

**SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON CALCULOUS KINETICS**  
Constitution and By-Laws

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name**

The society shall be known as the ROCK Society; this being the acronym for its official title, the Society for Research On Calculous Kinetics.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Object**

The object of this society shall be to further the investigation of calculi and reach a better understanding of the basic mechanisms involved as follows:

1. By informal group discussion of material that is of cross disciplinary interest.
2. By exchange of ideas pertaining to clinical experiences and experimental research.
3. By consideration of problems encountered in calculous research.
4. By the promotion of good fellowship and mutual trust among members of this organization.

The activities of the Society are limited exclusively to these scientific purposes as defined in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Membership**

1. The membership should have a broad base both in regard to geographic distribution and to their type of basic discipline.
2. Membership in the Society will confer the right to bring as many guests as approved by the current Society President to any meeting of the Society.  
Guest: defined as a participant in the meetings by invitation of the President or any individual member as restricted above.
3. Membership will consist of two classes.
  - a) Active. Such members may reside, work, or have citizenship outside of the U.S.A.
  - b) Emeritus: Emeritus status will be applied to all members of the ROCK Society age 55 or older. Emeritus status gives the member a vote and the ability to make motions during the business meeting. In addition, the

emeritus member is able to propose additional members and host meetings as well as hold office in the Society. No attendance or presentation requirements are placed on these members.

4. Active members or someone from their research group are required to give a presentation at the annual ROCK society meeting every three years, or be excluded from membership of the society.
5. Active members must attend the meeting at least one out of every three years.

#### ARTICLE IV **Method of Admitting Members**

Candidates for membership may be proposed by active or emeritus members at any meeting of the Society or by circulation of the names of candidates to the members by mail. Criteria for selection for membership should include a period of substantial accomplishment and continued activity in research on kidney stone disease. An NIH biosketch or an abbreviated CV should be submitted for evaluation by members. Election to membership will be by at least 85% of the voting membership present at the annual business meeting. However, if more than three members vote against a proposed new member, then that candidate will not be allowed membership into the Society. Notification of a proposed member's candidacy by the President to all members must take place at least two months prior to the business meeting. A person who has been proposed for membership in the Society must attend, and give a presentation, at a meeting before or at which membership is to be voted on. Persons elected to membership will be notified by the Secretary and will be provided with a copy of the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V **Forfeiture of Membership**

The members of the organization by a 2/3 vote shall have the power to declare forfeiture of membership in case of any member who ceases to exhibit active interest in those objectives to which this Society is devoted. Active members are absent for three consecutive annual meetings shall automatically be dropped from membership unless able to present reasons for his/her absence that are satisfactory to the organization.

#### ARTICLE VI **Officers and Duties**

1. There shall be a President who will hold office for a period of one year; a President-

elect and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall hold office for four years. None shall be able to succeed themselves.

2. Duties: The President shall function in all capacities in arranging programs. The President has the option of altering the format of programs as he sees fit. The Secretary-Treasurer shall act as his assistant in all matters pertaining to the Society.
3. Election of Officers: A new President and President-elect shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting.
4. A new Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected one year before the completion of the current holder's term of office is due to expire.
5. The Society will be governed by an Executive Committee comprised of the Society President, immediate past President, President-elect, and the Secretary. Each year the past President will rotate off and be replaced by the new past President. The Secretary will remain a member for the duration of his/her 4 year term.

#### ARTICLE VII **Meetings**

The annual meeting shall be held once each calendar year in the U.S.A. It must be separate from other medical conclaves. Interim meetings - preferably luncheon - may be held at any major medical meeting, including the AUA. Proceedings of meetings are not to be published in any form.

#### ARTICLE VIII **Dues and Assessments**

Annual dues are required of each member and emeritus member - \$100 for MDs and \$50 for all other members – and shall be paid at or before the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX **Amendments**

The constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members polled at any annual session or balloted by mail. This constitution was last amended on April 8, 2017