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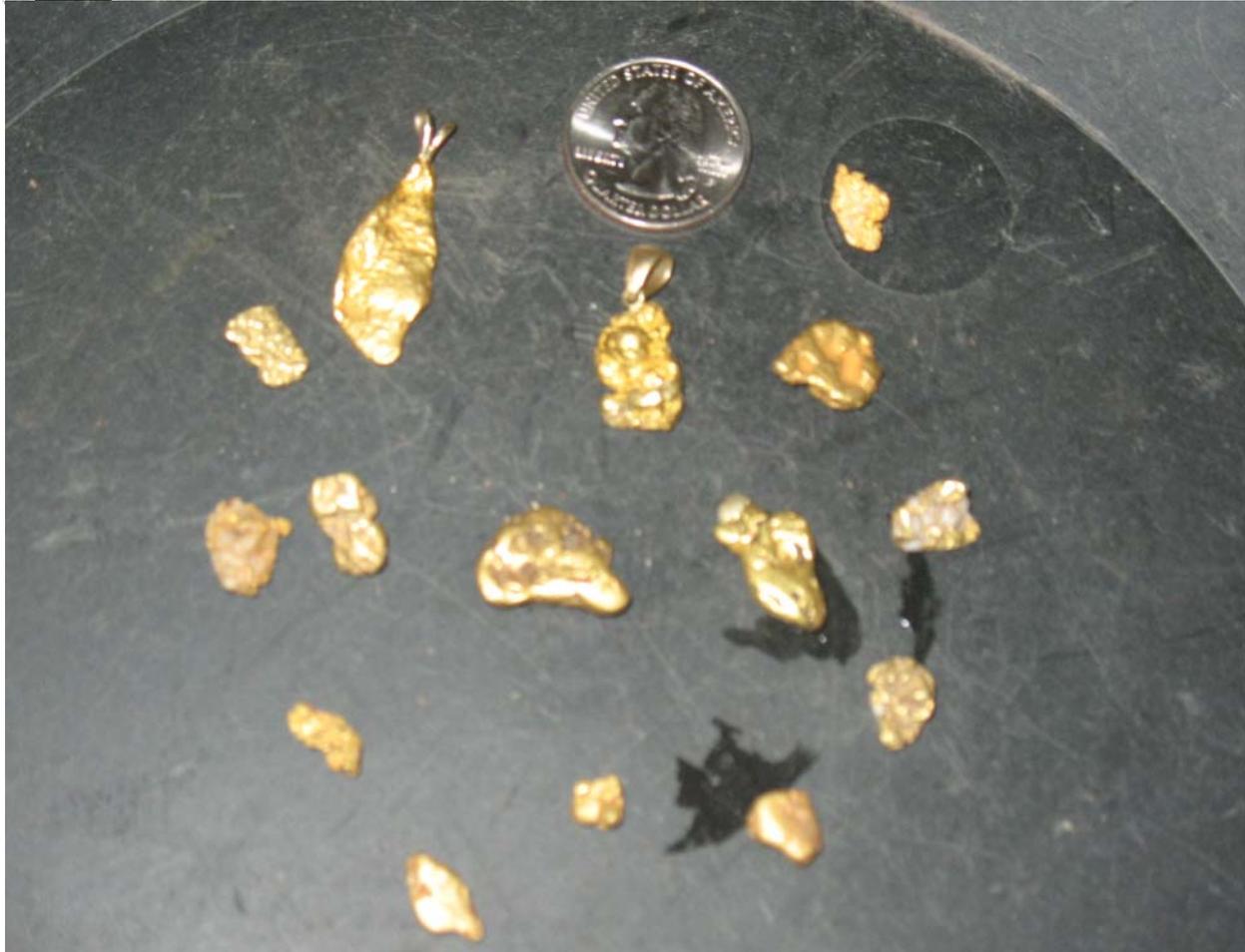
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Hi All

Hope this winter has been good to you all and you are ready to get outside and find a little color.

For myself I find this time of the year as a perfect time to get out and hit the small little streams that will not have water during the summer. Moccasin is always a good place during the winter and spring, it is way too hot during the summer, remember though no dredging after April 1st.

This winter has been busy getting the new board in place, contacting our advertisers to gather up some raffle items and find a seller for some gold. With all of those things in place we can now get the 1st newsletter out to you all.

We have made some recommended changes to the by-laws, so please read through them and let me know of anything that seems out of place or unreasonable. We will post the changes for 2 newsletters and then we will ask for your approval at the Bull Creek outing. Most of the changes are suggestions to streamline the organization. The past few years have been a little tough filling all the required positions which made it difficult to run the organization, so we combined and eliminated a few positions in hopes of making running the organization easier if we have a shortage of board members at anytime in the future. Fewer Board members though means that we can always use volunteers to lighten the load on the Board. Let us know of your interests and we can find a spot for you.

While we are on the subject of volunteers a special thanks needs to go out to my wife Cindy, she has stepped in and taken over the newsletter. BUT we need someone to step up and take this job, she planned only on doing this for a short time and that time is up. So if you have any interest in being creative and expressing your thoughts and wisdom to the miners of our organization let me know and we can train you to write your version of the newsletter.

Well everything is in place for a great year and I am really looking forward to seeing everyone of you out on the creek bank.

Don .

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all, I'm excited about my new position as the Vice President of UPI. My wife Laurie and I joined UPI about 10 years ago and have had lots of fun. We've enjoyed meeting a lot of nice folks and if we haven't met you yet, we're looking forward to doing so! We're very involved with the Contra Costa Chapter and recruiting for UPI and I have spent the last several years as that Chapter Director. My goal for 2009 is to assist the club in moving forward and to also grow in membership and claims. I enjoy sharing my knowledge and helping folks to learn about mining. I think it's extremely important to carry our picks and shovels into the future and teach the younger generations about mining and the outdoors. As your Vice President I am here to serve you and want your feedback. This is your club, so let me know what you'd like to see. Also, please let me know if you or someone you know is interested in starting a chapter near you. Hope to see you out on a claim.

May There Be Gold In Your Pan, Ed Ozga



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May 22-31—Bull Creek Meeting and Potluck on Saturday May 23
July 3-11—Genesse Meeting and Potluck on Saturday July 4
September 4-11—Twain Meeting and Potluck on Saturday September 5
November 13-15—Coulterville Meeting and Potluck on Saturday November 14.

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January 2009 - First meeting of the year

Officers Present: President, Don Siegel; Vice President, Ed Ozga; Treasurer, Aaron Matula

Directors Present: Ways and Means, Mike Brickwedell; Membership, Georgia Azbill; Wagon Master, Bob Azbill; Claims, Ron Coleman; Claims Assistant, Jim Madden; Editor, Steve Letlow; Assistants, Debbie and Terry Moore

Officer Absent: Secretary, Rita Perry and Technical Advisor, Chris Perry

Members Present: Dave and Darlene Norman, Laura Ozga, Denise Matula, Mike Phillips, Merv Pate, Rick, Laurie Parrish, Sid Parrish

New Officers and Directors took their Oath.

Minutes: Ron Coleman made a motion to accept the minutes with changes made to Bill Azbill's name to Bob Azbill and Bob Azbill seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Aaron Matula: End of year checkbook balance of 2008, \$18,880. He does not want Miscellaneous Items on the books. If a check is needed, then ask for it in advance. We will continue to have budgets. Claims: \$5,000.00; Outing Coordinator: \$500.00; Membership: \$1,000.00; Web Site: \$300.00; Publication: \$7,000.00; Ways and Means: \$2500.00 Wagon Master: \$1,500.00. Don will check on a price for a dumpster again. Discussion was held regarding not sending a printed copy of the Newsletter but have it available online either by e-mail or the UPI Website. Bob Azbill made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and the pending budget, seconded by Sid Parrish. Motioned Carried.

Membership, Georgia Azbill: Life Members 68, Regular Members 369, Other Members 20, and Family Members 457. Chapters will take Membership Packets to hand out for new members and forward the information to Georgia. The PO Box in Sacramento is good through about June. This needs to be changed to a UPS box. US Forest Service needs a mail box to send information to so they can hold someone responsible. Membership should be a constant address or the PO Box.

Wagon Master, Bob Azbill: Has one bill to submit Westwood Sanitation. There was an incident after the outing asked Westwood to leave the porta-potty a few more days. Bob contacted Westwood and told them he was the only one to authorize this. Outing Schedule: May 22 – 31 Memorial Weekend Bull Creek; July 3 – July 11, 4th of July, Genesee; September 4 – 11, Labor Day, Twain; November 13 – 15, Thanksgiving, Coulterville. If there is a fire or smoke in July and September the outings will be switched between Genesee and Twain. If we can't go to one, we will go to the other.

Ways and Means, Mike Brickwedell: Really important to get the Advertisers to sign up for next year. He needs Tri-folds with current information.

Claims, Ron Coleman: Chet has all of the paperwork in for 2009. He needs the confirmed outings so that he can get our NOIs in. It is still a club rule to file an NOI if you are going to dredge at Bull Creek.

Editor, Publisher-in-Chief, Steve Letlow: Steve would like to get personal stories; baby was born, recipes, birthdays, political, etc. By-Laws need to be changed. We went chapter by chapter, line by line. Don't want to vote on this in a whole, but break it down. Section II, A. Mining Change and Rules – Yes. Section IV, A B Grievances - Put them together and accept the change. 5, 6, and 7 for President to write letters. Yes. Vice President – now assumes the duty of the Chapters Director. Yes. Secretary – Keep tapes for a year. Yes. If we purchase a Claim with something attached to it, it needs to be stipulated in the documents. Article VI, Board of Directors from 10 to 5 for Directorship and 4 Officers. Yes. Section 7 – Missing meetings not specified. Section III, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief. Yes Section II Regular Meetings. Meetings as needed. Yes. Official Nomination closed at the last newsletter. Yes. Voting at Coulterville. Yes. Terms of

Office based on Roberts Rules; Odd Years – President, Secretary, and two Directors, Outing Coordinator Wagon Master, and Publisher/Editor-in-Chief; Even Years – Vice President, Treasurer and three Directors, Claims, Way and Means, and Membership. Yes. Membership dues should be mailed or passed on to the Membership Director or a Chapter Chair. Yes.

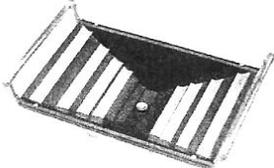
Unfinished Business: Is the dumpster.

New Business: May need to buy a Scanner for adding new Advertisers to the Newsletter. Acknowledge all the old board members. Discussion regarding Board of Directors getting a free year of membership will be voted on again in May.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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*This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all new members and those renewing!
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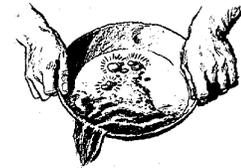
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WAYS N MEANS:

By: Mike Brickwedel

I'm expecting a great season to get out and find some of that yell-er stuff and want all to know that the weather is getting better and I hope to see every ones pans filled with gold too and we're going to have some great raffles and hope to see everyone come out and have a great time. oh, and if you need someone to help you find that gold, then come and find me...we'll look together.

Signed,
M.Brick 'ways and means'.



CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER NEWS

Our 2009 season has really started off with a bang. We're breaking attendance records at our monthly meetings, both Jess and Terry happily walked off with the \$1.00 raffle; and we've raffled off sluice boxes, big nuggets and more! We've already had a Chapter outing, and we are busily making plans for the rest of the year, which include:

Saturday, April 4, 2009, the Chapter has a day outing scheduled at Bear River. Bear River is located up above Auburn. This is an open mining area and no power equipment is allowed. **Thursday, April 16, 2009**, Bob Burger is barbecuing burgers! The Chapter will host its first pot luck meeting of the year. Pot luck meeting will be held at Gold Pan California in Concord and folks will start arriving around 6:00 p.m. to get ready. Raffle will include some **awesome** nuggets! **Saturday, August 1st**, mark your calendars and make your reservations now for the 4th Annual Contra Costa Chapter Outing! The Contra Costa Chapter is hosting a day (or weekend, your preference) outing at Pipi Valley.

Our last three annual outings have been a roaring success and we have some extra special activities planned for this year! The chapter outing is officially scheduled for Saturday, August 1st, however, some folks are coming as early as Thursday (7/30) and spending the weekend or full week. To check out the campgrounds at Pipi go to www.Recreation.gov. Up top of the home page click Campground and under Park or Facility name type in Pipi Campground. Suggest that you make your reservations now as the campground will fill up quickly. If for some reason down the road that you won't be able to attend, reservations can be cancelled (for a nominal fee). The Saturday night potluck will be held in space #28. As of the time of this newsletter there are several spots open around that spot, but, get your reservations in now! The camp sites have easy parking, great trees



Terry Schoen
Area Supervisor

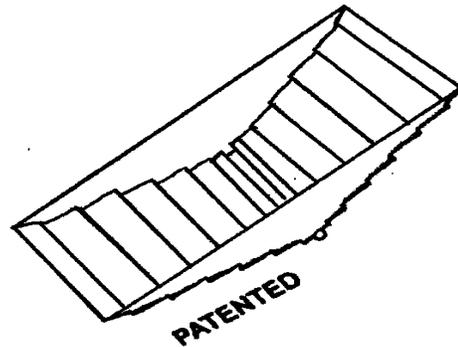
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May There Be Gold In Your Pan, Ed Ozga, Contra Costa Chapter Chairman/UPI Vice President.

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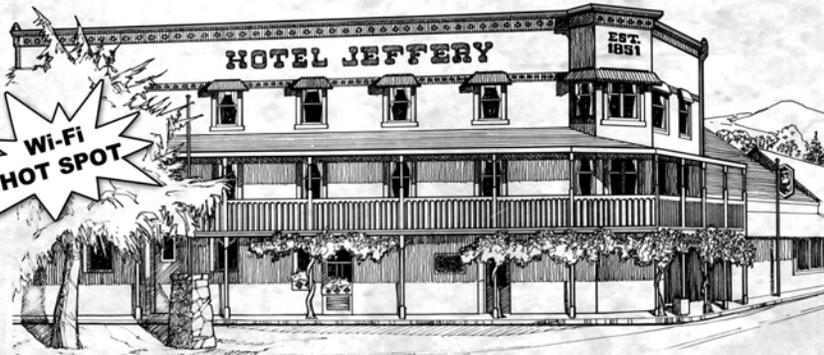
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ALASKA BOUND

by: Jim Madden

Hi all,

Sunday morning we woke up to the sound of rain. The plan was to drive from Mariposa and meet Dave and Cookie's kids in Oakhurst, have breakfast, and switch cars, Dave and I would go to the gold show and Cookie Susan Dave and Pam would go to the Mardi Gras Parade in Fresno. The phone rings, Susan has a cold Dave is getting over something and they did not want to stand in the rain. So plans changed we still go to Oakhurst where we have breakfast, I check the local ads for mining claims for sale. Pam and Cookie travel in one car to the movies in Fresno while Dave and I drive to the gold show. Unfortunately we are talking and Dave misses the turn and we are lost for a while. Later on Pam and Cookie join us, we laughed about getting lost and Pam said well we drove right to the place. Luckily I had programmed the GPS for her in Oakhurst. We wandered around the show and met up with many UPI friends, conducted a little UPI business talked

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to people about claims and checked out the vendors. Mike, Frank and crew was there from Gold Pan California showing photos of his really cool winch and a wetsuit heater among other things.

Dave ends up at the front of the building talking to Marv who was singing and running the audio. They

knew each other from years ago in Paso Robles. Dave's daughter worked at Marv's pizza place. One day Dave showed Marv a vial of gold that we had mined. Marv ended up buying it and the rest is history. Marv has a claim in Alaska and sells Nome gold. Met Neil Spargor and his wife there, we knew them from Roaring camp. We talked about UPI while at Roaring Camp and at the gold show, they plan on joining as soon as they live close by our chapter, it was nice to see them again as well as many friends. So it is now 3 pm and they are getting ready for the drawing. As I make my way to the front I hear Neil's name drawn first for a nugget.

I lost track of how many prizes were donated, Gold nuggets, headphones, assorted mining equipment, digging tools, metal detectors and the all expenses paid trip to Alaska. Every prize was nice and one winner of a nugget won a second one and put it back into the drawing for another lucky person that was really kind of him.

As the drawing went on I ended up winning a prospecting sign. Frank Hansen from the Concord chapter of UPI won a metal detector. The drawing goes on they pull another ticket and notice that one end is crumpled. Hey one of my tickets was crumpled just like that but as it turns once again it was Frank's ticket and he

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won a Mine Lab detector. Pam commented hey maybe he will donate it for one of the raffles. I told her the value of it and she said she would have kept it too. Now comes the big draw. Number 4. I look at my ticket 4, I got that one. 7 no number 7. oh well. So I am standing behind my wife Pam the late comer who went to the movies. Later she told me this. 4, I got a 4. 7 hey 7, wouldn't it be funny if cookie or I won, we came in at the same time ha ha. (as it turned out Cookies number was 20 away from Pam's). Tom Calls out 6. 6 there is a 6 this was followed by squeals of delight and "ITS ME , ITS ME". After 7 was called I glanced over Pam's shoulder at her ticket and just as Tom called out the number 6 a yellow aura appeared behind the last number. (I actually think it was a nano second prior to the number announcement). Yes it is you I nudged her. Both of us were still shaking as she went forward clutching the lucky ticket. Now comes the paperwork, the lady in charge said whoever is going needs to fill out the forms. Pam calls me up and said I certainly am not going you are. Now I was quite taken aback by this as my thoughts were "wow we will buy a second trip and both go" Pam said RUSTIC, two weeks on a foam mattress and port a potties? Not likely. She does like the outdoors and camping but a bad shoulder keeps her from mining and gardening. Two weeks would be a bit much for her.

On the way out she asked was this what everybody comes
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The old miner sez: Lets socit tooom!!!

to win, "Yes it is the grand prize of the show, and all of the other donated prizes that people won made the trip worthwhile. So thanks to the rain and a few other coincidences and my LUCKY wife, I will be going on the GPAA Alaska Expedition at Cripple River. This will be my fourth trip to Alaska. The first two were once in 1990 to Paradise Valley for two weeks, and in 2000 with my good friend Dave for 19 days both times metal detecting for gold. The third trip will be an inland passage cruise to Alaska.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Have a wonderful time and get lots of gold!!

Jim Madden



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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

On pages 11, 12, 13, and 14 are the proposed by-law changes. The changes appear in bold and underlined. Please review the new changes to your copy of the existing by-laws. You will be asked to vote on the changes at the Bull Creek Outing in May. If you have any questions please email the UPI President.

The bylaws as approved in September of 2005.
ESTABLISHED 1947

Non-Profit Organization Incorporated November 29, 1949
UNITED PROSPECTORS INCORPORATED BY-LAWS
ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Organization shall be:
UNITED PROSPECTORS INCORPORATED

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Organization is: To promote prospecting of all types and encourage members to prospect for gold, gems and other minerals. To encourage family oriented small scale mining opportunities in prospecting and allied earth sciences. Provide information on prospecting locations, instructions on prospecting and recovery methods and to collect and study all types of gem and mineral specimens.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. There shall be two (2) classifications of memberships. The membership shall be open to any person(s) willing to abide by the bylaws of the Organization.

A. Regular: Regular members shall have full Organization rights and privileges.

- 1. Single: An individual 18 years of age or over.
- 2. Family: One or two adults, 18 years or older, with or without minor children residing at the same address. Minor children do not have the right to vote, hold office or make motions.
- 3. Lifetime: An individual or family who has paid the lifetime membership fee or has been awarded membership by the Board of Directors. A lifetime membership cannot be sold or passed on to heirs.

B. Honorary:

- 1. Honorary membership may be conferred by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year on any member or person that is not a member of the Organization that has made an unusual or outstanding contribution to the welfare of the Organization.
- 2. Honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Organization except the right to hold office.

SECTION 2. Member responsibility

A. Each member shall be responsible for understanding and obeying the By-laws and Mining Rules as established by the Board of Directors. **These are published each year in the Members Guidebook and are found on the UPI Website.**

B. Each member shall be responsible for the actions of their minor children, guests and pets when attending Organization functions or using Organization claims.

SECTION 3. Forfeiture of Membership in the Organization

may be forfeited for conduct prejudicial to the general welfare and prestige of the Organization which tends to injure the good name of the Organization, disturb its well being or hamper it in its work, and/or for violation of the Organizations mining and camping rules and regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors. Membership may also be forfeited for violation of the laws, rules and regulations of the governing authorities of each claim site. It is the members responsibility to obtain and verify this information before using a claim.

SECTION 4. Forfeiture (Grievance) Procedure

A. Grievances shall be submitted to the President of UPI. After investigation, if the President finds the charges to be legitimate, a report will be submitted within 30 days to the Board of Directors charging the member with violation of the Organization By-laws.
B. Charges under paragraph "A" must be in writing, in duplicate dated and signed by the President. One copy must be presented to the member charged and one copy filed with the President, within one (1) week after the Grievance was received by the Board of Directors.

C. If the Board concurs with the findings of the Grievance Director, the President shall call a special Board of Directors meeting within sixty (60) days, at which time a trial shall be conducted following procedures recommended in Roberts Rules of Order.

D. If, after the trial, the Board finds by two-thirds vote that the member shall be formally reprimanded or their membership shall be forfeited immediately, depending on the nature of the offence, the member shall be notified of what, if any action was taken. The member shall be notified in no more than thirty (30) days.

E. Any person whom has been removed from membership for cause shall not be allowed to rejoin the Organization at a latter date.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The elected officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Such officers shall be elected by the general membership and shall take office and assume all responsibilities of the office on the second Saturday of January.

SECTION 2. No officer may hold more than one office except the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, which may be combined.

SECTION 3. Officer duties

A. President:

- 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization with the Board of Directors, and shall be a member ex-officio of all standing committees which shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to this office.
- 2. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint all standing and special committees.

3. In case of a Board vacancy, the President may make a temporary appointment to fill the position pending election by the General Membership. However, if less than six (6) months service remains, the vacancy shall be filled by the President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

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4. The President may request reports as he deems necessary.

5. Write articles for the newsletter that pertain to, and include any updates, regarding changes to the mining laws and/or public land.

6. Monitor legislation that may affect the Organization.

7. Handle all formal complaints by any UPI Member. Complete Complaint forms and submit them to the Board of Directors.

B Vice-President:

1. The Vice-President shall assist the President, and in the absence of the President shall perform all the duties pertaining to that office. In case of a vacancy in the Presidents position, the Vice-President shall assume the role of President.

2. The Vice-President will oversee the Chapters. Form new Chapters. Perform the duties as outlined in the Chapter's Director's Handbook.

C. Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

2. A tape recorder may be used at meetings for the purpose of recording the minutes. **All tapes should be kept for a year.**

3. The Secretary shall maintain all original documents of the Organization as required by law.

D. Treasurer:

1. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and deposit them in the name of the organization in a bank approved by the Board of Directors.

2. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and shall present a statement of accounts at each Board meeting, and shall make a full annual report following the close of the organization's fiscal year, which is October 31st.

3. The Treasurer shall arrange for an annual audit after the books are closed at the end of the fiscal year.

4. Upon completion of the annual audit, the Treasurer shall forward all books and financial records to the incoming Treasurer, which shall be no later than the first Board meeting of the year.

5. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall arrange for the preparation of all required tax reports.

6. Organization checks shall require two (2) authorized signatures. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be authorized to sign bank documents. No two members of the same family (husband and wife, brother and sister, etc.) shall serve as signatories for the Organization bank accounts at any one time. In the event that two family members become elected officers in the same year, only one of them shall be allowed to sign bank documents. If needed, the Publisher/Editor-in-Chief shall then become the third signatory on all Organization bank documents.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of

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the four (4) elected officers **and five (5) elected directors.**
SECTION 2. **Elected Directors shall be elected to a specific Director Chair.**

SECTION 3. The elected Directors may assume the chairmanship of one or more standing committees.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the organization.

SECTION 5. The Board of Directors may adopt mining rules; regulations and handbooks to accomplish the purposes of these By-laws provided they do not conflict with State or Federal laws.

SECTION 6. If a board of Director position becomes vacant the position shall be filled as stated in Article IV, Sec. 3,A, 3.

SECTION 7. If a **member of the Board of Directors misses Board meetings in a year without the approval of the Board of Directors** the position shall be declared vacant and Section 6 above shall be put into effect.

SECTION 8. Any Board of Director member may call a Board of Directors meeting provided all members of the Board have been notified as to the purpose of the meeting. If immediate action is necessary, a telephone call or E-mail poll may be taken and the results shall be recorded in the minutes. Prior to calling for a meeting, the nature must be discussed with the officers of the organization to determine if the issue warrants a meeting.

SECTION 9. All members of the Board of Directors shall maintain membership in United Prospectors Inc. for their tenure in office.

SECTION 10. Each Board of Director, upon the expiration of their term of office, shall forward all records, books, funds, or other materials pertaining to their office to their successor on or before the January Board of Directors meeting.

SECTION 11. Each member of the Board of Directors present at an outing shall make himself or herself known to the membership.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF ELECTED DIRECTORS

(See Handbook for position for specific details of chairmanship duties.) Elected Directors shall be appointed to one of the following chairmanships:

SECTION 1. Claims

A. Examine and recommend new claims to the Board of Directors.

B. Complete all necessary fillings and reports as required by mining laws.

C. Perform the duties as outlined in the Claims Director's Handbook.

D. Provide as required, claims information, rules, regulations and limitations to the organization publications people.

SECTION 2. Membership

A. Promote new memberships.

B. Process all membership applications and submit a report at each Board meeting.

C. Perform the duties as outlined in the Membership Director's Handbook.

SECTION 3. Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

A. Publish the official Organization newsletter.

B. Oversee all organization publications.

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- C. Provide Newsletters to all advertisers.
- D. Publish the annual **Member** Claim and Rules Guidebook
- E. Update and print membership information (trifolds) as needed.
- D. Perform the duties as outlined in the Publisher/Editor-in-Chief Director's Handbook.

SECTION 4. Outing Coordinator, Wagon Master . Technical Advisor

- A Maintain outing schedules.
- B Coordinate outing activities and events.
- C. Submit a schedule of general membership outings for publication in the annual Member Claims and Guidebook.
- D. Post signs directing members to outing locations and assist members with parking if needed.
- E. Have a port-a-potty delivered at least two days before each outing.
- F. Perform the duties as outlined in the Wagon Master Director's Handbook.
- G. Give instructions to members on the operation and use of mining equipment.
- H. Perform the duties as outlined in the Technical Advisor Director's Handbook.

SECTION 5. Ways and Means

- A. Conduct a raffle at each outing.
- B. Buy prizes as needed for the outings and chapter meetings.
- C. Purchase Organization logo sale items.
- D. Update advertisers handbook and secure advertising for the newsletter.
- E. Perform the duties as outlined in the Ways and Means Director's Handbook.

ARTICLE VII

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees shall be: Assistant Claims, Auditor, Education, Historian, Librarian, Web Master and Elections. Refer to the Standing Committee Handbooks for their respective duties.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Installment Meetings

- 1. The installment meeting of the organization shall be held the in January.
- 2. The Officers shall be sworn in and assume their positions on the Board at this meeting.

SECTION 2. Regular Meeting

1. Meetings shall be held throughout the year as needed.

2. The meeting dates and locations shall be determined by the Board of Directors and published in the Organization newsletter: "Locating Gold, Gems & Minerals".

SECTION 3. Special Meetings Pursuant to Article V, Section 8, a special meeting of the Organization may be called by the President, or upon the call of the Board of Directors. Notice of time, place and purpose of the special meeting shall be given all Officers and Directors. Notice should be received no later than ten (10) days prior

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to the called meeting date. If immediate action is necessary, a telephone/fax/e-mail poll may be taken of the Board.

ARTICLE IX

ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Elections:

A. Elections shall be held at the scheduled meeting/outing in November.

B. Absentee ballots shall be accepted for the scheduled meeting/elections in November.

- C. Absentee ballots must be received at the mailbox of the Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than 14 days prior to the scheduled election date to allow time for verification of member status or they will be discarded.
- D. Ballots from expired or other unqualified members will be rejected.
- E. Absentee ballots must have the absentee voters UPI member number on it and must be signed by the member too be valid. Spaces will be provided.
- F. The absentee ballot will be first class mailed, or e-mailed to you, upon your timely request for such, by phone, by land mail, or e-mail, approximately one month before the scheduled Election. To use the absentee ballot, refer to the above. Place your postage stamp where indicated on the ballot and mail.
- G. Write-ins will be accepted on Election Day with the member's authorization and check of membership status.

SECTION 2. Nominations:

- A. At the first outing a nominating committee of three (3) members one (1) Election committee person, who will chair the committee and two (2) members shall be selected in the following manner: Election committee person appointed by the President and two (2) members selected by the general membership.
- B. The duties of the Election/Nominating Committee shall be to solicit and nominate one (1) or more candidates for each elective officer and/or Director vacancy and report to the members at the July meeting.
- C. The Election/ Nominating Committee shall present a proposed **slate of nominees at each general membership meeting.** Members present in good standing at such meeting may make additional nominations. The Committee shall then forward its report together with any additional nominations from the floor to the Editor-in-Chief for publication in the next newsletter.
- D. No nomination will be accepted without approval from the member.

E. The printing of the last Newsletter prior to the election will be the cutoff time for the November election.

SECTION 3. To be eligible for office a person shall be a member in good standing for one year or more at the time of the election.

SECTION 4. Terms of Office A. The terms of office shall be two (2) years.

B. The President, Secretary, and two (2) Directors, which are Outing Coordinator and Publisher/Editor-in-Chief shall be elected in odd-number years (2003, 2005, etc.)

C. The Vice President, Treasurer and three (3)

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Directors, which are Claims, Ways and Means, and Membership shall be elected in even-numbered years (2004, 2006, etc.).

SECTION 5. Election Procedures

The election of Officers shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE X

DUES

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Dues of Single/Family membership shall fall due and be payable once a year on their anniversary date. The anniversary date is the first of the month when a member joins United Prospectors Incorporated. **Dues of all Single/Family memberships must be paid by mail or given to any Board Member and then passed on to the Membership Director.**

SECTION 3. There shall be no refund of dues under any circumstances for members who terminate their membership.

SECTION 4. No member of the organization who is in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any privileges offered by **this organization. Members who have not paid their dues within Thirty (30) days after their anniversary date shall be automatically dropped from membership. They may** be reinstated by payment of their full current year's dues, however, their anniversary date will not be changed.

ARTICLE XI

ORGANIZATION COLORS

The Organization colors shall be goldenrod, black and gray, and all Organization printed materials shall include the United Prospectors Incorporated logo.

ARTICLE XII

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote (50% + 1) of the members present at any general meeting, provided written notice has been given thirty (30) days before the meeting at which such amendments are to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XIII

QUORUM

SECTION 1: Members present shall constitute a quorum at all general meetings.

SECTION 2. A majority (50% + 1) of the elected members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at all Board of Director meetings.

ARTICLE XIV

RULES OF ORDER

In all cases, not otherwise provided for in these By-laws, Roberts Rules of Order, "Newly Revised" shall be the parliamentary guide for proceedings of this Organization.



This is the first newsletter of the 2009 year. Please make yourself heard and get involved. Volunteers are always needed, come out and meet your Board of Directors, find out how you can be involved.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the past year volunteers and board members who gave their time but no longer serve on the board. They did an outstanding job and are to be commended for their hard work and dedication. Please let them know you appreciate all they did for UPI when you see them at future outings. A huge thank you to each of you!!!

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I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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