

North America Research Group By-Laws

Article I - General

NARG shall be a non-political, non-commercial and non-profit organization organized as a 501C3 nonprofit group.

Article II – Meetings

2.1 Board Members Meeting

Board members will meet at least 4 times per year to discuss business of the organization. All Members are welcome to board meetings.

2.2 Members Meeting

The Members meeting will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

2.3 Meeting Location

Meetings will be held at a scheduled location as determined by the Board of Directors. Meeting location change, such as required by scheduling conflicts, will be communicated to the membership in a timely manner.

Article III - Code of Ethics

3.1 All members of NARG are expected to conduct themselves ethically and orderly during all meetings and functions, and refrain from any behavior that would undermine the good name of NARG.

3.2 Members shall not claim to be conducting NARG business unless they actually are at the time, nor represent themselves to be members of the Group while engaged in any questionable collecting or improper activities on their own.

3.3 Members may be expelled from the club for criminal convictions and violations of Federal or State laws and regulations regarding antiquities, fossils, or geological resources. All such proposed expulsions must be voted on by the club membership and passed by a majority of the members voting.

Article IV - Membership

4.1 Requirements:

Any person of good character who is interested in the objectives of NARG is eligible for membership, and may become a regular member on payment of the dues as determined in the bylaws.

4.2 Membership Dues:

Membership dues are \$25.00 (individual membership), \$10.00 (junior membership, under age 18), and \$40.00 (family membership) annually and are due on the anniversary of their initial joining of the club.

4.3 Honorary memberships:

Honorary memberships may be offered to professional groups, faculty, staff and students of University departments, exemplary amateur and professional paleontologists (and related sciences), past speakers and external advisors.

Honorary members will have their membership dues waived. They will receive meeting notifications, Newsletters, and will be included in the electronic club system (currently Google Groups).

Honorary memberships can be converted to regular memberships upon payment of general membership dues.

Honorary members will not have a vote in general membership issues.

Honorary memberships for students will expire 6 months after graduation unless renewed by a general membership vote.

Honorary members will be nominated at the general membership meetings and voted on by the paid members.

4.4 Removal of members

Members shall be removed from the electronic club system, mailing lists and other communication methods eighteen (18) months after their last payments of dues. [Essentially, 6 months after a failure to renew their memberships].

Article V - Officers, Board members and Elections

5.1 Appointments

Board members shall be elected annually by the general membership during the February meeting.

5.2 Duties of Officers

President: The President shall preside over the meetings of the Group and of the Board of Directors.

Vice President: At the request of the President, or in the event of his/her absence or disability, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions placed upon the President. He/she shall also serve as program chairperson.

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep meeting minutes of all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors, and shall conduct the correspondence and maintain the records of the Members as the Board of Directors may direct; shall be prepared at all times to furnish information on the rulings of the Group.

Treasurer: The Treasurer will keep records of all moneys received and shall approve all disbursements from the Group account after they have been approved by the board or by the officers who were responsible for the bills incurred.

Board Member: The board member(s) represents the interest of the regular members.

5.3 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected board members.

5.4 Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed if they have broken the principles of NARG or are not acting in its best interest. Officers are removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article VI - Trips and Workshops

6.1 NARG sponsored trips and workshops are generally reserved for NARG members only. Members who wish to bring a guest must have prior approval from the Trip/Workshop Coordinator.

6.2 All fossil specimens collected on NARG sponsored trips are for educational and research and may not be used for commercial purposes.

6.3 Participants in field trips agree to abide by the rules of and policies of the site owners and managers.

6.4 Members and guests may be required to sign release forms to participate in field trips and workshops.

6.5 No minors (persons under 18 years of age) may participate in field trips unless accompanied by an adult responsible for the safety and conduct of said minors.

6.6 Honorary members and their families will be allowed on NARG sponsored trips and workshops.

Article VII – Committees

7.1 Committees may be created according to need for a specific function or purpose. They will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

7.2 Standing and special committees shall be established and dissolved by the board of directors as needed.

7.3 Chairpersons of each committee shall enlist participants and call committee meetings as needed.

7.4 Committee chairpersons shall report their activities at each regular meeting or as requested by the board.

7.5 Expenses anticipated by the committee shall be reviewed with and approved by the Board of Directors.

7.6 If a committee chairperson cannot continue his/her duties, the Board of Directors will appoint a willing replacement.

Article VIII - Liability Disclaimers and Miscellaneous Policies

NARG and its board members assume no liability for any harm to persons or property in connection with any field trips, workshops, meetings, or other functions arranged by NARG.

Article IX - Change of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely, Greg Carr 4/19/2026.