

Terms of Use

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Welcome to The Geological Society of Washington, Inc
These Terms of Use (“Terms”) govern your use of our website, membership services, events, and other activities we provide (collectively, the “Services”). By using our Services, you agree to these Terms.

1. Purpose

The Geological Society of Washington, Inc. hereafter “The Corporation” is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. More specifically, the purpose of the Corporation is: to encourage the advancement of geological and related sciences in all of their branches; to promote research in geological and related sciences and technology; to promote the increase and diffusion of knowledge of geological and related sciences and technology; and, by its meetings, reports, papers, discussions, educational programs, field trips, and publications, to promote scientific interest and inquiry in the fields of geological and related sciences, thereby fostering public welfare and education, providing for informed development of industries and natural resources, and addressing environmental issues on a nonprofit basis. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift, membership fee, contribution, or otherwise, shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

2. Membership and Dues

- Membership is open to those who share our mission and agree to these Terms.
- Members are responsible for paying annual dues as set by the Society.
- Dues and donations are non-refundable.

3. Donations

- Donations support the Society’s programs, outreach, and operations.
- Unless otherwise designated, donations are considered unrestricted.
- As a [501(c)(3) corporation, donations may be tax-deductible as permitted by law.

4. Website Use and Content

- All content on the Society’s website (including text, graphics, and logos) is the property of the Society or its contributors.
- You may not copy, distribute, or modify content without permission.
- The website may include links to third-party sites. The Society is not responsible for their content or practices.

5. Events and Activities

- Participation in Society events (including field trips and meetings) is voluntary.
- Attendees assume all risks associated with participation.
- The Society is not liable for injuries, accidents, or loss of personal property.

6. Code of Conduct (see link on this webpage)

- Members and participants are expected to treat others with respect and professionalism.
- Harassment, discrimination, or disruptive behavior is not tolerated.
- The Society reserves the right to revoke membership or deny participation for violations.

7. Privacy

- We collect only the personal information necessary to manage membership, donations, and communications.
- We do not sell or share your personal information with third parties, except as required by law.

8. Disclaimer of Liability

Our Services, including the website, are provided “as is” without warranties of any kind. The Society is not responsible for any damages resulting from your use of our Services.

9. Amendments

We may revise these Terms from time to time. Updates will be posted on our website and continued use of our Services after changes constitutes acceptance of the new Terms.

10. Contact

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