

## ASCE NJ SECTION CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the New Jersey Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, hereinafter called the "SECTION." The official abbreviation for the Section shall be "NJ-ASCE."

Section 2. The objective of the New Jersey Section shall be the advancement of the science and profession of civil engineering for the benefit of humanity in a manner consistent with the objectives of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Section 3. Among the means for achieving such objectives shall be: meetings for the presentation and discussion of professional papers and for social and professional relations; cooperation with other engineers, as individuals or as constituent bodies of other organizations; participation in local and State affairs; and exercise of influence in properly solving engineering problems.

### ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All members of the American Society of Civil Engineers of all grades, who subscribe to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New Jersey Section, who have paid the current appropriate dues of the Section, shall be Subscribing Members of the Section. All other members of the American Society of Civil Engineers of all grades, whose addresses of record are within the boundaries of the Section, as defined by the Society, shall be Assigned Members of the Section.

Section 2. Only Subscribing Members in the grades of Honorary Member, Fellow, Member and Associate Member shall have the right to vote and to hold office or to represent the Section. Subscribing Members in all grades shall have the right to serve on committees.

Section 3. Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers residing in a border county may, if they choose to pay dues to more than one Section or Branch, be Subscribing Members to more than one Section or Branch.

Section 4. A Younger Member is a Section Member who is recognized as a Younger Member as defined in Article IV of the ASCE Bylaws.

### ARTICLE III. DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 1. There shall be no entrance fee for Section membership.

Section 2. The annual dues shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable in advance annually in accordance with the Society Bylaws, except that no dues shall be required from Subscribing Members who are exempt from payment of Society dues. Dues of the Sections and Branches shall be collected together by the National organization. Dues of

Technical Groups or Younger Member Group shall either be collected separately or itemized separately on the annual billing.

Section 3. Section activities shall be funded through an apportionment of the Section, Branch and Student Chapter dues and allotments. The Section funds withheld by the Section to cover essential functions shall be in direct proportion to the percentage of members assigned to each of the Branches. The dues and allotments remaining after all essential functions and expenses have been met will be transferred to the respective Branches in entirety based upon the proportion of subscribing and assigned members, respectively.

Section 4. Section voluntary contributions are designated monies to be used as agreed to annually by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Any Subscribing Member whose dues are more than one year in arrears shall cease to be a Subscribing Member of the Section unless otherwise ordered by its Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY

##### Section 1. Composition of Section Board of Directors

(a) The Section will be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members.

(b) The Officers of this Section shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, the latest active past-president, and a treasurer.

(c) The Directors of this Section shall include the Officers and; not less than five elected directors duly nominated and elected by Branch members.

(d) The Secretary shall be appointed by the Section President from among the five elected Section Directors.

All of the above shall constitute the Board of Directors in which the government of the Section shall be vested.

Section 2. The annual election of officers and elected directors shall be by signed mail or facsimile ballot.

Section 3. The term of the office of the President, First Past President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and all Directors shall be one year. The term for each newly elected officer or director shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting immediately following their election and shall continue for the period named or until a successor is duly elected. The President and Vice-President may not serve a consecutive term.

#### ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Semi-annual meetings shall be held in the fall and one in the spring. Other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors, or by the President upon the written request of at least ten subscribing members. Branches and other subsidiary units of the Section shall all participate in the Annual Meeting and will not schedule conflicting or competing meetings.

Section 2. Notice of call for a special meeting shall be mailed to all Subscribing Members not less than 15 days in advance of the meeting date.

Section 3. Regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Board of Directors shall appoint, notice of which will be sent immediately by the Secretary to all major subsidiary units to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Section 4. If any Director is unable to attend any scheduled Section meeting, that Director may appoint a substitute voting delegate from the Director's respective Branch.

#### ARTICLE VI. SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1. Subsidiary organizations may be formed within the New Jersey Section, to implement the objectives of the Section, to promote interest in the Society and to provide members of the Section a better opportunity for participation in local professional activities, in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 2. The President, Chair, or other duly elected officer of any Section subsidiary organizations may attend meetings of the Section Board of Directors and participate without vote.