

**CONSTITUTION**

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**PREAMBLE**

Recognizing that professional service to humanity, to our nation, and to our state is the fundamental purpose of professional engineering, the ALASKA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS does hereby dedicate itself to the promotion and protection of the profession of engineering as a social and an economic influence vital to the safety, health, and welfare of the community and of all mankind.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the "ALASKA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS", hereinafter called the Society, and is incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the Laws of the State of Alaska.
- Section 2. The Society shall be a Member State Society of the National Society of Professional Engineers, hereinafter referred to as the National Society.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

- Section 1. The objectives of this Society shall be:
- a. The advancement of the public safety, health, and welfare.
  - b. The uniting of all Professional Engineers of the State in one organization.
  - c. The advancement of the professional, the social, and the economic interests of the Professional Engineer.
  - d. The advancement and the protection of the interests of the Engineer-in-Training.
  - e. The promotion of high standards of engineering education.
  - f. The consideration of and attention to legislation affecting the profession.
  - g. The improvement of public relations and the cultivation of public appreciation of the work of the Professional Engineer.
  - h. The development of the civic consciousness of the members of the engineering profession.
  - i. The establishment and maintenance of high ethical engineering standards and practices.

**ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION**

- Section 1. The Society shall be governed by its constitution and administered through a member appointed Board of Directors. This Board of Directors shall conduct themselves by Robert's Rules of Order and establish Bylaws sustaining the Constitution.
- Section 2. The membership shall consist of Licensed Members, Members, and Student Members. All members shall be members of the National Society. Each member shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society, and shall be subject to dues, election, discipline, suspension or termination as provided in the Bylaws.
- Section 3. The membership of the Society may be organized into Chapters.
- Section 4. Practice Divisions and Committees may be established in the interest of the Society.

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Section 5. The Board of Directors will maintain a Society Headquarters and current mailing address within the State of Alaska.

**ARTICLE IV - BYLAWS**

Section 1. The Bylaws shall regulate all procedures under this Constitution, including those of the Board and committees.

Section 2. The Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds all members of the Board. The effective date of an approved amendment shall be stipulated by the Board. Such approved amendments to the Bylaws shall be circulated to the Society membership by the Secretary within thirty days following approval by the Board.

**ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority of the Board or by a petition signed by not less than 15 percent of the eligible voters of the Society in good standing. Amendments submitted by petition shall be reviewed by the Board before being submitted to the Secretary for ballot. The findings of this review shall be transmitted to the petitioners or accompany the ballot at the discretion of the Board.

Section 2. An amendment shall become effective only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast by qualified members, provided that at least 20 percent of the qualified members of the Society cast affirmative ballots.

**ARTICLE VI - EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section 1. This Constitution shall become effective upon its adoption in the manner prescribed for voting on amendments and thereupon the previous Constitution and prior amendments thereto are repealed.

**Constitution Originally Approved 30 September 1958**

- Amendment I**            Approved by vote of membership ballot March 13, 1971
- Amendment II**        Approved by vote of membership ballot March 28, 1985
- Amendment III**        Approved by vote of membership ballot September 1, 1992
- Amendment IV**        Approved by vote of membership ballot March 23, 2001
- Amendment V**        Approved by vote of membership ballot Month Day, 2010