

Articles of Incorporation

Article 1: The name of the organization is Central Oregon Rock Collectors.

Article 2: The principal place of business is 20231 Star Ridge Ct, Bend, OR 97703.

Article 3: The purpose of this club is to bring together those who have an interest in the collection and identification of rocks, gems, minerals, petrified wood and fossils.

Article 4: The purpose of the club shall be a nonprofit club, as outlined under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or any future changes or laws) with these objectives:

- A. To participate in the collection of lapidary rock, fossils and mineral specimens, to enhance the collective informal study of lapidary and geology, and to stimulate interest in the preservation, setting aside, and sharing of claim rights (affiliated clubs and those of private ownership).
- B. To conduct its affairs without profit and to refrain from using its assets for the pecuniary benefit of any individual, organization or group.
- C. To be organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including making donations to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations.

Article 5: The club will be affiliated with the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Other state and/or national affiliations are not precluded.

Article 6: Membership will be open to all persons, without regard to age, gender, race, color, sexual orientation, disability, religion or creed, who are genuinely interested in the promotion of club objectives and purposes. Dues will be collected annually to support the goals of this club.

Article 7: The affairs of this club shall be guided by an Executive Board.

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of the duly elected President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer; the immediate Past President; and the appointed Chairs of the Program and Field Trip Committees, the Newsletter Editor, and the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Representatives.
- B. Election of officers shall be held annually at the November meeting. The first official meeting for the new officers will be the winter Executive Board meeting following the election.

Article 8: The By-Laws hereto adopted by the Central Oregon Rock Collectors shall constitute the parliamentary and operating instructions for the operation of the club.

- A. The By-Laws shall empower the club to make and enforce rules and regulations to so govern itself on a local basis, both consistent with and not contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by its affiliated bodies.
- B. The club may make contracts in accordance with State and Federal Tax Laws. It may own and hold property subject to approval of local, state and federal laws.

Article 9: Upon 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the active membership, this club may be dissolved in accordance with the tax exempt organizations under Internal Revenue Service and state tax regulations. All sales or donations of club assets are to be donated to the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, Portland, OR.

Adopted this date _____, 2019, by the Executive Board below:

President: _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Immediate Past President _____

Field Trip Committee Chair _____

Program Committee Chair _____

Northwest Federation Representative _____

Newsletter Editor _____