

PREAMBLE

The Dallas Chapter subscribes to the aims and purposes as set forth in the Preamble, Constitution and By-Laws of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

In order to aid in advancing these ideals the Dallas Chapter herewith sets forth its Constitution and By-Laws of which this Preamble is a part.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1. This Chapter shall be known as the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

ARTICLE II - Headquarters

Section 1. The principal office and the place of meeting shall be located in Dallas County, and shall be selected by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1. Membership qualifications, grades, obligations and privileges shall be as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

ARTICLE IV - Officers, Directors and Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall be Registered professional engineers.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Board of the Chapter consisting of the Officers of the Chapter, the immediate Past President, five Directors elected from the general membership, each having a minimum of 2 years continuous membership in the organization, State Director, and Alternate State Director. The President shall act as Chairman of the Executive Board.

Section 3. There shall be one State Director and one Alternate State Director, elected by the Chapter.

ARTICLE V - Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees are formed to execute the duties of the Chapter and shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. General committees may be formed to address long term needs of the Chapter and shall be appointed by the President.

Section 3. Special Committees may be formed to address special issues and shall be appointed by the President as required, or as directed by action of the Chapter.

Section 4. The Chairman and the members of the Standing Committee shall be appointed by the President with the advice of the Executive Board for the term of the officers, or until discharged, and shall be designated as early as practical after the annual election.

Section 5. A Nominating Committee of three members, no two being registered in the same branch of engineering, shall be nominated and elected from the floor in accordance with the By-Laws. No Officer or Director shall be eligible for membership on this committee.

Section 6. An Audit Committee of three members shall, each year, be appointed by the incoming President before taking office.

Section 7. All new position statements shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its consideration and approval.

ARTICLE VI - Code of Ethics

- Section 1. The Code of Ethics adopted by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers shall be the Code of Ethics of this Chapter unless amended by a majority vote of a quorum of the members.
- Section 2. The Code of Ethics shall not be amended so as to conflict with that of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

ARTICLE VII - Election of Officers and Directors

- Section 1. All officers, except the President, shall be elected annually. All officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are installed. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President at the beginning of each administrative year.
- Section 2. Chapter Directors and the State Director shall be elected to serve for a period of two years and shall serve until their successors are installed. Three Directors shall be elected each year: either two Chapter Directors and the State Director, or three Chapter Directors.
- Section 3. The Alternate State Director shall be elected annually.
- Section 4. A slate of officers shall be presented to the General Membership at its regularly scheduled March membership meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be taken during the March membership meeting. Immediately after the March membership meeting and prior to the last day of March a ballot shall be sent by mail to all members. Ballots shall also be made available just prior to the April membership meeting being called to order. All Ballots shall be filled out, sealed and signed by the Chapter Member in the space provided.
- Section 5. Only those ballots received by the beginning of the April membership meeting shall be counted. During the April membership meeting the Tellers Committee shall certify and count all ballots. A plurality of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officers. In the event of a tie, the membership in attendance at the April meeting will cast votes to break the tie.
- Section 6. Upon the death, resignation, or removal of any Officer or Director, the Executive Board may fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.
- Section 7. Any member of the Executive Board may be removed from office if two-thirds of the Executive Board votes for removal.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

- Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by casting votes for a one month period between membership meetings. The Amendment must first be reviewed by the Executive Board as to form, then approved for voting by a General Membership Meeting. The Amendment shall immediately be mailed to all members along with a ballot and notification of the next General membership meeting at which the ballots received will be tallied. Ballots shall be made available just prior to the General membership meeting being called to order. The Tellers Committee shall tally the ballots during the membership meeting and present its results prior to the close of the meeting. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the ballots received shall be required to amend this Constitution or any part thereof.
- Section 2. When a proposed amendment is presented to the Chapter in writing and signed by 10% of the members in good standing, approval at a Chapter meeting shall be unnecessary before submission to the Chapter membership in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.