**Bylaws of the *Structural Geology and Tectonics Forum* (*SGTF*)**

**Article I: Mission**

***The mission of the SGTF (Structural Geology and Tectonics Forum) group is to facilitate research, education, and community development in Structural Geology and Tectonics. SGTF encompasses any aspects of land-, ocean-, or planetary-based study of deformation of Earth materials. SGTF facilitates communication within our community, between our community and other sub-disciplines in geological sciences, and between our community and other sciences. Finally, it stimulates the articulation of and approach to the next generation of Structural Geology and Tectonics research.***

To achieve this mission, SGTF:

* Provides a biennial forum for exchanging ideas, concerns, resources, and information about the role of Structural Geology and Tectonics;
* Plans and conducts geological field trips and short courses, associated with that meeting;
* Develops a network of full-time, part-time, and adjunct faculty, and other education professionals to improve research and education;
* Makes recommendations to the GSA (specifically, but not limited to, the Structural Geology and Tectonics Division) and AGU (specifically, but not limited to, the Tectonophysics Division) about

activities of special interest and benefit to Structural Geology and Tectonics community;

* Promotes the development of community within the practitioners of Structural Geology and Tectonics, with specific aims to: 1) recognize and promote promising young researchers; and 2) achieve increased diversity.
* Provides leadership, support, and coordination for ongoing initiatives that affect the Structural Geology and Tectonics community.

**Article II: Governance**

A. The SGTF shall be governed by an Executive Board.

1. The elected officers shall include the President, Past President, and Second Past President. The officers serve 6-year, overlapping terms, holding each post for 2 years.

2. The President is the person who is currently in charge of running the upcoming biennial SGTF. The Past President is the person who has run the preceding Forum. The Second Past President is the person who has run the second preceding Forum.

3. The officers change roles one year after the completion of the SGTF, on the 1st of the month. For example, if the SGTF is held on June 16-18, the officers will change roles on June 1 of the following year.

4. All meetings by the officers are expected to run by consensus. In the case of a divisive issue, each of the officers will be given one vote and a simple majority is necessary to make decisions.

5. The future President will be determined by the officers three years prior to the meeting in that locale (when the change of officers occurs). The choice of that President will then be ratified by the assembled group at the preceding SGTF, which is one year prior to that person taking on the role of president. The expectation is that the officers will choose a person who volunteers, and whose location and institution are consistent with the normal rotation of the forum.

B. The two-year terms of the Division President, Past President, and Second Past President shall be consecutive. At the end of his or her term, the President will be become Past President, and the Past President will become Second Past President.

**Article III: Advisors**
The Board of Advisors shall consist of the President, Past President, Second Past President, and the three other members representing the community. The Second Past President will be part of a nominating committee for the three other members. The current advisors will then choose between that slate of candidates. If the board should at any time consist of fewer than six persons, by reason of unwillingness or inability of any of the above persons to serve as directors, the vacancies on the board may be filled, by consensus, by the officers so as to bring the membership of the board to six members.

**Article IV: Officers and Responsibilities**

A. The Responsibilities of the Officers

1. Run the Structural Geology and Tectonics Forum on at least a biennial basis

a. Provide overall leadership of the Forum

b. Attempt to obtain external funding, such as from appropriate government agencies and private industry

c. Recruit an organizing committee consisting of two session coordinators, one field trip coordinator, one short course coordinator, and a three-person finance committee. Additional positions (registrations coordinator, a logistics coordinator and an events master, etc.) will be recruited as necessary.

 i. The field trip coordinator will arrange for fieldtrips and short courses by contacting scientists familiar with the area

 ii. The short course coordinator will arrange short courses that are of interest to the community. The short course coordinator can be combined with the field trip coordinator.

 iii. The session coordinators will determine meeting themes and recruit session conveners who recruit keynote speakers and assign talks and poster presentations to participants.

 iv. The finance committee assures a fair distribution of any available funds

d. Maintain a low-budget meeting, by hosting it at university facilities, to ensure broad participation

B. Act as a community liason

a. Maintain awareness of ongoing activities relevant to the SG&T community and communicate those to the membership through the SGTF and other venues

b. Correspond with the leaders SG&T division of GSA and the Tectonophysics division of AGU, about issues that are of interest to the SG&T community

**Article V: Membership**

The membership of the organization shall consist of persons who have registered for a SGTF within the past six years, and those who indicate interest in being a member according to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.

**Article VI: Meetings**
The organization shall meet at least once every other year. The general setting and time will be determined three (3) years prior, as determined by the Officers and Advisors. At this time, a future President is recognized. The intention of the forum is to alternate between research institutions and smaller more education-focused colleges, but also to move around the country.

**Article VII: Amendments**
These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote (majority of those voting) of the membership of the organization.

Adopted by the vote of the membership on June 18, 2014.