

STANDING RULES

1. Location and time of the General Membership meeting shall be agreed upon by the Board of Directors.
2. Annual dues shall be:
 - A. Regular/Individual Membership - \$35.00
 - B. Family Membership - \$45.00
 - C. Life Membership – none
3. Membership dues are due and payable January 1st of every calendar year with a 90 day grace period. Renewal dues paid after January 1st, but before March 31st, shall require a late fee. The late fees are to ensure that the delinquent member can maintain continuous membership status. Any dues paid from April 1st forward shall be considered a new membership.
4. Membership dues not paid by April 1st shall have that member removed from the Membership list.
5. New Members joining in October, November or December shall have their membership dues paid for the following year.
6. Board of Directors and General Membership meetings shall begin promptly at the designated time.
7. Children under eighteen (18) years of age are the responsibility of their parents at all club functions.
8. All records are Club property and must be turned over to the new officers or committee chairpersons at the end of their term.
9. A Lapidary and Education Center Supervisor shall be present at all times when members are using the Lapidary and Education Center equipment. The member must present a valid Membership card before being allowed to use the equipment.
10. The Board of Directors shall not obligate the Club to more than \$1,000.00 for any project. Any amount above \$1,000.00 shall come before the General Membership for vote.
11. Any Board Member or Committee Chairperson who resigns or vacates their position without reasonable notice and a valid excuse shall not be eligible to hold office for three (3) years.
12. Any person making personal deleterious remarks and creating ad hoc complaint sessions at any of the above shall be deemed subversive and injurious to the Club. Said persons shall be asked to leave the event, etc., so as to not ruin it for everyone else. Enforcement shall be made by the presiding person at said activity/event. (Deleterious is defined as hurtful, harmful, injurious, pernicious, destructive, noxious or anti-beneficial). Repeated offenses shall cause said member to be referred to the Board of Directors for expulsion (see By-laws, Article-X, Permanent Expulsion).
13. No member shall be reimbursed for any expenditure, unless pre-approved by the Board of Directors. There shall be no exceptions. All expenditures must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors.
14. The General Membership may request items to be considered by the Board of Directors during the monthly Board of Directors' meeting or by the General Membership during the General Membership meeting, by submitting their issue, in writing, no later than 24 hours prior to said meeting.

Changes for dues increase voted on and approved by General Membership on September 8, 2025.

Grace period voted on and approved by General Membership on March 2, 2026