

## PHILIPPINE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

SOIL CONSERVATION BUILDING

FLORIDA ST., MANILA

## Organization Meeting Dec. 8, 1950

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## THE BIRTH OF THE PHILIPPINE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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Nine years after the attack of Pearl Harbor and Manila, which started World War II in the Pacific area, geography as a scientific and social discipline in the Philippines was recognized by a number of American and Filipino geographers, scientists and business men. The

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organizational meeting was a simple affair with Dr. Jose M. Feliciano, Head, Geology and Geography Department of the University of the Philippines, Dr. Alden Cutshall of the University of Illinois, then Fulbright Professor of Geography in Manila, Dr. William J. Ellis, then Principal Science Officer of the United Nations in Manila, Mr. J. D. Coon, Assistant Manager of the International Harvester of the Philippines and some soil technologists of the Soil Survey and Conservation composing the founders of the organization. D-day was December 8, 1950.

The committee to draft the constitution was created with Dr. Alden Cutshall as chairman, Dr. William J. Ellis, Mr. Domingo Solita and Mr. John D. Coon, members. The original draft of the constitution was amended and ratified by the members of the society at the meeting held on December 23, 1950 at the Soil Conservation Building, Florida Street, Manila.

On March 15, 1951, the membership of the society increased to thirty three (33). During the meeting held this day, the officers were elected, namely, Dr. Jose M. Feliciano president, Dr. William J. Ellis, vice-president, Mr. Dominador Z. Rosell, secretary, and Mr. Arturo Alcaraz, treasurer. During the first year of the society two geographical communications were printed and distributed. Communication No. 1 — Education in a Geographic World by George T. Renner, was mimeographed by courtesy of Benitez and Company while Communication No. 2 — Dynamic Geography by Alden Cutshall, was mimeographed by courtesy of the International Harvester Company of the Philippines. Everything was going well for the first year. The year 1952 was a dormant year but this year 1953 will see a revival of the society's activities.

It is hoped that with the publication of this journal, the membership will increase and business meetings will be held as often as possible. For the information of those interested in the society and its objectives, the Constitution and By-laws are published in this issue.

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*CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
PHILIPPINE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY*

*NAME*

**ARTICLE 1.**

The name of this organization shall be "The Philippine Geographical Society."

*OBJECTS*

**ARTICLE 2.**

The objects of this Society shall be to foster geographic interest and geographic education, and to encourage the application of geographic knowledge in education, government, business and other forms of human activity.

**ARTICLE 3.**

*MEMBERSHIP*

Section 1. Any person interested in the objects of the Society shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. A Membership Committee shall act upon all applications for admission to the Society.

#### EMBLEM

#### ARTICLE 4.

The Society shall have an emblem to be approved by a majority of the members in attendance at a subsequent annual meeting.

#### OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

#### ARTICLE 5.

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor.

Section 2. All the foregoing officers shall be elected by the members except the Editor who shall be chosen by the elected officers of the Society.

Section 3. All the elected officers of the Society, the immediate past president, and the Editor shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Editorial Board shall consist of the Editor and three appointed Associate Editors, and such editorial consultants as may be deemed desirable, by the Executive Committee.

#### ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

#### ARTICLE 6.

Section 1. Election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the Society.

Section 2. The election shall be by ballot.

Section 3. The President shall not be eligible for immediate reelection to the same office.

Section 4. An appointed nominating committee shall submit to the Secretary at least one month before the annual meeting the names of members nominated for each office.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### ARTICLE 7.

Section 1. The President shall be the executive officer of the Society and he shall preside over the meetings of the Society and the Executive Committee.

He shall be responsible for the organization of the annual meeting and whatever other programs are deemed desirable.

He shall continue to serve on the Executive Committee of the Society for one year following retirement from the Presidency.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence, resignation or incapacity of the President.

He shall assist the President in arranging the program of the annual meeting and whatever other programs are deemed desirable.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Society and act as the public relations officer for the Society.

He shall collect the manuscripts on the general program and transmit them to the Editorial Board.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds belonging to the Philippine Geographical Society. He is authorized to

receive remittances and to deposit them in a bank account opened in the name of the Philippine Geographical Society. Upon presentation of a written statement or indebtedness, or anticipated expenses, duly approved by the President, he may withdraw money from the general funds in the treasury. For such purposes he is authorized to sign and issue all checks, duly countersigned by the President.

He shall keep an account of receipts and expenditures of the funds in his custody, and he shall make a written report thereof for presentation at the annual meeting and for publication in the official publication. Immediately prior to the annual meeting his accounts shall be audited by an auditing committee of three, appointed by the President.

He shall, in cooperation with the Executive Committee, oversee the financial affairs of the organization, prepare a budget for the ensuing year, and present this budget for approval at the annual meeting.

Section 5. The Editor shall be responsible for the contents of the society's publications; shall have authority over all editorial business and affairs, except that contracts in connection with publication shall be approved by the President; and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall formulate the policies of the Society and shall act upon pertinent matters which arise between meetings.

#### *TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING*

##### ARTICLE 8.

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Saturday of January. All other meetings shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Executive Committee.

#### *AMENDMENTS*

##### ARTICLE 9.

Amendments may be proposed (1) by the Executive Committee directly, or (2) by petition of at least 10 members of the Society. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be submitted at least 30 days before the ballot is to be taken. The proposed amendment shall be adopted if approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

#### *BY-LAWS*

##### ARTICLE 10.

Section 1. Dues. There will be an entrance fee of THREE PESOS (P3.00) and annual dues of TWO PESOS (P2.00) for each member of the Society. Members are entitled to receive all communications and publications of the Society and to participate in all its activities.

Section 2. Publications. All papers listed in the program of the annual meeting, or suitable abstracts thereof, shall; upon the recommendation of the Editorial Committee be published in the official publication of the Society.

Section 3. Quorum. The presence of at least ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Amendments. These by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds of vote of the members present.