

ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN STATE ENGINEERS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this Association shall be Association of Western State Engineers.

ARTICLE II. Representation

The states represented in this Association shall be: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

ARTICLE III. Membership

The Association shall consist of Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Federal Associates.

Members shall be the State Engineer or other official of each state named in Article II above charged with the administration of the laws governing the appropriation, distribution or control of the water resources of each state.

Affiliate Members do not exceed two in number from any one state, may also be named to represent the states not named in Article II above. They shall have all the rights and privileges of a Member except the right to vote. They shall be admitted to affiliate membership upon receipt by the Association of a letter of designation from the Governor of any state not named in Article II above.

In addition to those Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members representing the various states as provided for above, the President of the Association shall, each year at least three months prior to the annual meeting request the heads of the following federal agencies to become Associates for the current year or designate official representatives of their offices for such Associates, provided such Federal Associates shall be not required to pay dues: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Geological Survey, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management and Budget, Department of Energy, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Bureau of Land Management, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Weather Service.

ARTICLE IV. Purpose

Section 1. To formulate broad principles applicable to all those states for the development, use, control, and regulation of the waters thereof.

Section 2. To assist one another in the solution of individual problems through the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Section 3. To cooperate in preserving the states' inherent right to develop, use, control, and distribute the water thereof and to facilitate the adjustment of interstate water problems.

Section 4. To enhance the beneficial and efficient use of water by encouraging the improvement and perfection of the laws relating thereto and by other proper means.

Section 5. To circulate among members such information as may be helpful in the discharge of their official duties.

ARTICLE V. Organization, Meetings and Procedure

Section 1. A President, Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting. They shall serve through the calendar year next following their election and shall be ineligible to succeed themselves in their respective offices.

Section 2. A Secretary shall be appointed by the incoming President who shall transact the usual business entrusted to a Secretary and shall serve during the term of the appointed President.

Section 3. There shall be an Executive Committee of four, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President and one member elected at the annual meeting who shall transact any necessary business arising between the various meetings of the Association. The Executive Committee shall have authority by unanimous action to audit, approve, and order paid any proper expense which may have to be incurred by the Association in the transaction of its business.

Section 4. The Association shall hold an annual meeting and a time and place selected at the preceding annual meeting provided that the time or place of such annual meeting may be changed by decision of the Executive Committee if necessary. Other meetings may be called by the President with the consent of a majority of the members.

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of at least ten members and shall be necessary to transact all business at regular or special meetings. In the absence of a member, he or she may designate a proxy from the state to exercise all rights and privileges of that member at that meeting. In the event that a quorum is not present at the annual meeting, all business shall not be considered to be official until distributed to all members for review and concurrence. A negative response from any member on any such business item shall invalidate the action taken.

Section 6. There shall be a Nominations Committee consisting of three members appointed by the President immediately upon the assembling of the annual meeting, whose duty shall be to

nominate a President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President and one member of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. All members, upon retirement from their respective offices as members, and all living former State Engineers or their equivalent in the nineteen states included in this Association, shall be Honorary Members who will have the privilege of participation without vote in the activities of the Association, provided the Honorary Members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Section 8. The President of the Association shall appoint such other committees as are necessary to carry out the objectives and conduct the business of the Association.

ARTICLE VI. Dues

In order to defray the proper expense of the Association, Members shall each pay the sum of \$20 annually and the Associate Members and Affiliate Members \$10 annually. Such dues shall be payable on the first day of the annual meeting. The Secretary shall be custodian of, and responsible for, the funds of the Association and shall disburse the same upon the approval of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall, at each annual meeting, make a full and complete report of financial transactions. If necessary to help defray the expenses of conducting the annual meeting, the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall have the authority to set the registration fee to be collected from each individual attending the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI. Dues

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Members present at any annual meeting.

(Adopted October 30, 1928)
Amended November 15, 1930
Amended September 12, 1946
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