

# HYDRAULICS AND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL GROUP

## LOS ANGELES SECTION

### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

#### BYLAWS

##### ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the Hydraulics and Water Resources Management Technical Group of the Los Angeles Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Section B: The objectives of this technical group shall be:

1. Advancement of engineering knowledge and practice in the fields of hydraulics and water resources management.
2. Facilitate the exchange of specialized technical information among all engineers in the Section.
3. Establishment and maintenance of high professional standards.
4. Cooperation with other technical groups in order to promote the general welfare of the engineering profession and the American Society of Civil Engineers.
5. To serve primarily, but not exclusively, the Members of the Los Angeles Section located within the Los Angeles County Area.
6. To encourage attendance and participation of interested members of the public and other professions in the activities of the technical group so as to expand the positive role, that ASCE may play in issues of public policy.

##### ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Membership shall be offered to all members of the American Society of Civil Engineers of all grades subscribing to the Constitutions and bylaws of the Hydraulics and Water Resources Management Technical Group and the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, as evidenced by payment of current dues of the Los Angeles Section. Members so forth described shall be termed Regular Members.

Section B: Members of other Sections of the American Society of Civil Engineers and other individuals who, by their educational and/or professional credentials, are associated with the objectives of the technical group may become adjunct Members of the technical group by appointment by the executive Committee. Adjunct Members may not hold office or vote in technical group proceedings but may otherwise participate in technical group activities.

### ARTICLE III. GROUP DUES

Section A: There shall be no initiation fee to the technical group.

Section B: There shall be no Membership dues to the technical group.

Section C: Adjunct Members shall pay such annual dues as may be prescribed by the technical group Executive Committee. Such dues shall entitle Adjunct Members to be placed on the mailing list of technical group.

### ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section A: The officers of the Hydraulics and Water Resources Management Technical Group shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who with one to three Directors, who have served as past Chairpersons, shall constitute the Executive Committee in which the government of the group shall be vested.

Section B: Officers shall be nominated and duly elected by the Members in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Bylaws of the technical group. The terms of all officers shall be one (1) year beginning at the close of the Los Angeles Section fiscal year. Only Members of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers shall be eligible for election. Their duties shall be those usual for such officers.

Section C: A vacancy in the office of the Chairperson shall be filled by the Vice-Chairperson. Other vacancies may be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the technical group Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section A: Regular meetings shall be held on the dates set by the Executive Committee and set forth in the Master Calendar, of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Section should be notified of any Variance from the Master Calendar. Location of the meetings shall be determined by the technical group Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI. FUNDS

Section A: The technical group will support itself by charging for activities, luncheons, accepting contributions, accepting annual contributions from the Los Angeles Section, establishing fees for Adjunct Members and by other means approved by the Executive Committee.

Section B: The Treasurer will establish a checking account in the name of the Hydraulics and Water Resources Management Technical Group, American Society of Civil Engineers, and maintain records of receipts and expenditures. Signature authority for the checking account shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section C: Contributions to the technical group of materials or services shall be separately recorded by the Treasurer with an estimate of their value provided by the Executive Committee.

Section D: The technical group shall operate on a "pay as you go" basis. No authority to create obligations or debts is granted by the Los Angeles Section or any Branch. Funds shall be on hand to cover catering contracts, room rentals, and other advance arrangements for meetings unless prior commitment is made by the Section or Branch Treasurer to cover any guarantees.

Section E: Funds accumulated in excess of operating needs and prudent reserves may be expended only on furthering the OBJECTIVES as described in ARTICLE I, Section B, above or transferred to the Los Angeles Section Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section A: The technical group Executive Committee can establish ad hoc committees to accomplish specific tasks for the benefit of the technical group. Committee chairpersons shall be nominated and elected as officers in accordance to ARTICLE IV.

## ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section A: These Bylaws may be amended only by the following procedure:

1. Amendments must be proposed in writing by at least three Regular Members and presented to the Chairperson of the technical group.
2. The proposed amendment shall be voted upon by Members of the technical group, as defined in ARTICLE II, attending the first regularly scheduled meeting of the technical group.
3. The proposed amendment shall receive an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members voting.
4. To become effective the proposed amendment shall receive the approval of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

## ARTICLE IX. REPORTS

Section A: Within five (5) days from the end of the fiscal year of the Los Angeles Section, the technical group Chairperson should file with the Los Angeles Section officer, who is Chairperson of the Technical Groups Committee, an annual report of the activities of the technical group. The report shall include a financial statement showing all receipts and expenditures.

## ARTICLE X. INTERPRETATION

Section A: These Bylaws and Rules adapted by the group, together with all future amendments, shall be interpreted so as to conform to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules, and policies of the Los Angeles Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

## ARTICLE XI. APPROVAL

Section A: These Bylaws, and any amendments thereto, shall become effective only upon approval of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

## ARTICLE XII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section A: The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the Executive Committee of the Hydraulics and Water Resources Management Technical Group.

Section B: The Nominating Committee shall choose one or more candidates for election for each of the offices prescribed by these Bylaws of the technical group and obtain the consent of the nominee(s) to serve if elected.

Section C: The nominee(s) shall be announced at a regularly scheduled meeting of the technical group. Additional nominees may be added as candidates by request of Members present at the meeting. New officers shall be selected by majority vote. Twenty members as defined in ARTICLE II of these Bylaws shall be required for quorum.

## ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS

Section A: In addition to the Annual Meeting at least two (2) meetings shall be held each year at regular intervals.

Section B: All meetings should be announced in the Newsletters of the Local Geographical Branch and Los Angeles Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

## ARTICLE XIV. PREVIOUS BYLAWS

Section A: These Bylaws supersede and replace any previous Bylaws for the Hydraulics and Water Resources Management Technical Group of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Section B: For these Bylaws to be enacted they must be approved by the requirements presented in ARTICLE VIII, Amendments.

Drawn on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, Nineteen Hundred and 92.

Submitted by the following officers of the Executive Committee:

Paul Little  
John Helyar  
David M. Hill

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Approved for submittal to the technical group membership by the Chairperson:

David M. Hill

Submitted to the technical group members on 7/16/92 at a regular meeting of the technical group with an attendance of 16 members representing a quorum.

A two-thirds majority vote of the technical group membership has approved these By-Laws for enactment and submittal to the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Section for their approval.

Attested by:

David M. Hill  
Chairperson

John Helyar  
Secretary

Bylaws approved by Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Section.

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