

Constitution of Willamette Valley Miners

PURPOSE: To keep alive the spirit, and preserve the rights and privileges of all miners and prospectors, by educating and encouraging small-scale mining and helping establish a positive image of today's mineral prospectors and miners.

Article I. National Cooperation: Members are encouraged to support and join other similar organizations.

Article II. Membership & Dues:

Section I. Membership: Membership is open to all.

Section II. Dues: Annual dues to be a donation for an individual or families, including children less than 18 years living in the same household. Dues for officers are waived for the year holding office. Program Director, Raffle Director, Government Affairs and others may have their dues waived by a vote from the Board of Directors. Lifetime Membership must be voted in by the members present at a regularly held meeting.

Article III. Regular WVM Meetings:

Section I. Timing: Regular WVM meetings shall be held.

Section II. Transactions and Special Meeting: Transactions of Legal, binding WVM business, legal business and urgent matters, require 7 members, consisting of at least 2 officers and 5 members. The Officer calling the meeting must notify all other officers, and contact as many members as needed.

Section III. Guests: Guests are welcome at any regular WVM meeting. During outings guest must be invited by a paid member. While on WVM claims, guest may assist with member's equipment, not their own. Member shall be responsible for their guest.

Article IV. Duties of WVM officers

Section I. President: Facilitates meetings, coordinates information to members, co-sign checks as approved, assists political committee activities, and conducts meetings in an organized manner.

Vice-President: Serve as Sargent of Arms. Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. If the President's position is determined to be vacant, the Vice-president shall fill that vacancy until next regularly held elections.

Secretary: Take minutes of the meetings, mail/post completed minutes and monthly meeting notice, assists with correspondence projects: copies, ect.. Co-signs checks as approved.

Treasurer: Maintain financial records, reports fiscal status every meeting, maintains records of dues, co-signs checks as approved.

Auditors: 2 auditors shall be selected from the WVM membership at large. The auditors shall audit, sign, and date the treasurer's books before they are presented to the membership at the first meeting of the annual year.

Board of Directors: Shall consist of the elected officers and the immediate past officers.

Section II. Elections: Active members shall hold election of officers every year at the regular November meeting.

Time to take office: All appointees shall assume their duties in January.

Term Limits: Officers may hold a position for 2 terms. Then they must vacate the position for 1 year, however, they may accept another position during that time. Filling a Vacancy for 6 months or less does not count as a term.

Vacancies: Vacancies occurring prior to the regular election shall be filled by election at the next regular WVM meeting following the vacancy. The board of directors shall have the responsibility of declaring an office vacant when it is determined that the necessary duty of that office has not been, or cannot be fulfilled.

Registered Agent: An active member shall be designated as the registered agent. Responsibilities are to be primary contact of Incorporation paperwork and perform annual corporate filing with the Corporate Division of the Secretary of State.

Article V. Financial:

Section I. Fiscal year vs. Annual year: WVM's fiscal year shall extend from December 1 thru November 30. WVM's annual year extends from January 1 thru December 31.

Section II. Expenditure Signature Requirements: All checks shall have 2 (two) signatures. No related officers can sign the same check. Payee shall not be a cosigner of any WVM checks.

Section III. Expenditure Signature Requirements: Approved signatures on WVM checks shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer.

Section IV Expenditure: No funds shall be allotted to individuals other than for WVM operations, related issues or to preserve the rights of miners. All funds other than for normal WVM operations shall be voted on at a regularly held meeting.

Article VI. Amendments: This constitution may be amended at any legally constituted regular WVM meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided such amendment has been submitted to the membership in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Article VII. Non-Profit Article of Incorporation

Section I. Dispersal of WVM assets: In the event of dissolution of WVM, all assets will be dispersed to an established mining organization actively involved in promoting mining interest. The mining organization will be determined by a majority vote at the last regular WVM meeting.

Article VIII. Government Affairs

Section I: Keeps WVM members informed regarding legislation at the State and federal levels. (This position may not always be filled).