

CONSTITUTION
OF THE COASTAL CHAPTER
OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
A CHAPTER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY
OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

PREAMBLE

Recognizing that service to society, to State, and to Profession is the premise upon which individual opportunity must be built, the Coastal Chapter of Professional Surveyors, a Chapter of the South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors, does hereby dedicate itself to the promotion and protection of the profession of land surveying as a social and economic influence vital to the affairs of men and of the community.

ARTICLE I
(NAME, LOCATION AND OBJECT)

SECTION 1. NAME. The name of this organization shall be the "Coastal Chapter of Professional Land Surveyors," hereinafter call the "Chapter".

SECTION 2. LOCATION. This Chapter shall be eleemosynary organization under the laws of South Carolina with offices in Charleston.

SECTION 3. OBJECT. The object of the Chapter shall be the advancement of the public welfare and the professional, social and economic interests of the Professional Land Surveyor by promotion of education, legislation and public relations through the establishment and maintenance of high ethical standards and practices. It is proposed to bring about coordination between the Land Surveying and Engineering Professions through close cooperation with representative organizations of Professional Engineers.

ARTICLE II
(MEMBERSHIP)

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. Any person is eligible for membership in this Chapter who is a Professional Land Surveyor of good standing in the State of South Carolina, or in any other State or Territory of the United States, having laws regulating the practice of land surveying and the licensing of Professional Land Surveyors and who is also member in good standing of the South Carolina Society of

Professional Land Surveyors. Non-resident members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges except that of holding office. Any eligible person may apply for membership through appropriate application and agreement to comply with the rules and regulations of the Chapter. Applications for membership shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Applications shall be accompanied by the dues.

SECTION 2. CANCELLATION. Only members who dues are currently paid shall be eligible to vote. Should the registration of any member lapse or be revoked for any reason or should a member fail to submit current annual dues within sixty (60) calendar days from the beginning of the fiscal year, said person shall be notified in writing by the Secretary and automatically dropped from membership in the Chapter. The request of such a person from readmission must be accompanied by dues in full for the year at the close of which the member was dropped, as well as dues for the current year.

SECTION 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. Any person who is working toward registration as a Land Surveyor may become an Associate Member of the Chapter upon compliance with the following: Application and acceptance shall be for regular, full membership. Initiation fees and dues shall be as fixed by the Board of Directors. Associate members shall have all rights and privileges of membership except the holding of office or balloting in the election of officers. Associate Members shall be encouraged to become Professional Land Surveyors and full members of the Chapter.

SECTION 4. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP. Any person who is currently enrolled in a scholastic curriculum leading to a technical degree in Land Surveying or Engineering may become a Student Member upon compliance with the following: Application and acceptance shall be as for regular and associate membership except that concurrent membership in the South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors will not be required. Student Members shall have all rights and privileges of membership except the holding of office or balloting in the election of officers.

SECTION 5. SUSTAINING MEMBER. Any commercial or professional institution or individual interested in surveying and mapping, the manufacturing of instruments or equipment for this work or the production or compilation of maps. Sustaining members shall have all rights, and privileges of full membership except the holding of office and voting.

Application and nomination of sustaining membership. Any eligible person may apply for membership through appropriate application and agreement to comply with the rules and regulations of the Chapter. Applications for membership shall be presented to the chairman of the Membership Committee. The committee shall review the application and report to the Board of Directors who, upon affirmative majority vote, will present said application to the membership present for approval/rejection. Upon such approval, the applicant shall be advised of acceptance into membership. Any willful misstatement in the application shall be grounds for rejection of the application or for expulsion of the member if the member has already been elected to membership. Application shall be accompanied by the admission fee and dues.

ARTICLE III
(ADMINISTRATION)

SECTION 1. OFFICERS. The Chapter shall have as officers a President, President-Elect/Vice-President, immediate Past President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President-Elect/ vice-president, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected annually. The vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer shall serve one-year terms. The President-Elect/Vice-President shall serve a three-year term: one year as President-Elect; one year as President; and one year as Immediate Past President. A minimum two-year hiatus is required for eligibility to a second term in any office. The aforesaid five officers shall comprise the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve as a planning committee for the Board of Directors and as a financial committee for the Chapter.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Chapter shall have a Board of Directors composed of the following: The President, who shall be ex officio Chairman; the Vice-President; the Secretary-Treasurer; the last immediate or most recent Past President in active practice; and six (6) elected directors, three (3) elected each year to serve two (2) years. The directors shall be elected by the membership for two (2) year terms and will have no limit on length of service. Directors may serve as a member or as a chairman of a Standing Committee.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES. a vacancy in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

SECTION 4. SECRETARY-TREASURER. The expenses of the Secretary-Treasurer and fees and expenses of any other member or person serving the Chapter shall be allowed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Chapter for such amount as required by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV
(ELECTIONS)

SECTION 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Sixty (60) days prior to the time that officers of the Chapter are to be elected, a Nominating Committee of three shall be appointed, and when available the Chairman shall be the latest Past President of the Chapter; the other two members shall be appointed by the President. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers to be elected, and shall transmit this list to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the meeting at which the officers are to be elected. Additional nominations will be requested from the floor.

The election will be by a simple majority vote. Written ballots submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by members in good standing prior to the vote deadline established by the President will prevail.

At the direction of the Board of Directors a vote of the Chapter may be taken by mail, and the Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to enter the result of the vote in the record as the decision of the Chapter upon subject voted. Ballots are then to be turned over to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V
(COMMITTEES)

SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT. All standing committees and special committees shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES. The following standing committees shall be appointed to serve one year.

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| 1. Education | 5. Legal & Legislative |
| 2. Public Relations | 6. Ethics & Standards of Practices |
| 3. Membership | 7. Constitution & By-Laws |
| 4. Activities & Programs | |

SECTION 3. DUTIES. The duties of all committees shall be defined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI
(AMENDMENTS)

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority of the Board of directors or by petition signed by a majority of the members in good standing. Amendments submitted by petition shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors before being submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer for ballot. The findings at this review may be transmitted to the petitioners at the direction of the Board of Directors. If the number of signatures on the petition falls below the required fifty-one (51) percent through withdrawal of names by request of petitioners, the proposed amendment shall not be circulated for ballot unless approved by the Board of Directors with or without modifications.

Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer to each member with ballot.

An amendment shall become effective only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by qualified members.

ARTICLE VII
(CHARTER MEMBERS)

SECTION 1. CHARTER MEMBERS. Registered Land Surveyors from the various states whose application for membership, with dues, is received on or before the date of the first business meeting of the Chapter shall be recorded as Charter Members.

ARTICLE VIII
(DUTIES OF OFFICERS)

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees. In the absence of the President, the order of succession as presiding officer at all meetings of the Chapter shall be the President Elect/Vice-President, the most immediate Past President in active practice, the Secretary-Treasurer, and members of the Board of Directors in order of their seniority on the Board.

SECTION 2. SECRETARY-TREASURER. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Chapter and the Board of Directors. He shall issue all calls, notices, etc., as instructed by the President and/or the Board of Directors. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Chapter and have custody of all books, papers, monies and records. He shall maintain a membership record showing the accounts of each member of the Chapter. All books and records shall be kept in the forms as prescribed by the Board of Directors. He shall submit at each annual meeting a complete report of the year's business of the Chapter, including a financial report.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Chapter and shall deposit as directed by the Board of Directors. He shall keep a complete record of the financial affairs in such forms as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The books and records of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be audited annually or as directed by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall have prepared annually a bound copy of the Constitution together with a complete roster of the membership and a list of Officers, Directors, and Committees and a report of the Societies activities. This report is to be submitted to the State Society Board at the annual convention.

ARTICLE IX
(BY-LAWS)

SECTION 1. BY-LAWS. By-laws may be amended by majority vote at any business meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE X
(ORDER OF BUSINESS)

SECTION 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS. All business meetings shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
2. Unfinished business.
3. Reports of Officers and Chairman of Committees.
4. New Business.
5. Adjournment.
6. Robert's Rules of Order shall be accepted parliamentary procedure of the Chapter.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. DUES. The annual dues shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for full and twenty-five (\$25.00) for associate members and sustaining members, payable to the Secretary-Treasurer at the beginning of each fiscal year. Any change in the amount of admission fee or annual dues to be paid to the Chapter can be made only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin July 1. the Secretary-Treasurer shall publish quarterly in the Chapter's Newsletter a financial report.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS. The Chapter shall hold a minimum of one (1) meeting every two (2) months and a minimum of six (6) business meetings during the year.

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