

SEG Constitution

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Article I. Name

Section 1. The Society shall be called the "Society of Exploration Geophysicists."

Article II. Objectives

Section 1. The objectives of this Society shall be to promote the science of geophysics, especially as it relates to exploration and research, to foster the common scientific interests of geophysicists, and to maintain a high professional standing among its members.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. The Membership of this Society shall consist of persons elected and qualified in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of this Society at the time of such elections.

Section 2. The Membership of this Society shall consist of Honorary Members, Life Members, Active Members, Emeritus Members, Associate Members, [Subscription Members](#), Student Members, [and Corporate Members.](#) [and Global Members.](#)

Section 3. Honorary Membership shall be conferred upon persons who, in the unanimous opinion of the Committee on Honors and Awards and the Executive Committee, have made a distinguished contribution, which warrants exceptional recognition, to exploration geophysics or a related field or to the advancement of the profession of exploration geophysics through service to the Society.

Section 4. Life Membership may be conferred on persons who have voluntarily rendered exceptionally meritorious service to the Society which, in the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee, warrants recognition.

Section 5. To be eligible for election to Active Membership, an applicant must be actively engaged in practicing or teaching geophysics or a related scientific field. The applicant's work must have been of a professional nature for not less than eight years and must have been of a responsible nature calling for the exercise of independent judgment and the application of geophysical or geologic principles during at least three years of the total eight years' professional experience. An applicant having worked toward a degree in a scientific field from a recognized college or university may count time as a student toward a portion of the required eight years' professional experience, not to exceed the following: bachelor's degree, four years; master's degree, five years; doctor's degree, seven years. Time spent solely as a full-time student, even in pursuit of a doctorate, cannot be counted toward the requirement of at least three years' professional experience of a responsible nature.

Section 6. An Active Member in good standing may become an Emeritus Member upon reaching sixty-five years of age, provided the member has been an Active or Associate Member for a total of thirty years, including time spent in military service. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to waive the age and years of membership requirements for transfer to Emeritus Membership in case of an unusual circumstance.

Section 7. [To be eligible for election to Associate Membership, an applicant must be actively interested in geophysics.](#)

[To be eligible for election to Associate Membership, an applicant must be actively engaged in practicing or teaching geophysics or a related scientific field. An Associate Member of eight years professional experience will be offered automatic up-grade to Active Membership.](#)

Section 8. To be eligible for Student Membership, an applicant must be a graduate or undergraduate student in good standing in residence at a recognized university or college. Eligibility for Student Membership shall terminate at the close of the calendar year in which the Student Member ceases to be a graduate or undergraduate student in good standing in residence at a recognized university or college.

Section 9. To be eligible for election to Corporate Membership, a corporation or organization must be actively engaged in geophysical exploration, geophysical research, or a related field, or in furnishing services or products used in geophysical exploration or research, and must have an active interest in supporting the objectives of this Society. The services or products provided must be demonstrably based upon accepted principles of the physical sciences.

Section 10. [To be eligible for election in the Global Membership, an applicant must be actively interested in geophysics and a citizen and resident of an SEG-designated Global Country.](#)

To be eligible for Subscription Membership, an applicant must be actively interested in geophysics.

Section 11. Honorary Members, Life Members, Active Members, and Emeritus Members shall enjoy all privileges of the Society. They shall be eligible to hold any office, to vote on all matters submitted to the membership, to petition the Council or Executive Committee on any matter, to sponsor applicants for membership, and to publish their affiliation with the Society. Except where Honorary, Life, or Emeritus Members must be referred to separately, reference to Active Members elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws shall be considered to include Honorary, Life, and Emeritus Members.

Section 12. Associate Members, Subscription Members, and Student Members shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Society, to receive its journals, and to purchase its publications on the same terms as Active Members. They shall have none of the other privileges of membership and in publishing their affiliation with the Society shall clearly indicate their grade of membership.

Section 13. Global Members shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Society, to purchase its publications on the same terms as Active Members, and to have electronic access to SEG's services, products, and journals. Global Membership shall not include printed copies of SEG journals. Global Members shall have no other privileges of membership and in publishing their affiliation with the Society shall clearly indicate their grade of membership.

Article IV. Code of Ethics

Section 1. Membership of any class shall be contingent upon conformance with the established principles of professional ethics.

Article V. Election, Resignation, and Expulsion of Members

Section 1. The method of election to the various grades of membership shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Any member in good standing may resign from the Society at any time as set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Any member may, for the good of the Society, be suspended or expelled from the Society at any time as set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VI. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a President-Elect, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Editor. Officers shall be elected in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot. The names of the nominees for each office shall be arranged on the ballot in a fair manner.

Section 3. There shall be a Committee on Nominations consisting of the immediate Past-President, who shall be Chairman, the next two immediately prior Past-Presidents, and four Active Members, each of whom represents an SEG Section or Associated Society. Two of these shall be selected annually by the SEG Committee of Tellers in a random manner by a blind drawing from a pool of these organizations. Annually, the names of the two organizations selected in this manner shall be removed from the pool for drawings in subsequent years. When the pool is depleted, it shall be reconstituted by inclusion of all such organizations existing at that time. The pool shall be modified by deleting disbanded organizations and by adding newly formed organizations as these occur.

The leadership of each of the two organizations selected by the SEG Committee of Tellers shall appoint a representative to serve two years on the Committee. For the initial reconstituted Committee, the SEG Committee of Tellers shall select four, rather than two, organizations, of which two will each appoint a representative to serve one year and two will each appoint a representative to serve two years.

In the event a Past-President must resign from the Committee for any cause, the most recent Past-President who is not on the Committee shall become a member of the Committee and the most recent Past-President on the Committee shall be Chairman.

In the event a representative of a selected organization must resign from the Committee for any cause, that organization's leadership shall be requested to appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term. If this is not possible, another organization shall be selected by the SEG Committee of Tellers, in the manner described above, and requested to select a representative to serve on the Committee for the remainder of the predecessor's term.

The SEG Committee on Nominations shall nominate, in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws, candidates from among the Active Members of the Society in good standing for each office or post to be filled. Additional nominations may be made by petition as set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 4. The officers' terms of office begin at the close of the last official function of the first Annual Meeting after their election and, except for the Editor, end at the close of the last official function of the second Annual Meeting after their election. The term of the Editor ends at the close of the last official function of the third Annual Meeting after the Editor is elected.

Section 5. No officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for two consecutive terms.

Section 6. In case of a vacancy in any office other than the President's, the Executive Committee shall select a successor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant office.

Article VII. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Society, shall take cognizance of the acts of the Society and of its officers, shall appoint such committees as are required for the purposes of the Society, and shall delegate members to represent the Society. The President may serve on, and may be chairman of, any committee. The President shall prepare an address to be given before the members of the Society at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The President-Elect shall succeed the President, shall assume the office of President in case of a vacancy in that office from any cause, shall assume the duties of the President during the absence or disability of the latter, and shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the

President or the Executive Committee. The further line of succession is to First Vice-President to Second Vice-President to Vice-President to Secretary-Treasurer to Editor. The First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, and the Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer, under the direction of the Executive Committee, shall oversee the financial affairs of the Society and shall submit a report covering the fiscal year which shall be included in an Annual Report of the Society and which shall be published in the next regular issue of a journal of the Society. The Secretary-Treasurer shall oversee the receipt and disbursement of all Society funds, shall cause an audit to be prepared annually by a public accountant at the expense of the Society, and shall give a bond and shall cause to be bonded all employees to whom authority may be delegated to handle Society funds. The amount of such bonds shall be set by the Council, and the expense shall be borne by the Society. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform such additional duties as may be delegated by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Editor, under the direction of the Executive Committee, shall administer the technical editing activities related to Geophysics and special publications, shall submit an Annual Report of such activities, shall have authority to solicit papers and material for these publications, and may accept or reject material offered for publication in Geophysics. The Editor may appoint associate, regional, and special editors, and shall perform such additional duties as may be delegated by the President or Executive Committee.

Article VIII. Council

Section 1. The Council of the Society shall consist of the officers, the officers-elect, Section Representatives, and District Representatives. Active Members in good standing will be represented on the Council by Section Representatives from a Section of which they are members; otherwise, they will be represented on the Council by District Representatives corresponding to their geographical Districts. Each Active Member will be represented by only one Section or District.

Section 2. The Council shall be the governing body of the Society and, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws, shall have full control and management of the affairs and funds of the Society.

Section 3. A meeting of the Council shall be held at the call of and chaired by the President during the Annual Meeting of the Society. Prior to the Annual Meeting of the Society, an Annual Report, including reports from officers and committees, shall be printed and distributed to the Council. At this meeting the Council may review the reports from the officers and committees and the activities of the Society for the past year. The Council shall conduct any necessary business and issue instructions or recommendations to any officer or committee, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws. The President may refer items of new business to the appropriate committees for study before action is taken by the Council. All committee chairmen may attend this meeting with the privilege to speak but not to vote.

Section 4. At the call of the President or a majority of the Council members, and after written notice to all Council members, the Council may meet at any time.

Section 5. A quorum at any meeting of the Council shall consist of one-third of all Council members.

Section 6. Unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, all actions by the Council shall require a majority vote of the members present.

Article IX. Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Editor.

Section 2. When the Council is not in session, the Executive Committee shall have full authority, subject only to prior instructions by the Council, to exercise all powers of the Council.

Section 3. All actions of the Executive Committee shall require a majority vote of all members of the Committee.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may vote on any matter either by mail, electronic means, or in person.

Article X. Meetings

Section 1. The Society shall hold at least one meeting of the members each year, this meeting to be known as the Annual Meeting. At one session of the Annual Meeting, the officers of the Society shall be presented and the officers-elect introduced.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting shall be held at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Additional meetings of the Society may be called by the Executive Committee.

Article XI. Sections and Associated Societies

Section 1. Sections and Associated Societies, consisting of members of the Society and other persons engaged in geophysics or a related field residing within an appropriate distance of a central point, or sharing a common interest or problem, may be organized as provided in the Bylaws. The terms Section and Associated Society shall be taken to be synonymous, and either may be adopted on the preference of the individuals forming the Section or Associated Society. Where the term Section is used in the Constitution and Bylaws, it shall be taken to mean Section or Associated Society. The rights and responsibilities of Sections and Associated Societies under the Constitution and Bylaws shall be the same.

Section 2. Each Section shall assist in carrying out the objectives of the Society.

Section 3. Each Section shall have one Section Representative if, among its members, there are not more than seventy-five Active Members in good standing. When the Section has more than seventy-five Active Members in good standing, additional Section Representatives may be appointed on the basis of one Section Representative for each Unit Quota or fraction thereof as provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 4. The Section Representatives shall be selected from among the Active Members of the Society in good standing for terms stated and in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 5. Affiliation with a Section may be dissolved as provided in the Bylaws.

Article XII. Student Sections

Section 1. In keeping with the objectives of this Society, the formation of Student Sections at recognized colleges or universities shall be encouraged by the Executive Committee.

Article XIII. District Representatives

Section 1. Active Members who are not represented by Sections will be represented on the Council of the Society by District Representatives.

Section 2. One or more District Representatives from each District shall be elected in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws from among the Active Members of the Society in good standing who are not represented by Sections.

Section 3. District Representatives shall have all the rights and authority of Section Representatives.

Article XIV. Affiliated Societies

Section 1. The Council may arrange for affiliation of the Society with any duly organized groups or societies.

Section 2. The terms of affiliation must provide that the Society shall have the right to dissolve such affiliation at any time subject only to the payment of any sums it may legally owe the affiliated group or society.

Article XV. Committees

Section 1. The President may at any time appoint committees for such purposes as may be deemed fit to further the purposes of the Society.

Section 2. The terms of all committees shall expire at the close of the Annual Meeting following their appointment unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 3. The chairman of each committee shall prepare a report of that committee's activities to be included in an Annual Report of the Society which is to be printed and distributed to the Council prior to the Annual Meeting. Interim reports shall be made at the request of the President.

Article XVI. Executive Director

Section 1. The Executive Committee may employ an Executive Director and staff for the Society and pay them salary and other compensations from the Society's funds.

Section 2. The Executive Director shall provide a bond appropriate in amount, the cost to be borne by the Society.

Section 3. The Executive Director shall perform such duties as the President or Executive Committee may assign and shall be directly responsible to the President for the performance of those duties.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may discharge the Executive Director at any time.

Article XVII. Review by Members

Section 1. Any action of an officer, the Council, the Executive Committee, or any other committee of the Society shall be subject to review by the Active Members.

Section 2. Proposals to change any decision, policy, or procedure of an officer, the Council, the Executive Committee, or any committee shall be submitted in writing to the President and signed by at least five percent of the Active Members of the Society in good standing.

Section 3. Any proposed change must not be in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws. The legality of a proposed change shall be determined by the Executive Committee, with the advice of counsel when indicated.

Section 4. Upon receipt of such a petition with a sufficient number of valid signatures and upon determination of the legality of the proposed change, the President shall advise the Council or the officer or committee involved.

Section 5. Should the officer or the Council or the committee involved be unwilling to comply with the petition, it shall be published, together with a discussion by the proposer and his officer or committee involved, in the next issue of a Society journal.

Section 6. Within thirty days after publication in a journal, the petition shall be submitted to the membership by ballot under the direction of the President. A majority of the ballots returned within thirty days after being sent shall be decisive. Should the vote favor the petition, it shall be complied with, within the limitations imposed by the Constitution and Bylaws, as promptly as practicable.

Article XVII. Bylaws

Section 1. The Council shall make Bylaws as it deems necessary for the proper government of the Society. The Bylaws must not be in conflict with the Constitution.

Article XIX. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition containing signatures of at least five percent of the Active Members of the Society in good standing.

Section 2. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be published verbatim in a Society journal prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. The legality of all amendments shall be determined by the Executive Committee, with the advice of counsel when indicated, before publication in a Society journal.

Section 4. At the annual meeting of the Council, all proposed amendments received and published in the journal since the previous annual Council meeting shall be considered. The Council may amend the Bylaws by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council present. Those amendments to the Constitution receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council present shall be submitted by ballot to the entire Active Membership of the Society within sixty days. If a majority of the ballots returned within sixty days of their being sent favor the proposed amendment, it shall become effective at the expiration of this sixty days. All amendments shall be reported in a Society journal.

Section 5. Those amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws rejected by the Council must be resubmitted under the provisions of this Article if they are to be further considered.

Article XX. Procedures Manual

Section 1. A Procedures Manual, not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws, shall govern the details of the operation of the Society. This manual shall be prepared by the Executive Director, who shall also revise it as necessary. This manual and any changes to it must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Article XXI. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Society's Constitution, Bylaws and any special rules of order that the Society has adopted or may adopt.

SEG Bylaws

(Amended 1 October 2006)

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Article I. Publications

Section 1. The Society shall publish a technical journal entitled Geophysics and other journals designated by the Executive Committee. The Society's publications may be distributed in electronic or paper form.

Section 2. The journals shall be published at intervals designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. All reports to the Society by its officers and committees shall be published in a journal designated by the Executive Committee. All Members of the Society shall be presumed to have due notice of all Society matters published in the journals.

Section 4. Original papers, articles, reviews, abstracts, notes, letters, or any other material containing information of interest to the Members of the Society may be published in the journals.

The Editor shall be the sole judge of which technical papers are accepted for publication in Geophysics.

Section 5. The subscription rates of the journals shall be set by the Executive Committee. A portion of the annual dues of each dues-paying Member shall be set aside for the payment of subscriptions to the journals.

Section 6. The Executive Committee will authorize the printing, financing, and distribution of all Society publications.

Article II. Honors and Awards

Section 1. The Committee on Honors and Awards shall consist of five Active Members, none of whom shall have been Members of the Society less than five years. Each incoming President shall appoint one Member from among the prior Past-Presidents of the Society, if available, to serve five years. The senior member of the committee shall retire after the Annual Meeting. In the event a committee member cannot serve for any reason, the President shall appoint a successor from available Past-Presidents for all or part of the remaining term.

Section 2. The Committee on Honors and Awards shall review suggestions for new honors and awards and shall submit its recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The highest award of the Society shall be named in honor of Maurice Ewing. The Maurice Ewing Medal shall be awarded from time to time to a person who, in the unanimous opinion of the Honors and Awards Committee and of the Executive Committee, is deserving of SEG's highest honor through having made distinguished contributions both to the advancement of the science and to the profession of exploration geophysics. The award of the Maurice Ewing Medal shall confer Honorary Membership on its recipients.

Section 4. The Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee candidates for all established honors and awards of the Society and for election to Honorary Membership.

Section 5. The Committee on Honors and Awards may submit to the President six months before the Annual Meeting the name or names of any person or persons it deems eligible for the Maurice Ewing Medal or for election as an Honorary Member. The Committee shall submit a written report explaining the basis of its recommendations.

Section 6. The President shall submit copies of any such reports to all members of the Executive Committee not less than five months before the Annual Meeting.

Section 7. The Executive Committee members shall consider all such reports and vote three months before the Annual Meeting. Unanimous action by those voting shall be required to bestow the Maurice Ewing Medal or to elect any person as an Honorary Member.

Article III. Election to Active, Emeritus, Associate, Student, [Subscription](#), [Global](#), and Corporate Member

Section 1. An applicant for election to Active, Associate, [Subscription](#), [Global](#), or Student Membership shall submit to the Executive Director of the Society an application setting forth details of the applicant's education and experience, together with dues for one year. For Active Membership, the application shall list the names and present addresses of not fewer than three references with at least one from among the Active Members of the Society in good standing. Additional references may be selected from the following sources: active or equivalent members of SEG's allied or cooperating societies; current or past geoscience employers; and/or authorship of a technical publication in a journal sponsored by SEG or one of its allied or cooperating associated societies. All references must be personally acquainted with the applicant and the

applicant's recent experience and must confirm that the applicant is qualified by training and experience for Active Membership. A reference from a single faculty member from the applicant's academic institution is required for election to Student Membership. This application shall be open to inspection at any time.

Section 2. An applicant for Corporate Membership shall submit to the Executive Director of the Society a completed application form provided by the Society. The application shall list the names and present addresses of not fewer than three references from among the Active Members of the Society in good standing who have personal knowledge of the company's activities and who can confirm that the company's products and services can be demonstrated to be based on accepted principles of the physical sciences and conform with the established principles of professional ethics as outlined in the Society's Code of Ethics. The references must not be employees of the applicant or have ownership in the applicant company.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may waive the requirement of references from Members of the Society for geographical or other reasons, if the applicant is otherwise eligible and furnishes other satisfactory references.

Section 4. The Executive Director shall write to all references for Active Membership for verification of the applicant's statements. All replies from the references shall be considered confidential and shall not be disclosed, except to the Executive Committee, without the references' prior written consent.

Section 5. The name of each applicant for Active Membership shall be published in the next regular issue of a Society journal for approval by the membership at large. If no objection is received within thirty days after this publication, the applicant shall be deemed approved by the membership at large effective on the date of such publication.

Section 6. An applicant for Active or Corporate Membership must be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. An applicant for Associate, [Subscription](#), [Global](#), or Student Membership shall be approved by any member of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Applicants shall be notified in writing following approval of their applications. Membership shall date from the first day of the calendar year in which the applicant is elected to membership. The initial dues payment must accompany the application and shall be in the amount of the annual dues required for the applicant's member category. Society publications shall commence with receipt of the application and the initial dues payment. The first annual dues billing following the initial dues payment will be reduced by the amount that the initial dues payment exceeds a pro rata share of the calendar year's dues.

Section 8. An [Associate](#), [Subscription](#), [Global](#), or Student Member may seek transfer to Active Membership by supplying additional information to show eligibility for election to Active Membership. The Committee on Membership may of its own initiative secure the necessary additional information and submit it to the Executive Committee. The transfer shall be handled in the same manner as election to Active Membership. [An Associate or Global Member who desires a transfer to Active Membership must follow the same procedure as one who applies for Active Membership as a new member.](#) [An Associate Member will be eligible for automatic up-grade to Active Membership after eight years of professional experience.](#) A Student Member shall automatically be transferred to Associate Membership on the first day of the calendar year following the termination of eligibility for Student Membership.

Eligibility for Student Membership shall be reviewed annually to determine whether the student is enrolled as a full-time student in pursuit of a degree in geophysics or a related field. An Active Member shall not be eligible for transfer to Student Membership.

Eligibility for Global Membership shall be reviewed annually to determine whether the member is a citizen and a resident of an SEG-designated Global Country.

Section 9. A Member qualifying for Emeritus Membership may be transferred to that status on written notice to the Executive Director that the Member has reached age sixty-five.

Section 10. Submittal of false information in an application shall be considered a violation of the Society's Code of Ethics and may be considered cause for subsequent expulsion from the Society.

Article IV. Dues

Section 1. The annual dues of Active, Emeritus, Associate, Subscription, Global, and Student Members of the Society shall be established by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Council.

Section 2. Honorary and Life Members shall not be required to pay dues and shall receive, without charge, the journals and any other periodicals published by the Society.

Section 3. The annual dues of an Associate Member shall be the same as those of an Active Member in the same dues classification.

Section 4. The annual dues of an Emeritus Member shall be no more than one-half those of an Active Member in the highest dues classification.

Section 5. The annual dues of a Student Member shall be no more than one-quarter of those of an Active Member in the highest dues classification.

Section 6. The amount of annual dues of Corporate Members and the date of renewal shall be set by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Annual dues shall be payable in advance on January 1 of the calendar year. A bill shall be sent to each Active, Emeritus, Associate, Subscription, Global, Corporate, and Student Member before that date, stating the amount of annual dues and the penalty for default. Annual dues include one subscription to each of the Society's journals to be commenced at the effective date of membership. The journals may be withheld from Members whose dues are in arrears. Members in arrears shall lose all privileges of membership until such arrears are met, and Active and Emeritus Members failing to pay by June 1 shall have their votes in the annual ballot disqualified.

Section 8. In lieu of annual dues, an Active, Associate, or Emeritus Member, after five years of membership, may pay dues in full for life by a single payment in an amount established by the Executive Committee.

Section 9. In case of unusual circumstances, the Executive Committee, by a unanimous vote, may waive the dues of an Active or Emeritus Member for one year.

Article V. Resignation of Members

Section 1. Any Member of the Society may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director.

Section 2. Any Member who resigns under the provisions of Section 1 of this article ceases to have any rights in the Society and ceases to incur further indebtedness to the Society.

Section 3. Any person who has ceased to be a Member under Section 1 of this article may be reinstated with the approval of a member of the Executive Committee. Any person having resigned more than one time may be reinstated with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. Reinstatements are subject to the payment of any outstanding obligations and the dues for the current calendar year. The Member seeking reinstatement must submit an application furnishing the same information required for election to membership.

Article VI. Suspension and Expulsion of Members

Section 1. Any Member who fails to pay the required dues by the first day of the calendar year shall be automatically suspended from membership on that day. While suspended, Members shall have no rights in the Society.

Section 2. A Member who has been suspended more than one year shall be dropped from the Society by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A suspended Member will automatically be reinstated by payment of outstanding dues and obligations and the dues for the current calendar year.

Section 4. A Member who has been dropped under the provisions in Section 2 of this Article may be reinstated with the approval of a member of the Executive Committee. Any Member who has been dropped more than one time may be reinstated with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. Reinstatements are subject to the payment of outstanding obligations and the dues for the current calendar year. The Member seeking reinstatement must submit an application furnishing the same information required for election to membership.

Section 5. The Society may suspend or expel a Member of any grade for a clear violation of the Society's Code of Ethics, for any action critically disruptive of Society goals and purposes, or for serious misconduct or dishonesty. In the event a Member is accused of violations serious enough to warrant suspension or expulsion, the Executive Committee will notify the accused Member of its intention to initiate proceedings. The President will appoint an ad hoc Board of Hearing to consider the charges. The accused Member will then have a fair opportunity to hear the charges and to present a defense against them, including the opportunity to appear in person and with representation. The judgment of the Board of Hearing will be submitted to the Executive Committee for final action. The Member against whom the Executive Committee has taken action shall have the right to petition the Council at its next annual meeting for a rehearing. Following resignation or expulsion as a result of the above-described proceedings, a Member shall not be eligible for reinstatement.

Article VII. Election of Officers

Section 1. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate two or more candidates for the offices of President-Elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, and nominate one or more candidates for the office of Editor to be elected in odd-numbered years and for District Representative vacancies. The Committee on Nominations must secure the consent of all candidates nominated.

Section 2. The SEG Committee on Nominations must complete its slate of candidates in time for publication in the April issue of The Leading Edge. The Committee also shall submit each candidate's biography, of appropriate length, in time for publication in the July issue of The Leading Edge.

Section 3. Prior to May 15, nominations in writing, signed by at least forty Active Members in good standing and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate and a brief biography of each candidate, ready for publication, may be submitted to the President. A voting member may sign only one petition for each office in a given year.

Section 4. Between June 1 and June 15, the Executive Director will prepare and send, to each Member eligible to vote, a ballot listing all candidates properly nominated for office and for District Representatives. With each ballot, the Executive Director shall send an official ballot return envelope and brief biographies of the candidates for the Executive Committee. For Members represented by District Representatives, the Executive Director will prepare an additional ballot of all properly nominated candidates for District Representatives for each Member's geographical District. With this ballot, the Executive Director shall include brief biographies of the candidates.

Section 5. The SEG Committee on Nominations shall appoint a Committee of Tellers whose responsibility shall be to see that the ballots are counted in an accurate and impartial manner, and to furnish the SEG Committee on Nominations, before August 15, results of the ballot count. Results shall consist of the number of votes received by each candidate and, additionally, the percentage of votes received by each candidate for an Executive Committee office, except for that of Editor.

Section 6. Each Member voting may cast one vote for each officer. If represented by a District for which District Representatives are nominated, the Member may also cast one vote to fill a vacancy for District Representative. If voting by paper ballot, the completed ballot must be returned to the Executive Director in the official envelope carrying on the outside the written signature of the Member submitting the ballot. Ballots received by the Executive Director not later than the last day of business in July shall be valid.

Section 7. The Executive Director shall indicate which ballots are valid and shall make arrangements, satisfactory to the Tellers, to have the votes counted. The candidate receiving the greatest number of valid votes cast for an office shall be declared elected to that office. In case of a tie, the Committee on Nominations shall decide by a secret vote which of the candidates shall be elected. Results of the ballot shall be communicated to all candidates by the Committee on Nominations on or before August 15.

Section 8. Dates specified in the foregoing sections are for an Annual Meeting scheduled during the first half of September. In the event the Annual Meeting is scheduled for another time, these specified dates may be advanced or delayed, as appropriate, by the President to accommodate the change in the date of the Annual Meeting.

Article VIII. Council Representatives

Section 1. Active Members in each Section or District shall be represented on Council in proportion to the total number of Active Members in the Society.

Section 2. Every fifth year, a Unit Quota for Council representatives shall be determined by dividing into the total number of Active Members, as determined by the Executive Director, a number equal to the difference between seventy-five and the number of Sections and rounding the result up to the next multiple of fifty. The resulting Unit Quota shall be used to determine the number of representatives for each Section and District.

Section 3. The names of Council Representatives and/or Alternate Representatives must be submitted to the Business Office no later than thirty days prior to the scheduled Annual Council Meeting, in order for the Representative(s) to be seated with voting privileges. Exceptions to the thirty-day provision require Executive Committee approval.

Article IX. Sections and Associated Societies

Section 1. Upon petition of twenty Active Members of the Society in good standing residing within appropriate distance of a central point or sharing a common interest or problem, the Council may authorize the formation of a Section or Associated Society. The terms Section and Associated Society shall be taken to be synonymous and all references to Sections in these Bylaws shall apply also to Associated Societies. The Council may decline to authorize the formation of a Section when, in its judgment, such an organization would not be compatible with the interests of the Society.

Section 2. The Section shall adopt bylaws which must be approved by the Council of the Society and shall be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society. The bylaws of the Section should include provisions that provide for its orderly dissolution and automatic disposition of its funds in the event the Section can no longer function in compliance with its bylaws.

Section 3. The President of each Section shall represent that Section on the Council as Section Representative. The term of office of a Section Representative shall be one year. If a Section is entitled to two or three Representatives, as prescribed by the Constitution, these additional posts shall be filled by the Past-President and either the prior Past-President or President-Elect of the Section, respectively. A Section Representative must be a member of the Section and an Active Member of the Society in good standing. When a Section President, Past-President, prior Past-President, or President-Elect is not eligible or otherwise is unable to serve on the Council or when a Section is entitled to more than three Section Representatives, the executive committee of the Section shall be responsible for the selection of Section Representatives for one-year terms to the vacant or additional posts to be filled.

Section 4. In the event a Section Representative does not attend a Council meeting, an alternate or proxy who is an Active Member of the Society in good standing will be seated with the privilege of voting if that person has been authorized by the executive committee of that Section and if the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Society have been notified in writing at least thirty days prior to the roll call of the Council Meeting.

Section 5. If a Section Representative ceases to be a member of the Section represented or is unable to perform the duties of that office, the executive committee of the Section may appoint an Active Member of the Society in good standing to fill the unexpired term.

Section 6. Each Section shall provide the Executive Director of the Society with the names of its current officers and the current version of its bylaws within thirty days after the election of officers. Annually, each Section shall furnish the Executive Director with a count of the number of Active Members of the Society on the Section roster. For the latter purpose, the Section should count its members in good standing just prior to the date of renewal of annual Section dues. In the event a Section does not provide its membership count to the Executive Director at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting, no more than one of the Section Representatives from that Section shall have the privilege of voting at the meeting of the Council.

Section 7. A Section will be designated inactive if the Section does not hold at least two technical sessions a year or is unable to elect a full slate of officers.

Section 8. An inactive Section will be designated a defunct Section by Council action if the Section is unable to regain active status in the one-year period following the date the Section is declared inactive.

Section 9. The Council may at any time dissolve affiliation with any Section for reasons it deems good and sufficient.

Article X. Student Sections

Section 1. Formation of a Student Section may be authorized by the Executive Committee, providing a petition is submitted by ten or more graduate or undergraduate students in residence and a faculty adviser. Membership in the Society is recommended but not mandatory for the petitioners.

Section 2. A Student Section shall adopt bylaws which are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society. Their bylaws shall be approved by the Executive Committee before affiliation is granted.

Section 3. The Executive Committee or Council may at any time sever the affiliation with any Student Section.

Article XI. District Representatives

Section 1. The term of a District Representative shall be three years. If a District Representative is unable to perform the required duties, the Executive Committee will appoint an Active Member of the Society from the District to fill the unexpired term.

Section 2. In the event a District Representative is unable to attend a Council Meeting, an alternate or proxy who is an Active Member of the Society in good standing will be seated with the privilege of voting if that person has been authorized in advance by the Executive Committee of the Society.

SECTION 3. Active Members who are not represented by Sections shall be represented by District Representatives from one of the following twelve geographical Districts corresponding to their mailing addresses:

Northwest United States – Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska

Southwest United States – Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Hawaii

Southeast United States – Texas, Oklahoma, and east to the Atlantic Ocean

Northeast United States – Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, and east to the Atlantic Ocean

Canada, Iceland, and Greenland

Latin America – Central America, the Caribbean, and South America

Europe (Scandinavian countries, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, and all countries west of the above ones to the Atlantic Ocean and north of the Mediterranean Sea, including the British Isles, Malta and Cyprus)

FSU (all the states of the Former Soviet Union)

Africa (all of Africa's states, including Egypt)

Middle East (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Yemen, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iran and Iraq)

Asia – Far East (the rest of Asia mainland from Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Mongolia and east to the Pacific Ocean, including Japan and Taiwan, but excluding the FSU and the Middle East

Pacific (Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, and all the remaining Pacific Isles)

Article XII. Committees

Section 1. The terms of committees whose scope involves interrelationships with other organizations may be set by the Executive Committee to accommodate the schedules of those organizations.

Article XIII. Indemnification

Section 1. To the extent and in the manner permitted by the laws of the State of Oklahoma and specifically as is permitted under Section 1031 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.