# CONSTITUTION of the ALBUQUERQUE GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

# PREAMBLE

THE ALBUQUERQUE GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, a New Mexico non-profit corporation, shall be dedicated to the advancement and enjoyment of the earth sciences and associated subjects. Its primary purpose is the exchange of information and the furtherance of the knowledge of mineralogy, gem-cutting and geology, and to stimulate interest in the development of related studies. It is composed of individuals, who have chosen gems and minerals as an area of primary interest.

# ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club" with the official abbreviation of "AGMC".

#### **ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

The Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club invites to its membership anyone who is interested in minerals, gems, lapidary, geology, or any of the earth sciences, and desires to associate with others with like interests.

### **ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION**

This corporation may affiliate with other organizations that have like interests upon two thirds vote of the AGMC members present at two successive general meetings.

### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The officers of this corporation consist of nominated, and elected or appointed officials as spelled out in the AGMC By-Laws. The officers will be nominated and elected or appointed as spelled out in the AGMC bylaws. The officers will serve from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year following their election/appointment. Committees may be established to assist the functioning of the AGMC. The officers and committee chairs will make up the Board of Directors for the corporation.

### ARTICLE V - ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be in November whereupon the membership shall be asked to vote for their chosen Board members from a full slate of officers. The newly elected officers will be officially installed during the December party.

### **ARTICLE VI - VOTING QUALIFICATIONS**

Current members, as defined by the AGMC Bylaws are entitled to vote. Voting may be done by absentee ballot, if such vote is submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the election or other event/circumstance requiring a vote.

### **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended at a general membership meeting in accordance with the bylaws Article IX, Section 2."

### **ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, after the payment of all debts and liabilities, the assets of the corporation shall inure, in equal amounts, to the benefit of the University of New Mexico and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology for the granting of scholarships to students in Earth Science related fields.