

INTRODUCTION

The Original Charter of Incorporation was granted to the Geological Society by King George IV in 1825. A Supplemental Charter was granted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and issued in 2005. It preserved the original date of incorporation of the Institution but revoked the old Charter, which will, of course, be preserved in the archives of the Society.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

Second Supplemental Charter of [YEAR]

Version 7.6

PREAMBLE

CHARLES THE THIRD by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

WHEREAS His Majesty King George the Fourth by Royal Charter (hererinafter referred to as 'the original Charter') dated the twenty third day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty five constituted a body corporate by the name of 'The Geological Society of London' (hereinafter referred to as 'the Society') with perpetual succession and a Common Seal:

AND WHEREAS a Supplemental Charter (hereinafter referred to as the First Supplemental Charter) was granted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second in the year two thousand and five, to allow amendments to certain Articles of the original Charter:

AND WHEREAS the Society has by an humble petition represented to Us that while it does actively carry out and continuously throughout its existence has carried out the main object of the original Charter and fostered and increased the understanding of the mineral structure of the Earth and knowledge of the art and science of geology, it is desirable, for the better governance of the Society and to update the provisions to better fit current needs, for a further Supplemental Charter to be granted:

AND WHEREAS the Society has therefore petitioned Us praying that We would be graciously pleased to grant it a further Supplemental Charter:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW, THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of our Royal Prerogative in that behalf and of all others powers enabling Us so to do of Our Especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors will grant direct, appoint and declare as follows:

THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

1. The provisions of the original Charter of 1825 (except in so far as they incorporate the Society and confer upon it perpetual succession and a Common Seal) and the First Supplemental Charter of 2005 shall be and are hereby revoked, but nothing in this revocation shall affect the validity or legality of any act, deed or thing already done or executed thereunder.

OBJECTS

2. THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON is instituted for the purpose of "advancing and sharing knowledge of planet Earth and beyond for the benefit of humanity". This remit is discharged by:
 - 2.1. improving knowledge and understanding of the history, structure, constitution and dynamics of the Earth and its processes;
 - 2.2. promoting all forms of education, awareness and understanding of the Earth and their practical applications for the benefit of the public globally;
 - 2.3. and promoting professional excellence and ethical standards in geoscience for the public good.

POWERS

3. And the Society shall have the following powers exercisable in furtherance of its said Objects but not otherwise, namely:
 - 3.1. to operate as a membership society holding relevant meetings, engaging in associated research and publishing activity, and maintain a specialist library;
 - 3.2. The Society shall be governed by a Council of Trustees (hereafter referred to as the Council) consisting of such number of members with such qualifications and to be elected or constituted as members of the Council and to hold Office for such period and on such terms as to re-election or otherwise as the By-laws for the time being of the Society shall prescribe;
 - 3.3. to award the individual professional designation of 'Chartered Geologist' (but no other additional individual Chartered designation unless the Charter is changed to allow it) to those members meeting the eligibility criteria set down in the Byelaws and Regulations, including compliance with conditions for Continued Professional Development;

- 3.4. to create and maintain a Register of Chartered Geologists admitting and removing practitioners according to the Society's Byelaws and Regulations and to regulate their professional conduct and discipline;
- 3.5. Chartered Geologists shall be entitled to use the post nominal initials FGS CGeol (provided that no other post nominal initials may include the word 'Chartered' unless the Charter is changed to allow it);
- 3.6. In addition to and outside of the provisions of Articles 3.3 and 3.5, the Society may award individual Chartered designations or other similar titles (and associated post nominals) under licence from other authorised Chartered bodies.
- 3.7. Designate as Licensed Bodies those Member Bodies which demonstrate to the satisfaction of Council their competence to assess individuals for initial and continuing Chartership and which regulate the conduct of their members, license them to admit such individuals to a register, and monitor the additions and deletions they make to the register and provide guidance on the codes of conduct and disciplinary procedures of such Member Bodies;
- 3.8. to serve the public interest by acting in an advisory, consultative or representative capacity in matters relating to the science and practise of geoscience and to cooperate with any relevant organisations as may be;
- 3.9. to raise funds from any persons by way of subscription, donation, legacy and other relevant activities, and to invest excess monies having taken suitable advice;
- 3.10. to acquire and dispose of real or personal property and its rights and privileges accordingly and to turn to account any of the Society's assets;
- 3.11. to assume the trusteeship and management of such trust funds for medals, prizes, lectures and other relevant purposes;
- 3.12. to make suitable arrangements for undertaking the work of the Society including the creation of any desirable trust funds and trading companies and employing necessary staff;
- 3.13. to create such Byelaws as the Council may consider necessary for the good administration of the Society.
- 3.14. to do all such other lawful and charitable things as are necessary for the attainment of the Objects of the Society;

APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY

4. (i) In the investment of monies belonging to, or held by, the Society, the Society shall seek such advice as it may see fit and shall take into account any law relating to charitable or other investment applicable at the time of such investment. Subject as aforesaid no liability shall attach to any Officer, member or employee of the Society in respect of any loss or depreciation of any investment so made as aforesaid and any investment may be varied from time to time at the discretion of the Society.

(ii) Trustees shall not be paid as Trustees but may be paid if they undertake non-trustee work which would otherwise have to be contracted to independent providers.

(iii) The income and property of the Society from wherever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its Objects as set forth in this Our Charter and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the Society.

Provided that:

(a) the Society's Objects shall not extend to the representation of the interests of members with regard to their conditions of employment, and

(b) nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Society:-

(i) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member or Trustee of the Society for any agreed services rendered to the Society;

(ii) to any member or Trustee of the Society of reasonable and approved out-of-pocket expenses.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

5. The Council may by resolution passed by a majority of Trustees and confirmed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a General Meeting revoke, amend or add to this Our Charter and any such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Privy Council become effectual so that the original Charter and this our Supplemental Charter as the case may be shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. Provided that no such revocation, amendment or addition shall be made which shall cause the Society to cease to be a charity in law. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

BYELAW AMENDMENT

6. The Society may by a Special Resolution passed at a General Meeting by not less than two-thirds of those members voting revoke amend or add to the Byelaws for the time being in force but no Byelaws so made shall have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, of which approval a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence and provided that no such Byelaws or amendments thereof shall be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter.

6.1. The Byelaws of the Society are hereby revoked, and replaced with the Byelaws set out in the First Schedule to this Supplemental Charter. Nothing in this revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed, or thing legally done or executed under the former provisions.

CHARTER SURRENDER

7. The Council may by resolution passed and confirmed as required by Article 5 hereof surrender this Our Charter and any Supplemental Charter and wind up the affairs of the Society. Provided that no such resolution shall take effect unless and until We, Our Heirs or Successors in Privy Council shall think fit to accept such surrender on such terms or conditions and subject to such modification (if any) as We or they shall think fit.
8. If on the winding up or dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Society or any of them but shall (subject to any special trusts affecting the same) be given and transferred to some charitable association or associations having Objects similar to the object of the Society and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as specified in this our Charter. Such charitable associations to be determined by the passing of a resolution at or before the time of the dissolution.

CONCLUSION

9. And We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters or the enrolment or exemplification thereof shall be in all things good firm valid and effectual according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken construed and adjudged in all Our Courts of law and elsewhere in the most favourable and beneficial sense and for the best advantage of the Society any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter, or thing whatsoever notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the [] day of [] in the [] year of Our Reign

BY WARRANT UNDER THE KING'S SIGN MANUAL

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