

NEW MEXICO SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers, upon the recognition that service to society and to the profession is the premise upon which individual opportunity must be built, does hereby dedicate itself to the promotion and protection of the profession of engineering as a social and economic influence vital to the affairs of all citizens and their communities.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this non-profit membership corporation shall be the New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers, hereinafter referred to as the "Society."

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the New Mexico Society shall be to advance the public welfare and promote the professional, social, and economic interests of the engineering profession; to stimulate and develop professional concepts among all engineers; to strive throughout the profession to make registration more meaningful in terms of acknowledgment of individual achievement in engineering as reflected by education and practice; and to urge each engineer to seek legal status through licensure at the earliest possible point in the engineers' career, and preserve the high standards of ethical conduct.

Section 2. The New Mexico Society shall extend cooperation to the National Society of Professional Engineers (National), the national technical societies and to the state and local engineering groups.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership grades shall be consistent with the membership grades established by National and as defined under the Bylaws of the Society, hereinafter referred to as Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – CHAPTERS

Section 1. The Society, through its Board of Directors, shall authorize and charter chapters and establish their respective local boundaries in the state. All chapters and their members shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.

Section 2. The Constitution and the Bylaws of the Society shall be interpreted to serve also as the constitution and the bylaws for each of the chartered chapters. Each chapter may adopt, subject to approval of the Society Board of Directors (Board), supplemental bylaws which shall be in conformance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.

Section 5. There shall be an executive committee of the Society comprised of the president, president-elect, vice-presidents, and immediate past president. Within the provisions of the construction, the executive committee shall act for the Board between Board meetings and shall report its interim activities at the next meeting of the Board. All acts of the executive committee shall be subject to approval of the Board.

Section 6. The Board may contract an executive director for administration to perform such duties as assigned by the Board and as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 7. The president shall be chairman of the Board and of the executive committee

Section 8. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote in the conduct of Board business.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of the Society shall be the president-elect and the vice-presidents as authorized by this Constitution. The officers shall take office, and the president-elect elected the previous year shall become president at the annual meeting or July 1, next which ever is sooner following the election, and shall hold office until the following July 1 or until the successors have been duly elected, qualified and installed.

Section 2. Only those of member grade, residing in New Mexico, may hold the elected offices of the Society. Only members or associate members may hold the offices of chapter president and state director.

Section 3. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the following procedure shall be implemented:

- a) Should a vacancy occur the president-elect shall assume the office of the president, and shall serve the unexpired term of office and shall serve the term for which elected. The office of the president elect shall remain vacant until filled at the succeeding election
- b) Should a vacancy occur in any other office of the Society, the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by the Board as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII - RECALL OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Any officer or director of the Society may be subject to recall for not performing the duties of that office. The procedures shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The president, with the approval of the Board, may create other committees as may be desirable and necessary.

Section 2. The composition and duties of the committees shall be as provided in the Bylaws.