

## **ES-SEPM Constitution (revised & adopted March 2023)**

### **Article I. NAME**

This section will be known as the Eastern Section of the SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology).

### **Article II: OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the Section is to promote the science of geology in eastern North America and adjacent areas through research in sedimentology, sedimentary petrology, paleontology, ichnology, and stratigraphy. The Section will cooperate with the Northeastern and Southeastern Sections of the Geological Society of America for the furtherance of mutual objectives.

### **Article III: MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Section shall be composed of Members and Student Members.
2. Members of the Section will be persons engaged in sedimentological, paleontological, or stratigraphic research and who work or reside in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and the Provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and that portion of the Province of Ontario east of the 89th meridian. Members may also be persons who do not reside in the section region but who conduct sedimentological, paleontological, or stratigraphic research therein.
3. Student members will be persons who are enrolled in a college or university or conduct sedimentological, paleontological, or stratigraphic research within the geographic area of the Section.
4. Candidates for membership will make application to the Secretary/Treasurer. Upon approval thereof (based on evidence provided on the application that the applicant meets the criteria specified above) and payment of dues, the Secretary/Treasurer will notify the applicant of the acceptance.
5. Members and Associates of the SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) who reside or conduct sedimentological, paleontological, or stratigraphic research within the geographic area of the Section will become members of the Eastern Section automatically upon submission of an application and payment of dues.

### **Article IV. COUNCIL and OFFICERS**

1. Executive authority of the Section will be vested in a **Council** comprising four elected officers and the most recent Past-President. The officers elected by the membership of the Section will be **President, Vice President, Newsletter Editor, and Secretary/Treasurer.**
2. The Council will consider all candidates for membership and pass on the qualifications of the applicants, and will have ultimate control and management of the affairs and funds of the Section.
3. The Council will appoint the **Councilor for the Northeast** and **Councilor for the Southeast** on an annual basis. The Councilors will act as the Section's liaison with the committee organizing the annual meetings of the Northeastern and Southeastern Sections of the Geological Society of America, and will help in making local arrangements for concomitant meetings of the Eastern Section of SEPM.
4. The term of office for all elected officers is two years. Elections for President and Vice President shall occur together, alternately with the election for Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Officers are elected by a majority vote among ballots received by the secretary within thirty (30) days after the ballot is distributed to the Members.
5. The President will discharge the usual duties of a president as well as act as presiding officer at all meetings of the Section and Council. The Section President is the official representative for the Section to the Council of the SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology).
6. The Vice-President will assume the duties of the President in the case of absence or disability of the President.
7. The President and Vice-President shall not succeed themselves in office except if the Vice-President replaces the President, in which case the former Vice-President is eligible to a full term as President.
8. In the event that neither the President nor the Vice-president is available to serve as presiding officer of the Section, the immediate Past-President will assume the President's duties.
9. The Newsletter Editor will prepare and distribute the Section newsletter based on material submitted by members and officers of the Section, and other such information as deemed relevant to the Section membership. Newsletters should be circulated at least during each spring and fall, and at other times as occasion demands.
10. The Secretary/Treasurer will keep records of the proceedings of the Section and a complete list of the membership of the Section, prepare membership application forms,

review applications for qualifications and other materials necessary to the Section's business.

11. The Secretary/Treasurer will also have responsibility for all funds of the Section, will keep an account of receipts and disbursements, and will submit that account to the membership at the annual business meetings.

#### **Article V. MEETINGS**

1. The Section will hold two meetings each year to be conducted in connection with the annual meetings of the Northeastern and Southeastern Sections of the Geological Society of America. In years when the GSA NE and SE Sections meet jointly, only one Eastern Section of SEPM meeting will be held.
2. The annual meetings shall be devoted to the presentation and discussion of scientific papers (in the form of symposia or theme sessions, or both, organized and sponsored by the Section via the Council), to the transaction of section business, and other appropriate functions.

#### **Article VI. AMENDMENTS**

Any proposed amendments to the Constitution must first be approved by a majority of the Council and then passed by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast in either the annual ballot for officers or of those members attending the designated business meeting of the Section.