

Geological Society of Zimbabwe

By-Laws:

1. THE GEOFFREY BOND AWARD

- 1.1. The Awards shall consist of a book prize, the presentation of a floating trophy inscribed with the recipient's name and the year in which the award is made, a suitable inscribed scroll and two years' subscription to the Society.
- 1.2. The Award shall be made annually for the best project produced by a Geology Honours student at the University of Zimbabwe. The candidate for the Award shall be recommended by the Chairperson of the Geology Department who shall act on the advice of the Panel of Examiners. The recommendation and a copy of the candidate's project report shall be forwarded to the Committee for consideration. The Award may be withheld if no project is of sufficient merit.
- 1.3. The Awards shall be presented to the recipient(s) by the Chairman of the Committee or his/her nominee at a suitable ceremony.
- 1.4. A roll of the Recipients of the Award shall be kept and published by the Society from time to time.

2. THE MICHAEL VINYU AWARD

- 2.1. The Award shall consist of a book prize, a suitably inscribed scroll and two years' subscription to the Society.
- 2.2. The Award shall be made annually for the best geology student at the Zimbabwe School of Mines. The candidate for the Award shall be recommended by the Society's representative on either the Board of Management or the Academic Committee of the Zimbabwe School of Mines. The recommendation shall be forwarded to the Committee for consideration. The Award may be withheld if no student has results of sufficient merit.
- 2.3. The Awards shall be presented to the recipient(s) by the Chairman of the Committee or his/her nominee at a suitable ceremony.
- 2.4. A roll of the Recipients of the Award shall be kept and published by the Society from time to time.

3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

- 3.1. The name of the fund shall be the Research And Development Fund of the Geological Society of Zimbabwe ("the Fund").
- 3.2. The objective of the Fund is to give financial assistance for the development of earth science research and training in Zimbabwe. This financial assistance shall be in the form of annual Grants. Grants shall be made for activities over the course of up to one year, those wishing to continue beyond one year must make subsequent and separate applications.
- 3.3. The purpose of the Fund will be to support:-
 - 3.3.1. Research projects on earth science topics of interest (Note that grants from the Fund will not be made to support projects which result in results that are not available to all members of the geological community in Zimbabwe);
 - 3.3.2. Scholarships for postgraduate study in earth sciences;
 - 3.3.3. Field trips and short courses for the training of Zimbabweans in earth sciences; and

- 3.3.4. Travel to conferences to present earth science results.
- 3.4. The Fund will be administered by a Research and Development Fund Subcommittee ("the RAND Subcommittee"), which will consist of at least three, but not more than six Members, of whom at least one should be a member of the Executive Committee, and all of whom will be appointed for a term of one year by the Executive Committee by July of the year prior to which Grants will be made.
- 3.5. The RAND Subcommittee will:-
- 3.5.1. Propose to the Executive Committee an annual budget for the Fund, by not later than 30 August;
 - 3.5.2. Announce the annual budget for the Fund and call for applications by the middle of November;
 - 3.5.3. Receive applications for Grants up until 31 January;
 - 3.5.4. Review applications and recommend to the Executive Committee the award of one or more Grants, or no Grants; and
 - 3.5.5. Maintain its own Minutes and records, and report to the Executive Committee of the Society.
- 3.6. In recommending the award of Grants, the RAND Subcommittee shall consider:-
- 3.6.1. The objective and purpose of the Fund;
 - 3.6.2. Potential benefits of the proposed activity to the geological and mining communities in Zimbabwe, in terms of development and/or the generation of new knowledge;
 - 3.6.3. The availability of matching funds, source or provided by the applicants; and
 - 3.6.4. The aim of awarding more than one Grant in a given year.
- 3.7. The Executive Committee shall:-
- 3.7.1. Consider and approve or amend the annual budget for the Fund, as proposed by the RAND Subcommittee;
 - 3.7.2. Consider and approve or reject by early March the recommendations of the RAND Subcommittee as to the award of one or more Grants, or no Grants; and
 - 3.7.3. Disburse funds to successful applicants, if any, by the middle of March.
- 3.8. Applicants for Grants should submit to the RAND Subcommittee a formal application containing details of the applicants, summary of the activity, justification of the activity, proposed methodology, timeframe, reporting, logframe, budget for application and details of matching funds, if any. The RAND Subcommittee shall from time to time issue guidelines for use by applicants.
- 3.9. Grants made from the Fund shall be on condition that:-
- 3.9.1. Results from the supported activity will be presented to the Society via a talk and an item or items in the Newsletter;
 - 3.9.2. Submission to the RAND Subcommittee of an annual report by 31 December of the year in which funding is Granted; and
 - 3.9.3. Submission of a financial report to the RAND Subcommittee, with copies of receipts, by 31 December of the year in which funding is Granted
- 3.10. All applicants for the award of Grants from the Fund shall be Members in good standing for the current membership year. Normally, the principal applicant should have been a Member in good standing for at least twelve months.