

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC**

Incorporated April 10, 1950

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WE THE UNDERSIGNED Residents of the State of Washington and citizens of the United States, Being desirous of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Washington, Section 3863 of Remington Statutes, hereby adopt and approve the following articles.

ARTICLE 1

The name of the corporation shall be Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business of this corporation and its Post Office address shall be 5409 W 26th Ave., Kennewick, Washington, 99338.

ARTICLE III

The object and purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

1. To affiliate all mineral societies in the northwest, who may want to do so, into a federation to increase the knowledge and popular interest in geology, mineralogy, the lapidary arts and related subjects.
2. To assist in the formation of Earth Science Societies in localities where public interest justifies their formation.
3. To provide informational programs for the use of its member clubs
4. To provide educational materials such as slide programs and displays for use of the clubs.
5. To distribute educational material to the general public.
6. To sponsor a periodical journal which contains articles relating to gems and minerals and suggestions for care, collection and handling of these materials.
7. To furnish information on field trips for the observation of geological phenomena and the collection of rocks and minerals
8. To conduct an annual gem and mineral show, which is open to the general public, for the purpose of conducting educational programs in the form of displays, demonstrations, seminars and lectures.
9. To cooperate or affiliate with similar federations
10. To establish and maintain a Federation which shall be non-political and non-commercial.
11. To conduct its affairs without profit and to refrain from using its assets for pecuniary benefit of any individual, organization or group.
12. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
13. In the event of dissolution of the federation, all of its assets, properties and funds shall be turned over to one or more nonprofit organizations created for the like or similar purposes who are qualified for tax exemption under section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV

Membership in this corporation shall be open to any duly organized mineral, geological, or gem societies, in the Pacific Northwest or elsewhere that are organized by strictly hobby and noncommercial groups.

ARTICLE V

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by an assembly of Directors, which shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as ex-officio members and one Director from each member society duly elected from that group.

ARTICLE VI

Election of officers of this corporation shall be held annually at the Annual Meeting of this corporation, which will be held in conjunction with the Annual Show and Convention as established by the Host Society and approved by the Assembly of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

The By-Laws heretofore adopted by the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies shall be the By-Laws for the Corporation.

Original ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION were filed with the Secretary of the State of Washington, April 10, 1950. ARTICLE V and VII were Amended March 11, 1965, ARTICLE III was Amended October 4, 1973, ARTICLE 11 address changed December 6, 1974, ARTICLE 111-12., Amended October 16, 1975, ARTICLE V amended September 9, 1988. ARTICLE II Address changed November 26, 1995.

Respectfully submitted from written documents available as of this date March 26, 1998.

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