

Rules of the New Zealand Geochemical and Mineralogical Society

1. The name shall be “New Zealand Geochemical and Mineralogical Society”
2. The objects of the Society shall be:
 - (a) To advance education by the promotion of geochemistry and mineralogy and facilitate the interaction between those involved in geological and chemical research and application. Such interaction is by sharing of geochemical and mineralogical information gained by university, government, industrial or private research with all other researchers, public and students, through publication, conferences, press releases and personal interactions.
 - (b) To publish a newsletter: The New Zealand Geochemical and Mineralogical Society Newsletter. The newsletter is to be made available publicly on the internet and to all universities and research groups.
 - (c) To hold a biennial conference and biennial general meeting at which the officers shall be elected. The conferences shall be open to all interested in geochemistry and mineralogy, and student participation encouraged. Prizes shall be offered for presentations by students.
3. The financial accounting period shall be two yearly, to 31 March, with accounts to be presented at the biennial general meeting. The biennial general meeting shall elect the treasurer and secretary and two or more signatories for the bank accounts. Two signatories are required on all cheques and bank / financial documents. Subscriptions shall be set at the biennial annual meeting or, if not, shall remain the same as previously.
4. The officers of the Society shall be: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and up to 6 other members.
5. Authority to change these rules (except the winding up provision) may be attained by majority committee vote by correspondence rather than at a general meeting. Attempts will be made to continue the informality desired by the Society’s founders.
6. Any income, benefit, or advantage must be used to advance the charitable purposes of the organisation.
No member of the organisation, or anyone associated with a member, is allowed to take part in, or influence any decision made by the organisation in respect of payments to, or on behalf of, the member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage. Any payments made to a member of the organisation, or person associated with a member, must be for goods or services that advance the charitable purpose and must be reasonable and relative to payments that would be made between unrelated parties.
7. In the event of the Society being wound up, assets shall be transferred to one or more societies with similar or related interests to those of the Society and are charitable under New Zealand law. Winding up shall require a two thirds majority at a general meeting.