

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GEOLOGIC EXHIBITION ORGANIZATION  
(G.E.O.)  
AT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ARTICLE I.           NAME**

Section I.       The name of this organization shall be Geologic Exhibition Organization at Angelo State University (G.E.O.).

**ARTICLE II.        PURPOSE**

Section I.       The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- A. Discuss the study of geology and how it affects us.
- B. Conduct research projects related to different aspects of geology, including field trips.
- C. Provide and stimulate leadership among all persons engaged in geology.
- D. Serve as a campus clearinghouse for information pertinent to students, faculty and staff interested in geology and the Geosciences major and minor offered at Angelo State University.

**ARTICLE III.       MEMBERSHIP**

Section I.       The membership of the Geologic Exhibition Organization shall be open to: all currently enrolled, full-time or part-time, graduate or undergraduate students at Angelo State University; alumni; and any interested members of the faculty or staff at Angelo State University.

Section II.      Each member shall be entitled to participate in meetings.

Section III.     Each member who is a full-time student shall be eligible to run for office.

Section IV.     Each member shall be eligible to hold membership on organization committees.

Section V. Each student member shall be eligible to vote on organizational matters.

#### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

Section I. The officers of the Geologic Exhibition Organization shall act as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected by the membership of the organization in the manner described in this constitution. These officers shall comprise the Executive Committee.

Section II. Officers of this organization must be student members of the organization.

Section III. Candidates for office must be full-time students who are in good standing with the University and possess overall grade average of at least 2.0. Elected officers must continue to meet these standards throughout their term of office.

Section IV. Officers shall be elected at the end of the Academic Year at the second to last general meeting. Elections will be held at the end of the fall semester if an officer position opens.

Section V. The election ballot shall be created by floor nominations. A minimum of two (2) candidates for each office shall appear on the election ballot.

Section VI. Candidates shall declare a willingness to serve in the positions for which they have been nominated or decline nomination.

Section VII. Each officer shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast.

Section VIII. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall each have an Academic Year term.

Section IX. The following duties shall be assigned to the officers:

A. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the organization, shall preside at all organization meetings, and shall be an ex-officio member of customary to the office and such additional duties as directed by the Executive Committee.

- B. VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall succeed the President of the organization in the event that the President resigns or is unable to continue in office. The Vice President shall perform other duties as assigned by the President. The Vice President shall preside at meetings during the President's absence.
- C. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep the non-financial records of the organization and shall be responsible for:
  - 1. Recording the minutes of general meetings;
  - 2. Recording the minutes of Executive Committee meetings, and;
  - 3. Maintaining a current list of membership with telephone numbers, mailing addresses, and e-mail addresses.

The secretary will also perform additional duties assigned by the President.

- D. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the organization and shall be responsible for:
  - 1. Maintaining accurate accounting records;
  - 2. Authorizing and signing checks approved by the organization; and
  - 3. Reporting the financial status at each general meeting.

The Treasurer shall also perform additional duties assigned by the President.

## **ARTICLE V. FACULTY ADVISOR**

- Section I. The organization will select a member of the faculty of full-time staff of Angelo State University to serve as an organization advisor. It is recommended that the advisor has some background in geology.

## **ARTICLE VI. QUORUM**

- Section I. A quorum of at least one-half of the entire membership must be present in order to conduct business.

**ARTICLE VI. BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS**

- Section I. By-laws consistent with this constitution shall be adopted or amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the votes cast.
- Section II. Amendments to this constitution may be initiated by the Executive Committee or upon petition to the Executive Committee by ten percent of the membership.
- Section III. The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the votes cast.
- Section IV. The constitution was adopted by the Geologic Exhibition Organization at Angelo State University on September 8, 2008.

**ARTICLE VII. HAZING**

- Section I. Hazing is defined by S.B. 24, 70<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, is prohibited by State law and University policy. "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students and an educational institution.