

**PLEASANT OAKS GEM AND MINERAL CLUB OF DALLAS
CHARTER AND BY-LAWS**

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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name shall be the Pleasant Oaks Gem and & Mineral Club of Dallas

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The Club is organized for charitable and educational purposes to promote interest in the various earth sciences, in particular those hobbies dealing with the art of cutting and polishing gemstones, the science of gems, minerals and metal crafts, as well as their related fields.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Any person who is interested in learning about rocks, lapidary, minerals, fossils, etc., and is willing to share with other members of the Club the results of their experiences and knowledge may become a member of the Club upon application, acceptance of membership (by approval of two thirds (2/3) of members present at any regular meeting) and payment of dues. The Club shall not discriminate due to race, sex, or religious preference.

Only members with paid membership shall have the right to vote at Club meetings.

Membership shall be of three types: Regular, Junior, Family, and Honorary.

- A. Regular membership shall include persons meeting the requirements of Article III, paragraph 1.
- B. Junior membership shall be available to any person 16 years and under with the approval of parent or guardian and meeting the other requirements of Article III, paragraph 1.
- C. Family membership shall include all members of the same family who meet the requirements of Article III, paragraph 1.
- D. Honorary memberships may be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

A. A member may resign in writing at any time.

B. To expel a member, it is necessary for one or more members to request investigation by the Executive Committee. The accused member shall be given the opportunity to meet in confidential special session with the Executive Committee. If any action is indicated, the Committee will recommend appropriate action at a regular meeting of the Club and upon two-thirds closed ballot vote of the members present, such member may be expelled. If expelled, the member will be given written notification by registered U.S. mail and dues refunded prorated for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

Regular membership and Junior membership dues shall be due November 1, not to be refunded. Membership shall be granted, with dues suspended after August 1st, to any new member upon receipt of full membership dues for the upcoming year (beginning November 1). Dues paid by any member not to be prorated. Any regular member shall not be considered delinquent in dues until the first meeting in January (approximately 60 days) but shall pay full annual membership dues.

The purpose of the dues is to provide funds to cover expenses of operation and such forms of education and supplies as necessary, hence, the rates may be changed or assessments levied from time to time only by the Executive Committee with the approval of two-thirds of the membership present at a regular meeting. Endowments to the Club will be gratefully accepted as long as they have no religious, political, racial, or commercial implications.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin November 1, and the annual meeting to be held in that month.

At the September meeting a nominating committee of five (5) members shall be elected by the duly qualified membership. Their report will be given at the October meeting and the new officers shall be elected from their recommendations or from nominations from the floor. In addition to the officers, the committee nominates a person for Club Editor, Show Chair Person, and Assistant Show Chair Person (Dealer Chair Person). Persons nominated from the floor or by the Committee must be present to accept or decline the nomination or have stated acceptance verbally or in writing previous to the elections. At the November meeting the new officers shall be installed for the ensuing year.

Regular meetings of the Club shall be held once each month as such an hour and location as may be designated by the majority vote of Club membership.

Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or the President at any time. At all meetings (other than special) for the purpose of conducted Club business, at least ten members, including one of the first two officers, must be present.

In a point of question, the Robert's Rule of Order as pertains to Societies shall prevail unless otherwise provided for by these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The elected officers of the Club shall be:

President

1st Vice President in Charge of Programs and Publicity

2nd Vice President in Charge of Shop and Lapidary

Secretary

Treasurer

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chairman, Assistant Show Chairman, Club Editor, and immediate past President or member at large elected by the membership.

Officers shall be installed at November meeting and shall hold office for one year or until their successors shall be installed.

Vacancies occurring from any cause during the terms for which officers are elected shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee at or prior to the next monthly meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee and to abide by and enforce the By-Laws of the Club. He shall be empowered to appoint such committees as he shall deem necessary.

It shall be the duty of the First Vice President in the absence of the President to perform all duties incumbent upon the President. He or she will also plan the programs of all Club meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Second Vice President to be the final arbitrator on all function of lapidary including purchases, usage, and maintenance of equipment and supervision of its use and teachers/supervisors.

The Secretary shall keep the records of the membership of the Club and the minutes of the meetings, and those of the Executive Committee. Additionally, the Secretary shall be

responsible for all other official Club correspondence and permanent files of Chips and Chatter, which shall be turned over to that person's successor.

The Treasurer shall collect all monies and deposit all monies (including dues) in the name of the Club and as designated by the Executive Committee; shall pay all bills, keep a correct account of receipts and disbursements, rendering a monthly report and a full report annually. He/She shall turn over all Club properties in his/her possession to his/her successor when duly installed. The Treasurer or Secretary shall be authorized to disburse funds.

ARTICLE VIII

EARNING RESTRICTIONS

No part of the earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, , officers or other private persons, except that the Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. Individual Club members may do swapping or trading at any time, but members are responsible for remitting taxes to the state for any sales that they make. Trading shall not interfere with the orderly conducting of Club meetings.

ARTICLE IX

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Business of Special Executive Committee meetings may be conducted with a quorum of 50% of the committee present.

The immediate past President or a duly elected or appointed individual shall serve as Club delegate to the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies meetings or shows. The Executive Committee, , shall generally administer the affairs of the Club and supervise the finances. Expenditures in excess of fifty dollars must be approved by the Executive Committee or a floor majority vote.

ARTICLE X

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Dissolution of the Club may occur at any regular meeting of the Club by a vote of the two-third majority of members present and voting provided notice has been given at the previous regular meeting and said notification printed in the Chips and Chatter Newsletter. Dissolution becomes effective upon the official announcement of the vote.

Upon a vote to dissolve the Club, or the lapse of this Charter and By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Club, shall dispose of the remaining assets of the Club in such a manner or to such organizations formed and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes.