



Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA

BALTIC STUDENT CHAPTER BYLAWS

Article I - Bylaws

Present document is in accordance with the postulates of the **Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA Constitution** (effective 01.01.2001) and the By-Laws of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA. The Baltic Student Chapter Bylaws determines the principles of the Baltic Student Chapter activity.

Bylaws approval is decided solely on a public vote by the Baltic Student Chapter members. The document shall be submitted to all of the Baltic Student Chapter members and be put to the vote. Every member has a right of vote by paper or electronic ballot. The requirements for establishing the new Bylaws are at least 50% frequency and absolute majority.

Baltic Student Chapter Bylaws shall be accepted by the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA Council.

Article II - Status

SGA Student and Young Scientist Chapters are the integral part of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA. The Baltic Student Chapter has an international character and associates students and young scientists from Baltic region countries. The supervisors of the Chapter are Prof. Adam Piestrzyński and Dr Eilu Pasi.

Article III - Name

The full name of this Student Chapter of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA is the SGA Baltic Student and Young Scientist Chapter. In short, it shall be designated as "SGA BSC". It shall be referred to hereinafter as "the Chapter".

Article IV - Purpose

The main objectives are consistent with those included in the article III (1) of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA Constitution (effective 01.01.2001). The Chapters purposes realized in particular, are mentioned below:

1. the improvement of personal knowledge of economic geology and its application to mining and exploration

2. interchange of views and ideas through regional student meetings, conferences, short courses and field trips
3. international cooperation through scientific investigation projects associated with mineral deposits, ore geology, mining industry, mineral resources, exploration and research methodology
4. dissemination of investigation results through publications and abstracts
5. assurance of contact opportunity with the geology community, universities and scientific institutions

Article V - Seat

The main seat of the Chapter seat is Cracow in Poland. The other, local seats are Helsinki in Finland and Luleå in Sweden.

Article VI - Membership

Section 1- Acceptance formalities

To become a member of the Chapter, the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA member status is required. No students shall be eligible to be a members of the Chapter unless they shall be a members of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA. General rules of the students membership acceptance are defined in the article V, section 4 of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA Constitution (effective 01.01.2001). The membership application form is available on the website: www.e-sga.org. Each member obtains individual SGA number. Student membership includes electronic access to the Mineralium Deposita and the SGA News.

Section 2 – New Chapter establishment

The draft policy for *SGA Student and Young Scientist Chapter (by Anna Vymazalová & Jorge Relvas)* determines the conditions of establishing a new SGA Student and Young Scientist Chapters or SGA Student/Young Scientist Regional Networks.

Section 3 – Members

Due to the draft policy for *SGA Student and Young Scientist Chapter (by Anna Vymazalová & Jorge Relvas)* all candidates being students or young scientists from the field of economic geology and mineral deposits are eligible for membership of the Chapter.

Students and young scientists are expected to notify the Council of the Chapter formally about the candidature, for joining the Chapter. After application, if the candidate fulfills the above conditions, the decision about admission to the Chapter is taken.

Section 4 – Duties

Members of the Chapter are required to obey the Baltic Student Chapter Bylaws. Every member of Society has a right to take part in all activities organized by the Chapter, raise questions and ask for information about organized activities.

Section 5 – Resignation

Own personal membership resignation is possible at any time and shall be accepted by the Council of the Chapter. The Chapters member who failed to pay the annual membership fee for a

current business year in the obligatory term is automatically dropped from the Chapter membership. Dismissed member is allowed to be reinstated in the next business year.

Article VII - The Council of the Chapter

The Council of the Chapter consists of: the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Chapters Council is authorized to convene meetings.

The administrative officers shall be elected by written ballot (in traditional or electronic way) for one year. The nomination of candidates for each office to be filled is required before voting. Any member may nominate other members for an elective office. Each Chapters member has a right to vote. The election obtains legal force if at least 2/3 of the members are present in person or by proxy and elected candidate for each office receives simple majority of votes. An electronic vote is valid and accepted for counting if it was received in the term not exceeding 10 days after date of mailing by the Secretary.

Article VIII – Duties of the Chapter Council

Section 1 – The President

The Chapters President represents the Chapter and shall preside all general meetings of the Chapter. The President is responsible for an Annual Report preparation, for communication with SGA Council and requests for financial support from the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA.

Section 2 – The Secretary

The Chapters Secretary is required to prepare reports except the Annual report and minutes of the general meetings. The Secretary may delegate event participants to write an article for SGA News and shall see that it is done. Written article shall be forwarded to the supervisor by the Secretary. In case of President absence, the function is filled by the Secretary.

Section 3 – The Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the finances. The duties are: membership list actualization and financial report preparation.

Section 4 – The Webmaster

The webmaster is responsible for the website appearance, updates and technical support. The information on the website shall be controlled by the Chapters Council.

Article IX – Annual Report

The Annual Report shall be comprised of: list of current membership (including contact and country), description of scientific events, field trips, finances (sponsoring) and also future plans of the Chapter. Actual Council members must be mentioned. Logo of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA may be used. The Annual Report shall be presented to the Chapter members and forwarded to the supervisors of the Chapter and to the SGA Council.

Article X – Meetings

The Chapters Council determines the place and date of the general meetings. The Chapter members shall be announced and informed about the meeting and its purpose by the Council. The aim of general meetings are: vote and Bylaws amendments. This kind of meeting is valid if members participate in personally, by mail, by proxy or by videoconference. The organizers are responsible for the scientific meetings and conferences. They are required to provide information about date, places, costs, sponsoring, scientific programme, field trips.

Article XI - Finances

The Chapter do not have individual legal entity and do not receive allowances from the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA.

Due to the article XIV of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA Constitution (effective 01.01.2001) the membership is valid after fee payment. The student membership fees are the financial resources of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA. The article I (*sections: 1,2*) of the By-Laws of the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA defines the rules related to the membership entrance fees and dues.

In accordance with the requirements of the draft policy for *SGA Student and Young Scientist Chapter* (by *Anna Vymazalová & Jorge Relvas*) the Chapter has the academic sponsor:

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Each student member of the Chapter has an individual academic sponsor belonging to the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA.

The latter mentioned document determines the rules and requirements for receiving a financial support from the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA.

Article X - Amendments

Amendments to the Chapter Bylaws may be proposed by any member of the Chapter. For changes acceptance a three-quarter majority of the voters present is necessary. Amended Bylaws shall be ratified by the Society Applied to Mineral Deposits SGA Council.