

# BYLAWS OF THE GEOTHERMAL RESEARCH SOCIETY OF JAPAN

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## Chapter 1: General Provisions

### Article 1

This society shall be called the Geothermal Research Society of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the Society”).

### Article 2

The objectives of the Society shall be to promote the advancement and progress of science and technology related to exploration, development, power generation, multipurpose use and other issues of geothermal resources.

### Article 3

1. The Society shall have its office in Tokyo.
2. Where necessary, the Society may establish branches upon a resolution of the Board of Trustees. Matters concerning the branches shall be determined separately.

## Chapter 2: Projects

### Article 4

The Society shall conduct the following projects in order to achieve the objectives of the Society stipulated in Article 2:

- 1) Research activities,

- 2) Publication of journals and books,
- 3) Holding of Annual Technical Meetings and other technical seminars and workshops,
- 4) Conferring awards to members, and
- 5) Other activities necessary to achieve the objectives of the Society.

### Article 5

The fiscal year of the Society shall start on October 1 every year and end on September 30 of the following year.

## Chapter 3: Membership

### Article 6

Members of the Society shall act with common sense and dignity and strive for the development of the Society in order to achieve the objectives of the Society.

### Article 7

The membership of the Society shall consist of the following three categories:

- 1) Regular Members shall be individual persons who have academic knowledge of, or experience in, geothermal energy utilization,
- 2) Supporting Members shall be individuals, corporations or organizations that agree with the

objectives of the Society,

3) Honorary Members shall be persons who have been recommended by the Board of Trustees and have been approved by the General Meeting from among those Regular Members who have made remarkable achievements in the development of science and technology relating to geothermal energy utilization and in the management of the Society.

#### Article 8

1. Any person or corporation or organization who intends to join as a Regular Member or a Supporting Member shall submit the prescribed application form to the Society and shall obtain the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2. A person or corporation or organization who has been approved for admission shall acquire the status of a Member on paying the membership fee specified in Article 15 below.

3. A Supporting Member (individuals) who has been a member for three years may request the Board of Trustees to review the application to become a Regular Members. The Board of Trustees may also make a recommendation to the Supporting Member (individuals) to become a Regular Member.

4. If a member who has withdrawn from the Society wishes to rejoin, the application for membership shall be accepted and discussed by the Board of Trustees only if the following conditions are met.

- 1) No dues have been unpaid during the previous membership period,
- 2) Contact details such as work and home addresses must be clear,
- 3) In the case of a member who has been expelled in accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution,

the reason for the expulsion must have disappeared and at least three years must have elapsed since the expulsion.

#### Article 9

1. A member who wishes to withdraw his or her membership shall submit a notice of withdrawal to the Society; provided, however, that the membership fee which has already been paid shall not be refunded.

2. A Regular Members, Honorary Members, or Supporting Member (individuals) are withdrawn on death, and a Supporting Member (corporations) are withdrawn on dissolution.

#### Article 10

All members may receive copies of the journals published by the Society and may attend the General Meetings and technical meetings held by the Society; provided, however, that this shall not apply in cases where the member is in violation of Article 6.

#### Article 11

Regular Members shall have voting rights at the General Meetings, and the right to vote and to be eligible to be voted for the election of the Officers.

#### Article 12

If a member comes to fall under any of the following items, such member may be expelled upon a resolution of the Board of Trustees:

- 1) A member who has violated the Bylaws of the Society and other rules,
- 2) A member who has been recognized to have interfered with the projects of the Society or to have committed an act dishonoring the name of

the Society,

3) A member who has other justifiable reasons to be expelled.

2. If expelling a member pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the Society shall notify the member in advance and give the member an opportunity for explanation at the Board of Trustees meeting at which the resolution to expel the member is adopted.

#### Article 13

A member who has been expelled cannot claim the refund of any dues already paid.

#### Article 14

1. In addition to the cases referred to in Articles 9 and 12, a member loses membership if any of the following occurs.

1) If the company fails to fulfil its obligation to pay the membership fee and has not done so for two fiscal years,

2) If the Board of Trustees agrees,

3) If a Regular Members, Honorary Members, or Supporting Member (individuals) are died, and a Supporting Member (corporations) is dissolved.

2. If a member who has been disqualified from membership for non-payment of dues pays the delinquent fees, the disqualification may be cancelled and the membership reinstated at the request of the disqualified member in question.

3. A member who have been disqualified from membership by the Board of Trustees may apply to the Board of Trustees for reinstatement of their membership.

### Chapter 4: Membership Fees

#### Article 15

Any person who has been permitted to join the Society in accordance with Article 8 shall pay the following membership fee before the beginning of each fiscal year.

1) Regular Member: annual fee of 7,000 yen

2) Supporting Member: annual fee for one unit of 10,000 yen. However, in principle, individuals shall pay for one unit or more, and corporations and organizations shall pay for three units or more.

#### Article 16

1. Honorary Members are not required to pay membership fees.

2. The Board of Trustees may decide the provisions concerning the measures for deduction and exemption of membership fees.

### Chapter 5: Officers

#### Article 17

The Society shall be governed by the following Officers:

1) Twenty-five Trustees, including one President and one Vice President,

2) Two Auditors

#### Article 18

The term of office of the Officers shall be for two years from the date of the Annual General Meeting until the date of the Annual General Meeting two years later; provided, however, that this does not hinder the reappointment of the Officers.

#### Article 19

Trustees shall be appointed from among the Regular Members through an election; provided,

however, that notwithstanding the provisions of Article 11, those who have been elected as a Trustee for five terms or more and who have reached the age of 65 on October 1 of the election year, shall not have the right to be elected as a Trustee.

#### Article 20

The President shall be appointed from among the Trustees through an election; provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of Article 18, consecutive appointment shall be limited to two terms.

2. The President shall nominate the Vice President from among the Trustees.

3. The President shall appoint the Auditors from among the Regular Members, and shall obtain the approval of the General Meeting.

#### Article 21

The President shall represent the Society and act as the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the General Meeting.

#### Article 22

The Vice President shall assist the President, and if the President is unable to perform his or her duties, the Vice-President shall perform those duties.

#### Article 23

The Trustees shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the Society.

#### Article 24

The Auditors shall monitor the accounts of the Society and report the results to the General Meeting.

#### Article 25

If there is a vacancy in the post of a Trustee, such post shall be filled by a reserve. The term of office of the reserve Trustee shall be for the remaining term of the predecessor.

#### Article 26

The Society shall have a number of Secretaries.

#### Article 27

The Secretaries shall be appointed by the President from among the Regular Members.

#### Article 28

The term of office of the Secretaries shall conform to Article 18.

#### Article 29

The Secretaries shall assist the Trustees in performing their duties.

### **Chapter 6: Meetings**

#### Article 30

The General Meetings shall consist of two types: Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings.

#### Article 31

An Annual General Meeting shall be held within three months of the end of every fiscal year.

#### Article 32

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held in the following cases:

- 1) When the President deems it to be necessary,
- 2) When a request has been made upon a

proposed agenda made by one-tenth or more of the total number of the Regular Members.

#### Article 33

The notice of convocation of the General Meeting shall be sent to all Regular Members by the President at least 14 days prior to the date of the General Meeting with a clear indication of the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting.

#### Article 34

If the President decides that social conditions, such as infectious diseases, make it difficult to hold a General Meeting attended by the members, it can be held in the following way.

- 1) Online (web) meeting,
- 2) After the general meeting documents have been made known to members by posting on the website, e-mail, mailing documents, etc., the members are asked whether they approve or disapprove of the items on the agenda by mail or by electronic system.

#### Article 35

A quorum at a General Meeting shall be one-tenth or more of the Regular Members; provided, however, that a member who has submitted a power of attorney shall be deemed to have attended.

#### Article 36

Resolutions at the General Meeting shall be passed by a majority of the Regular Members present at the meeting, and in the case of an equal number of votes, the Chair shall have the casting vote.

#### Article 37

The Annual General Meeting shall resolve the matters specified in the following items:

- 1) The business plan and the revenue and expenditure budget plan for the applicable fiscal year,
- 2) The establishment and revision of the Bylaws of the Society and Election Rules,
- 3) Other important matters.

#### Article 38

The following matters shall require the approval of the Annual General Meeting:

- 1) The business report and the settlement of the revenue and expenditure accounts of the previous fiscal year,
- 2) Other matters deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

#### Article 39

The following matters shall be reported at the Annual General Meeting:

- 1) The results of the election of the Trustees and President,
- 2) Other matters deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

#### Article 40

If the General Meeting is held according to the method referred to in Article 33 2), the President shall be reported to the members without delay after the General Meeting on the results of the voting on the approval or disapproval of the matters to be voted on.

#### Article 341

The Board of Trustees shall be composed of Trustees.

#### Article 42

The Auditors and Secretaries may attend the Board of Trustees meetings and give their opinions.

#### Article 43

A Board of Trustees meeting shall be convened if the President deems it to be necessary for the execution of affairs of the Society.

#### Article 44

Online meetings of the Board of Trustees shall also be acceptable.

#### Article 45

A quorum of a Board of Trustees meeting shall be a majority of the Trustees; provided, however, that a Trustee who has submitted a power of attorney shall be deemed to have attended.

#### Article 46

Resolutions at a Board of Trustees meeting shall be passed by a majority of the Trustees present at the meeting, and in the case of an equal number of votes, the Chair shall have the casting vote.

#### Article 47

In the event of a matter requiring an emergency resolution by the Board of Trustees, the President may conduct deliberations via email. The items of the deliberations via email shall be decided by a majority of the Board of Trustees and may be substituted for the resolution of the Board of Trustees.

### **Chapter 7: Committees**

#### Article 48

The Society shall establish the following Committees:

- 1) Editorial Committee
- 2) Technical Meeting Committee
- 3) International Affairs Committee
- 4) Awards Committee
- 5) Planning Committee
- 6) Public Relations Committee
- 7) General Affairs Committee
- 8) Accounting Committee

#### Article 49

The Committees shall conduct the following operations:

- 1) The Editorial Committee shall be responsible for publishing the journals of the Society.
- 2) The Technical Meeting Committee shall be responsible for operations relating to the holding of Annual Technical Meetings and other technical seminars/workshops.
- 3) The International Affairs Committee shall be responsible for operations relating to communication with foreign academic organizations.
- 4) The Awards Committee shall be responsible for operations relating to the Society's awards.
- 5) The Planning Committee shall be responsible for planning.
- 6) The Public Relations Committee shall be responsible for managing the website of the Society and operations related to public relations.
- 7) The General Affairs Committee shall be responsible for operations related to general affairs and documents.
- 8) The Accounting Committee shall be responsible for accounting and finance.

#### Article 50

The President may, where necessary, establish an Ad-hoc Committee upon a resolution of the Board of Trustees.

#### Article 51

The chair and members of a committee shall be appointed by the President from among the Regular Members. The chair may nominate a vice chair from among the committee members where necessary, and the President shall appoint such person.

## **Chapter 8: Expert Sections**

#### Article 52

The Society may establish Expert Sections for the purpose of advancement and dissemination of research and technology development in specific fields. The matters concerning Expert Sections shall be determined separately.