - Name

The Association shall be called

"THE IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC GEOLOGY"

hereafter also referred to as the IAEG.

Article II - Objects

Section 1 The Objects of the Association shall be:

1.1. To provide an association for geoscientists working in the field of Economic Geology and to advance the science and practice of Mineral Exploration, Mining Geology and Petroleum Geology in Ireland.

1.2. To provide information regarding mineral exploration and mineral production, and to act on behalf of its members in all matters of general concern to the industry.

1.3. To provide information regarding oil/gas exploration and production and to act on behalf of its members in all matters of general concern to the hydrocarbons industry.

1.4. To encourage and assist in the education and employment of geologists and geo-technicians in Ireland.

1.5. To promote an interchange of ideas and information relevant to economic geology, to organise field excursions and regular meetings for the presentation and discussion of papers, and related matters.

Section 2 Amendments to the Objects of the Association

2.1 The Objects of the Association may be amended from time to time by

Resolution of:

i.the Executive Council, or

ii. not less than ten per cent (10%) of the fully paid up Members,

duly passed in the case of an electronic vote by a majority being not less than three quarters (3/4) of such valid electronic votes taken for the purpose of approving such amendment. A special electronic ballot for the purpose of passing such a Resolution shall be held on not less than twenty-one (21) days notice to all of the fully paid up Members."

Article III - Membership

Section 1. The members of the Association shall be persons concerned with the professional application of the geosciences.

Section 2. Various classifications of membership and the qualifications thereof shall be established by the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 3. The word "members" as used throughout this "Code" shall include all classes of membership.

Article IV - Code of Ethics

Section 1 General Principles

1.1 Each member shall be guided by the highest standards of ethics, personal honour, scientific integrity and professional conduct.

1.2 Honesty, integrity, loyalty, fairness, impartiality, candour, fidelity to trust, and inviolability of confidence are incumbent upon every member.

Section 2 Conduct of Members in relation to the Public

2.1 A member will avoid and discourage sensational, exaggerated and unwarranted statements with regard to professional or other matters that might induce participation in unsound enterprises.

2.2 A member will not knowingly permit the publication of his or her reports or maps for any unsound or illegitimate undertaking.

2.3 A member will not give a professional opinion, make a report, or give legal testimony without being as thoroughly informed as might reasonably be expected considering the purpose for which the opinion, report, or testimony is desired, and the degree of completeness of information upon which it is based should be made clear.

2.4 A member may publish dignified business, professional or announcement cards, but shall not advertise his or her work or accomplishments in a self-laudatory or unduly conspicuous manner.

2.5 A member shall not issue a false statement or false information even though directed to do so by employer or client.

Section 3 Conduct of Members in relation to Employer or Client.

3.1 A member shall protect to the fullest extent possible, the interest of his or her employer or client so far as is consistent with the public welfare and his or her professional obligations and ethics.

3.2 A member who finds that his or her obligations to his or her employer or client conflict with his or her professional obligations or ethics should have such objectionable conditions corrected or resign.

3.3 A member will offer to disclose to his or her prospective employer or client the existence of any interest which he or she holds, either directly or indirectly, having a pertinent bearing on such employment.

3.4 A member will not use, directly or indirectly any employer's or client's confidential information in any way which is competitive, adverse, or detrimental to the interest of employer or client.

3.5 A member retained by one client will not accept, without the client's consent, an engagement by another if the interests of the two are in any manner conflicting.

3.6 A member who has made an investigation for any employer or client will not seek to profit economically from the information gained, unless permission to do so is granted, or until it is clear that there can no longer be conflict of interest with the original employer or client.

3.7 A member will not divulge information given him or her in confidence.

3.8 A member will engage, or advise his or her employer to engage, and co-operate with, other experts and specialists whenever the employer's or client's interests would be best served by such service.

3.9 A member shall not accept a concealed fee for referring a client or employer to a specialist or for recommending geological services other than his or her own.

Section 4 Conduct of Members in relationship to other Members.

4.1 A member will not falsely or maliciously attempt to injure the reputation or business of another.

4.2 A member will freely give credit for work done by others to whom the credit is due and will refrain from plagiarism in oral and written communications, and not knowingly accept credit rightfully due to another.

4.3 A member will endeavour to co-operate with others in the science and will encourage the ethical dissemination of geological knowledge.

Section 5 Duty to the Association.

5.1 A member of the Association will endeavour to ensure that applicants for membership follow these standards and are otherwise qualified.

5.2 It shall be the duty and responsibility of every member not only to uphold these standards of ethics in precept and by example, but also, where necessary, to encourage by counsel and advice to other members, their adherence to such standards.

Section 6 Discipline for Violation of Standards.

6.1 Any member violating any of the applicable standards prescribed in this Article shall be subject to discipline as provided by the Bylaws.

Article V - Government

Section 1.

1.1 The government of this Association shall be vested in the ten (10) elected officers who will comprise the Executive Council. The composition of each committee set up by the Council, the manner of selection, the terms of office, the specific duties, responsibilities, and other matters relevant to such committees and officers shall be as provided for in the Bylaws of the Association. Any responsibility and authority of government of the Association not otherwise specified in these governing documents shall be reserved to the Executive Council.

Article VI - Disposition of Assets

Section 1

1.1 The Irish Association for Economic Geology is a non-profit, technical organisation. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the Association shall distribute any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities, to the advancement in Ireland of the teaching and practice of subjects relating to the earth sciences. It is recognised that, under these circumstances, no member of the Association shall have any right or interest in the assets of the Association.

Article VII - Seal

Section 1

1.1 The Irish Association for Economic Geology hereby adopts the seal of the Association impressed hereon.



Article VIII - Bylaws

Section 1

1.1 The Bylaws, as appended hereto, are hereby adopted and may be amended, enlarged, or reduced as provided.

Article IX - Amendments

Section 1 Proposal of Amendments.

1.1 Amendments may be proposed by the following:

- a. Resolution by the Executive Council.
- b. Resolution by a constitutional committee appointed by the President.
- c. A proposal in writing signed by any five (5) Members of the Association.

Section 2 Legality of Amendments.

2.1 The legality of all proposed amendments shall be determined by the Executive Council, with the advice of counsel if necessary, prior to consideration by the members of the Association.

Section 3 Mail Ballot by Members.

3.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting members of the Association responding by electronic ballot.

Section 4 Publication of Amendments.

4.1 Upon the affirmation of legality of the proposed amendments, the Executive Council shall cause them to be published by some suitable means and distributed to members in good standing.

Section 5 Voting on Amendments.

5.1 A two-thirds (2/3) majority favourable vote of the ballots received within thirty (30) days of the date of electronic notification by the Executive Council shall be sufficient to amend.

Section 6 Timing of Amendments.

6.1 To save unnecessary administrative costs, amendments will be considered by the Executive Council and sent to members for balloting on a once yearly basis.

6.2 Thirty (30) days from the date of electronic notification by the Executive Council will be allowed for the receipt of electronic votes by the Executive Council and the results concerning proposed amendments will be available for the Annual General Meeting in December.

6.3 Notwithstanding the above the Executive Council, on the receipt of an amendment in writing proposed and signed by fifteen (15) or more Members, must call an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider the proposed amendment within thirty (30) days of its receipt by the Executive Council.

Article X - Public Liability

Section 1.

1.1 Neither the Trustees nor individual members of the Executive Council nor members of any of the Committees of the Association nor any of the collective members of the Executive Council or of the various Committees, nor individual members of the Association shall be liable (by reason of being members of the Irish Association for Economic Geology) in their respective personal capacities in respect of any claim arising out of a cause of action which occurred in the course of field activities or on or about or in any premises used by the Association for the purpose of holding meetings of the Association or for any other purpose whatsoever where such cause of action resulted in loss, damage or personal injury being caused or occasioned to any person or persons while in the course of such field activities or on or about such premises.

1.2 The Trustees of the Association and the individual and collective members of the Executive Council and of all the various Committees of the Association shall at all times be indemnified, in respect of any cause of action arising in the course of such field activities or on or about such premises, whether due to the negligence, nuisance or otherwise of the Executive Council or of any Committee of the Association of any member of the Executive Council or any member of any Committee of the Association or otherwise by the general body of members for the time being of the Association.

1.3 Opinions, reports, studies and averments of members of the Irish Association for Economic Geology shall at all times be the personal professional views of the individual member and no liability shall attach to the IAEG or any of its members as such in respect of such statements howsoever made or represented.

Bylaw I - Membership

Section 1 Membership classification

1.1 Membership of this Association shall consist of the following classifications:

- (a) Full Members.
- (b) Emeritus Members.
- (c) Honorary Members.
- (d) Student Members.
- (e) Associate Members.
- (f) Corporate Members.
- (g) Overseas Members.

1.2 Classifications (a), (b), and (c) above shall be voting Members.

1.3 Classifications (e), (f), and (g) above shall be non-voting members.

1.4 Only voting Members may hold office, vote in Association affairs or refer to themselves as Members of the Association.

1.5 Those persons who applied for membership and who paid their due subscription prior to November 30th 1973, may refer to themselves as "Founder Members".

Section 2 Full Members.

2.1 Any person engaged in the practice or teaching of economic geology may apply to become a Full Member, provided he or she holds a degree / diploma in geoscience from a College of acceptable academic standards.

2.2 Any person who is and has been continuously engaged in mineral or petroleum/gas exploration or closely related work for a minimum of five (5) years may apply to be a Full Member.

2.3 Any applicant for Membership must be approved by the Executive Council as being suitable for membership. The Executive Council may waive degree of current professional activity requirements if in its judgement an applicant has adequate professional experience and has attained standing in the profession of economic geology.

Section 3 Emeritus Members.

3.1 When a Full Member in good standing in the Association, with all dues paid to date, becomes sixty-five (65) years of age and shall have been a Full Member for at least ten (10) years, he or she shall become an Emeritus Member of the Association upon advising the Secretary of the Association that he or she has passed his or her sixty-fifth (65th) birthday and by requesting such classification of his or her membership. Thereafter he or she shall pay half (1/2) of the amount of dues for Members and shall be entitled to all the privileges and advantages of Membership in the Association.

Section 4 Honorary Members.

4.1 The Executive Council may from time to time elect and admit to membership as an Honorary Member, any person who has contributed distinguished service to the cause of economic geology. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues but shall have all the privileges and advantages of Membership in the Association.

Section 5 Student Members

5.1 Any full-time student in geoscience at a college of acceptable academic standards may apply for student membership.

Section 6 Associate Members.

6.1 Any person not qualified for any other class of membership and who is a graduate of a college of acceptable academic standards with major studies related to, or generally associated with geology may apply for election as an Associate.

6.2 Any person who has been continually engaged in economic geology or related work, for a minimum of three years who is currently engaged in such work, may apply for election as an Associate.

Section 7 Overseas Members.

7.1 Any person eligible for any of the above categories of membership but resident permanently overseas, may opt to become a non-voting member at a reduced subscription.

Section 8 Corporate Members.

8.1 Companies or organisations which have expressed an interest in contributing to the strengthening and advancement of economic geology in Ireland may become Corporate members.

Section 9 Subscriptions.

9.1 The Executive Council shall be authorised by bye-law to fix subscription rates and fees for individual categories of membership, such rates/fees may be altered at the discretion of the Executive Council from time to time. Subscriptions become due on the first day of January each year. Members in arrears for two (2) months automatically lose their right as members, at the discretion of the Executive Council.

Section 10 Election to Membership.

10.1 Every candidate for admission as a member (other than as a Professional, Honorary or Corporate Member) for administration purposes as set out in Section 1 above, shall submit an application on a form as authorised by the Executive Council, signed by the applicant, stating his or her training and experience and such other facts as the Executive Council shall prescribe. The Executive Council shall be the sole judge of the eligibility of the applicant for membership and the adequacy of his or her qualification. If the Executive Council, after due consideration, judge that the applicant's qualifications meet the requirements of the Constitution and these Bylaws, the Council shall deem the candidate to be eligible for Membership and the applicant shall be notified of his or her election. The appropriate dues shall be paid within thirty (30) days of this notification or the eligibility for membership becomes void.

Section 11 Resignation.

11.1 Any member of whatever classification may resign at any time from the Association; such resignations shall be in writing and shall be accepted by the Executive Council.

Section 12 Loss of Membership Rights.

12.1 Any member of whatever classification who resigns, or who forfeits his or her membership for non-payment of dues, or who is expelled by the Executive Council for ethical reasons ceases to have any rights in the Association and ceases to incur further indebtedness to the Association.

Section 13 Reinstatement.

13.1 Any person who has ceased to be a member of whatever classification, who has resigned, or who has forfeited his or her membership for non-payment of dues, unless expelled for ethical reasons may be reinstated by unanimous vote of the Executive Council, subject to the payment of any outstanding dues and/or other indebtedness to the Association on the date when he or she ceased to be a member.

Bylaw II - Executive Council

Section 1 Executive Authority.

1.1 The executive authority of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Council composed of the following Members : -

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Six (6) Council Members
- One (1) Member of the Executive Council shall be the Immediate Past President.

Section 2 Jurisdiction.

2.1 The Executive Council shall have general executive control and management of the affairs and funds of this Association; these shall include but shall not be limited to: supervision of election of officers and filling vacancies; determination of applicant qualifications and classifications; accepting, creating, and administering funds for purposes provided under the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association; appointing trustees to manage such funds; establishing such fiscal policies as may be appropriate; and performing such other administrative duties as required to accomplish the objects and purposes of this Association.

2.2 The Executive Council shall have the authority to expel any member whom it considers to have violated the Code of Ethics. A member prior to the decision of the Executive Council called to consider his or her expulsion shall be entitled to a minimum of twenty one (21) days notice of such a meeting and such a member shall be entitled to attend at such meeting to speak but not to vote. Should the Executive Council decide to expel a member, such a member shall be entitled on twenty eight (28) days notice to cause the Executive Council to call a meeting of all of the members of the Irish Association for Economic Geology. He or she shall be entitled to attend and speak at such meeting, and to be legally represented. A two-thirds (2/3) Majority decision of eligible voting Members at such a meeting may revoke the decision of the Executive Council. A member expelled shall have his or her name deleted from the register of members and shall not imply that he or she is a member of the Irish Association for Economic Geology. A member retains his or her legal right to appeal the decision through the courts of law.

2.3 The Executive Council shall have sole responsibility and authority for all matters involving the external affairs of the Association.

2.4 The Executive Council shall determine the time and place of the Annual General Meeting which will be held in December of each year. The first Annual General Meeting will be held in December 1974.

2.5 The Executive Council shall have the authority to appoint two or more trustees who shall borrow, for the purposes of the Association, such sums as the Executive Council shall direct and on such terms and from such person or persons as the Executive Council shall direct.

Section 3 Meetings of the Executive Council.

3.1 The Executive Council shall meet at such times during the year and at such places as designated by the Executive Council or at the call of the President. Notice of at least five (5) days by mail or otherwise shall be given to the Executive Council prior to meetings unless waived by a quorum. A quorum will consist of six (6) members. No proxy votes shall be allowed and no alternatives may be appointed for absent members.

Bylaw III - Officers

Section 1 Designation.

1.1 The Executive Council shall consist of the following members :-

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Six (6) Council Members

1.2 President.

The President shall be the chief executive officer of this Association. He or she shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Council. He or she shall be spokesman for the Association on all matters pertaining to the public. He or she shall appoint the members of all committees within the limits prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws. He or she shall appoint delegates to co-operating organisations to represent the Association.

1.3 Vice-President.

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to serve. The Vice-President shall assume the office of President in case of a vacancy for any cause in that office. The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President.

1.4 Secretary.

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the actions of the Executive Council and all meetings. He or she shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Executive Council.

1.5 Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall supervise the receipt of all funds and, under the direction of the Executive Council, be responsible for all disbursements of funds of the Association. He or she shall make an annual report as Treasurer and perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Council.

1.6 Council Members.

Council Members will take part and vote in the decision making of the Executive Council.

Section 2 Terms of Office.

2.1 The President and Vice-President, each as such, shall serve a one (1) year term and shall not succeed themselves in office. The Secretary and Treasurer, each as such, shall serve a two (2) year staggered term and shall not succeed themselves in office.

2.2 Including the times defined in (a) above no Council Member may serve more than five (5) years consecutively, *unless nominated to the position of President or assuming the position of Past President, in which case these positions may be completed to full term.*

2.3 The terms of office shall commence immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

Section 3 Election of Officers.

3.1 The officers of the Association shall be elected from among the Members of the Association by means of a secret ballot and in the following manner :- On or before the first (1st) day of October each year the Executive Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) Members, one of whom shall be the immediate Past-President (the President shall serve as the Past-President during the first year of the Association and the first action taken under these rules will be before first (1st) day of October 1974). The remaining two (2) Members shall not be Members of the Executive Council. The nominating Committee shall nominate one (1) or more candidates for each office, provided that each candidate has consented to his or her nomination. These nominations shall be sent electronically to Members in good standing by the fifteenth (15th) day of October. Additional nominations may be made in writing, signed by at least two (2) Members in good standing and consented to by the nominee, and delivered to the Secretary not later than the first (1st) day of November.

3.2 The Ballot Committee, consisting of three (3) Members appointed prior to the first (1st) day of November by the Executive Council shall have electronic ballots prepared listing in alphabetical order the names and addresses of each candidate for each office. The list will be sent by electronic means to all Members in good standing in November and votes, to be valid, must be received by the Secretary in time for the Annual General Meeting. Ballot papers also may be delivered to the Secretary of the Annual General Meeting. The Ballot forms, in sealed envelopes, will be opened at the Annual General Meeting, and the candidate with plurality of votes for each office will be declared elected at that meeting. In the case of a tied vote, the Executive Council shall cast one (1) additional deciding vote.

3.3 The new Executive Council will take office immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

Section 4 Trustees.

4.1 The trustees appointed under Bye-Law II Section 2 of the Constitution of the Association shall be invited to serve for a period of two (2) years but this period may be extended indefinitely at two (2) yearly increments. No trustee need be a member of the Association, but the fact that a person is a trustee shall not prevent him or her from holding any office in the Association. Any trustee may resign from the position of trustee by giving notice in writing to the Executive Council. However, such resignation shall not relieve any trustee from any obligation incurred by him or her to a lender of money while he or she was a trustee.

Section 5 Vacancies.

5.1 A vacancy occurring in the offices of Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by the Executive Council. The officer so serving shall be eligible for election to that office the following year. In the event of other vacancies occurring in the Executive Council, the Executive Council shall co-opt a Member for the remainder of that year.

Bylaw IV - Meetings

Section 1 Annual General Meeting.

1.1 The Annual General Meeting will be held in December each year at a time and place to be designated by the Executive Council.

Section 2 Extraordinary General Meeting.

2.1 The Executive Council may call an EGM at any time. Fifteen (15) or more Members shall be entitled to require the Executive Council to call an EGM. This shall be called after not less than twenty eight (28) days and before not more than fifty six (56) days notice.

Section 3 Executive Council Meetings.

3.1 Executive Council Meetings will be held at a time and place designated by the Executive Council or at the call of the President.

Section 4 Other Meetings.

4.1 Other meetings to hear papers, symposia, etc., will be held at times and places designated by the Executive Council.

Bylaw V - Committees

Section 1 Composition

1.1 The President shall appoint committees and committee members as he or she deems necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of such appointments by the Executive Council.

Section 2 Organisation.

2.1 Committees appointed for special projects and assignments shall have the authority to create their own organisation in the area of entertainment, finance, records or publications or other items that they may deem necessary. They shall at all times be responsible to the President and the Executive Council.

Section 3 Standing Committees.

3.1 The following Standing Committees will be maintained and will be appointed from year to year by the Executive Council :

3.2 A Membership Committee containing not less than two (2) members remitted by the Executive Council.

3.3 A Public Information Committee containing not less than two (2) members remitted by the Executive Council.

3.4 A Meetings, Symposia and Publications Committee containing not less than two (2) members remitted by the Executive Council.

3.5 An Education, Research and Employment Committee containing not less than two (2) members remitted by the Executive Council.

3.6 Rules and Bye Laws Committee containing not less than two (2) members remitted by the Executive Council.

3.7 And others as deemed necessary by the Executive Council.

Section 4 Delegates.

4.1 The President may from time to time appoint delegate(s) to represent the Association subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

Bylaw VI - Affiliated Societies and International Associates

Section 1 Affiliated Societies.

1.1 The Association may affiliate with duly organised local groups or societies, which by objects, aims, constitution, bylaws, or practice are functioning in harmony with the objects and aims of the Association, subject however to the recommendation of the Executive Council.

Section 2 International Associates.

2.1 Those organisations for geological science which are of national scope outside Ireland, whose purposes, activities and governing documents are compatible with those of the Association, may be designated as International Associates by the Association subject to the recommendation of the Executive Council.