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Bull Creek



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ALERT:

Please be aware while in the environs this season, Forest Service and Fish and Game will be out in full force. With the price of gold the services have been told to be on the watch for miners pushing the limits. They also see this as an opportunity to gather some income, with the fines and such. One of our members has been issued a ticket for what was called "changing the stream course" . I was not there and can only speak from what I was told, this member was new to our organization, but he states that he had only just started and had not even filled his 1st bucket. He was digging in an existing hole though, which may have contributed to the issue. So with all of that said you will need to use some common sense while out looking for the mother load. Be sure to dredge within the banks, make sure you have a settling pond for you power sluice, backfill your holes for any digging you may do, and be aware of your surroundings. There are many places that the folks consider more sensitive than others, near campgrounds, around bridges, and near trails. We have always recommended that you join PLP, they fight for our mining rights and may be able to help you out of a situation., and they want to insure that our rights are protected. Hopefully I have not scared you from going out and finding your riches. We can enjoy our claims for a long time if we are smart in our use of the resources.
Don

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all, well we had some sun for a while there and I hope you had a chance to get rid of some cabin fever. I was lucky to have the opportunity to get out mining a few times this year, but, I tell you that first time out in the new year was a real killer. Thank goodness for Motrin! You know when the sun comes out that's when folks go mining and that always means more work for all the volunteers that make UPI happen. A special shout out to all of them, especially our membership folks for all your extra work this time of year.

Good news, we are actively looking to acquire new claims for UPI. And, speaking of volunteers, a team of UPI members, solicited at the Contra Costa and Santa Clara Chapter meetings, joined with some board members and volunteered to scout the prospective claim. As you can see from Jim's article this trip didn't work out, however, we're not going to let it get us down. If you or someone you know has a lead on a claim that you think would work out well for UPI, please contact our Claims Directors, Ron Coleman and Jim Madden with the information and we will be sure to check it out.

Want to give a special shout out to those Claims Directors for all their hard work and again to all the volunteers that turned out to scout the claim. It's folks like you that continue to make things happen in UPI! If you have anything going on in your local area let the Chapter Directors know and they can get the word out. Also, be sure to check out the updated "What's New" area on our website at www.unitedprospectors.com . Thanks to the hard work of our Webmaster this area will be updated with the latest happenings in UPI. Also, please let me know if you or someone you know is interested in starting a chapter near you. It's easy, lots of fun, and I can help you get started. Hope to see you at the upcoming outing! 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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Hello UPI Family,

I am announcing at this time that this will be my last year on the board. With my current job I am unable to continue with the UPI Board. Fortunately, I was able to get the time off to make the outings this year, but I promised my boss that I would not require this time off next year. Since I am low man on the totem pole others have first choice. It has been a pleasure being on the board and I hope I have served all of you well. I know I made mistakes with the minutes with names and other errors but that is just the way it goes sometimes. Please, I hope one our members will decide this would be a position that would be right for them. You have time to think about it and I hope someone is out there who would love to do this for our UPI Family. Thank you to everyone who has been on the board and been members. We can not do this without any of you. I hope to see you at the next outing and hope we all find our gold.

UPI Secretary, Rita Perry

VOTE IN 2010

Now is the time to start thinking about the 2010 Board Positions. An Election Director will be needed to form an election committee. The election committee is responsible for coordinating the ballot and voting, counting the ballot, and acquiring nominees for the positions.

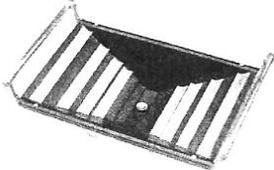
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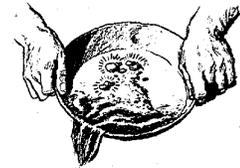
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CLAIMS SEARCH EXPLORATION: by: Jim Madden

(continued Claims Search Exploration)

On Saturday May 2nd some of the UPI board and a group of volunteers from the membership headed off to Oroville to sample some claims that were for sale. Prior to our sampling party near Oroville, I met up with my mining partner Dave and we headed off to a spot I found last summer near Sonora. We planned to do some metal detecting in an old mining site that had a fire on it last year. The weather was iffy but we figured we could at least get in some detecting. High wet grass slowed our hike and shortly after we arrived the clouds opened up heavily so that area will have to be explored at another time. We enjoyed a very satisfying apple turnover ala mode at Cov-ers apple ranch in Tuolumne city, then I headed up towards Oroville arriving after midnight. I spent the night in the back of my truck at the local Wal Mart campground next to a fellow camper. Saturday morning at 6 am it was still overcast but it had not rained all night. I flipped on the GPS to see if there were any parks in the area for a little metal detecting since I had a little over three hours to wait for the rest of sampling party and the claim owners to arrive. My stomach had other ideas than metal detecting so I headed over to the Cornucopia café where we all were to meet up. Ron was already there in his camper and Don rolled in just as I got there. We looked at the maps of the claims and discussed some of the regulatory issues that Ron found then headed over for breakfast. About nine UPI members showed up and at 9:30 we caravanned off to the claims.

area and more difficult to get it out. Maybe a few hale and hardy individuals who planned on staying a week or more at a time might be able to use it. By the end of the day there was not a dry spot left on any of us as it continued to drizzle or rain. Spirits were not dampened as gold and cabin fever were present. After we finished, several of us adjourned to the Cassidy café in Oroville for dinner and talk over the day's happenings.

We will still be actively searching for a new claim that will be usable for the club members. What we are not looking for is something that you need to be a mountain climber or goat to get to it.

We were going to sample 3 claims in the same area on the other side of Lake Oroville. The main one was advertised as good roads, access for a motor home, primitive forest service campground. Well 1 out of three was not too bad. Of course there was a nice drizzle coming down but we were prepared for the weather (sort of). The first claim we looked at was 140 acres. Access to this was at either side of the road, probably had room for a motor home but not much else. Upstream from the road the creek came down a steep water fall. On the other side of the road it was almost as steep, ending up about 100 ft down to the valley.



No one found any gold at this spot so we moved on to the campground. Hmm, not much there, a fresh ring of rocks for a fire pit but not a lot of room for an outing, this claim was not for sale. The two other claims downstream had almost no access. Steep climbs with a rope off the top of the road then it got a little better. We could not access the second claim from this side of the canyon. At the end of the third claim we could see the river, in fact if you kicked a rock off the road, it would have dropped a good 30 feet then rolled all the way to the creek, yes it was that steep. So we did not even consider this one. We drove back around the canyon to the other side to access the second claim. Don and I hiked down to the claim slipping numerous times on the wet mossy hill. At least we did find some color at this spot. The roads were good as advertised; a couple of really slippery spots where there was wet clay but the rest is mostly gravel and rock with a few ruts.



The overall consensus was that none of the claims were viable for the club. It would take great effort to get a dredge in to the

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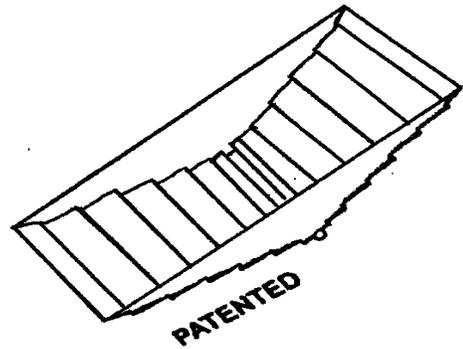
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What a day it was! You know it's a good day when everyone goes home with gold. Thanks to all the folks that came from the Santa Clara and Stockton UPI Chapters; other areas of UPI, the GPAA members, and others for joining us at Bear River on Saturday. I never got a final count, but, there was about 40+ folks and about 15+ sluices in the stream in one area about 20x20 and also folks up and down the river. Over all it was a great success for UPI. Thanks to all for helping out some of the new folks. Sorry I had to leave so soon but needed to take care of some business. I wanted to stay all day & night!!!!!! Don't forget to bring the Gold and your stories for show and tell at the next meeting. (May 21st) Thanks again for a very enjoyable outing.
Ed Ozga, Contra Costa Chapter Chair



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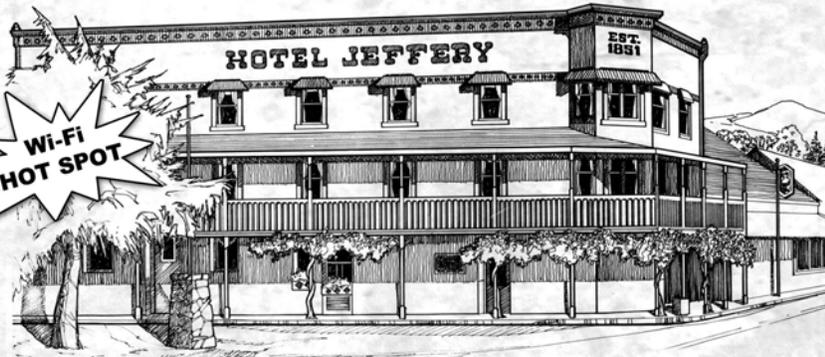
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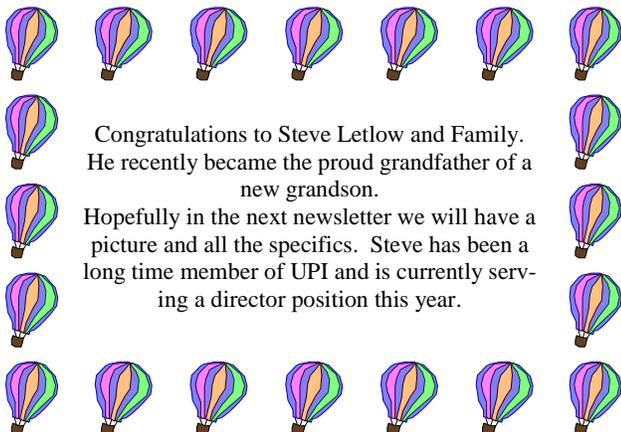
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Here is my take on the claim exploration. By: Don Siegel



The old miner sez: Lets socit tooom!!!

Steve Letlow and I met up at 5:30 in Stockton thinking we had at least a 2 hour drive. It was very pleasant although overcast, and the trip only took 1 1/2 hours so we had plenty of time to talk over the plans for the day. We had a nice breakfast and headed for the claims around 9:30. Of coarse it started to rain just as we left the restaurant. We arrived at the area of exploration and found a very beautiful little creek, with a nice little waterfall just up from the road. A few of the hardy ones grabbed the tools and went to work anxious to check things out. I found a small trail and climbed up above the waterfall looking for a sluicing spot. The water level being a little high and me not having my boots I was unable to set the sluice but did dig a little near some bedrock and came up with 1 small color. This creek would be much more workable during the normal flows of summer. Oh and did I mention that the water was ice cold. What I found very interesting was the large pile of tailings above the waterfall on the inside bend of the creek. The area we were exploring was heavily wooded and each step through the brush rained big heavy drops on us. From there we went on to the next claim to check out. At this point we had lost most of our exploration team. Jim Madden and I along with the claim owners ventured down a very steep hill to a much larger creek. Jim and I were able to come up with some color but the accessibility of the claim would make it impossible for all but the most able Billy Goat.

Bull Creek Check List:

- Be sure to have your notice of intent (NOI)
- Dredge permit is required
- Dredging season opens Saturday, May 23, 2009 not Friday
- Fire Permit is required for campfires, which are legal as of this writing. (Always look for postings regarding forest fires)
- Last 100 yards before you get to the turn off there is usually a sign letting you know if fires are permitted. If you are going to have an outside cook stove a fire permit is required.

The Pot Luck will begin Saturday afternoon the 23rd, followed by the confirmation of the By-law changes and raffle. Please take the time to review the by-laws and vote, vote, vote. Your voice with UPI is very important. 30 minutes after the raffle we'll begin our meeting, followed by a group campfire if permitted

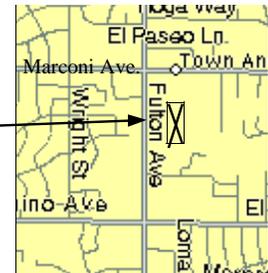
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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

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.



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 hereby apply for membership/renewal with United Prospectors, Inc. ("United Prospectors"). I understand that United Prospectors and its agents do not provide goods or services for my activities including, for example, mining equipment or supplies, lodging, transportation, food services etc. United prospectors is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act by providers of such goods or services during my activities. I acknowledge that there may be certain risks involved with activities as a member including, but not limited to, rugged or uneven terrain, uncertain or unpredictable river currents, physical exertion for which I am not prepared, other un-known forces of nature, high altitude, accident or illness without access to means of rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies, the adequacy of medical attention once provided, or negligence on the part of United Prospectors. I HEREBY AGREE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN WELFARE AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF UNANTICIPATED EVENTS, ILLNESS, INJURY, EMOTIONAL TRAUMA OR DEATH. I acknowledge that the cost of United Prospectors memberships is based upon participants executing this Release of Liability. Therefore, as lawful consideration for being permitted to participate as a member, I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FOREVER UNITED PROSPECTORS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM MY MEMBERSHIP OR MY ACTIVITIES AS A MEMBER. I agree that this release shall be legally binding upon me personally, all members of my family and all minors traveling with me, my heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives, it being my intention to fully assume all the risk associated with my activities as a member and to release United Prospectors from any and all liabilities to the maximum extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ UPI Member # _____
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