

CONSTITUTION of the ASSOCIATION of PACIFIC COAST GEOGRAPHERS

ARTICLE I NAME

The society shall be known as the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG), Incorporated, a Washington state corporation.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The objectives are the cultivation of the study of geography in all its branches, especially by promoting discussion and exchange among the members, by encouraging and aiding geographical exploration and research, by assisting the publication of geographical essays, by supporting the study of geography in schools, colleges and universities, and by cooperating with other societies and associations in the development of an intelligent interest in geography.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Persons who are interested in the objectives of the APCG are eligible for membership and shall become members upon payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The elected officers, plus the immediate past-president and the Association of American Geographers (AAG) Councillor, shall constitute the Executive Council. The president, vice-president, immediate past-president, secretary, and treasurer have voting rights on the Executive Council.

Section 2. Should the office of president be vacated before the expiration of the term of office, the vice-president shall automatically succeed to that office for the remainder of the term. Other offices vacated between elections shall be filled by appointments made by the Executive Council.

Section 3. While wholly separate from the Association of American Geographers, the APCG acts as the Pacific Division of the AAG. APCG officers must be members of APCG and AAG. The APCG must provide a Regional Councillor to the AAG to serve a three-year term. Ballots for the Regional Councillor election are sent to APCG members and to AAG members who are not APCG members but who reside in the states served by the Pacific Division.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the APCG shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Council may designate.

Section 2. A business meeting shall be held during the annual meeting. During the business meeting there shall be reports by the officers, and such other business as has been placed on the agenda by the Executive Council. The agenda shall be posted during the opening day at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Changes to the Constitution may be proposed by any five (5) members of the APCG or by the Executive Council.

Section 2. The secretary shall mail proposed changes and a ballot to all members at least sixty (60) days before the deadline for voting. Ballots may be handed or returned by mail to the secretary.

Section 3. An affirmative vote by ballot of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership voting shall be required to change the Constitution.

(This version of the Constitution was approved by mailed vote of the membership in July, 2008.)