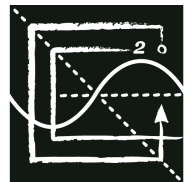


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## **ARTICLE 1. NAME.**

**Section 1.01 Name.** The name of this organization shall be the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

**Section 1.02 Definitions and Abbreviations.** Wherever the word “Council” is used, it shall mean the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, for which the official abbreviation shall be NCEES. The words “State Board” shall mean a legally constituted board of any state, territory, or political subdivision of the United States of America that administers an Act regulating the practice of professional engineering, a single branch of professional engineering or surveying, or a combination of professional engineering and surveying; or a board that serves in an advisory capacity to a state agency in the administration of such an Act. Wherever the word “State” is used, it shall mean any state, territory, or political subdivision of the United States of America.

## **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE.**

**Section 2.01 Purpose.** The purpose of this Council shall be to provide an organization through which State Boards may act and counsel together to better discharge their responsibilities in regulating the practice of engineering and surveying as it relates to safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The Council shall also provide such services as may be required by the boards in their mandate to safeguard the public.

**Section 2.02 Objectives.** In the public interest, NCEES shall provide to licensing boards services that assist in the development and administration of the licensing process by promoting

- (1) Improvements of licensing laws for engineering and surveying, including the administration and effectiveness of those laws;
- (2) Uniformity of standards and practices used in engineering and surveying licensure;
- (3) General acceptance and recognition of comity for engineering and surveying licensure among boards;
- (4) Definition and maintenance of nationally recognized licensing qualifications to become professional engineers and professional surveyors;
- (5) Identification and observation of international engineering and surveying licensing procedures and the maintenance of a liaison with international licensing agencies;
- (6) Improvement and uniformity of standards for law enforcement and disciplinary action in engineering and surveying licensing laws and their administration; and
- (7) Value of the licensure of engineers and surveyors as it relates to safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

## **ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP.**

**Section 3.01 Member Boards.** A Member Board of NCEES shall be a State Board, as defined in Article 1, Section 1.02, which is a member of the Council. Acceptance of a Member Board shall be by majority vote of the Council. Member Boards shall pay fees as set forth in the *Bylaws*.

**Section 3.02 Members.** A Member of NCEES shall be a person who is a member of a Member Board.

**Section 3.021 Associate Members.** An Associate Member of NCEES shall be a designee of a Member Board, but not a member of a Member Board, who is appointed by the NCEES Board of Directors as an Associate Member of NCEES.

Member board administrators shall automatically be designated as Associate Members. Recommendations for other Associate Members shall be submitted by Member Boards to the Board of Directors and become effective

upon appointment by the Board of Directors. Such appointments shall be reviewed annually by each Member Board and shall remain in effect until the Board of Directors is notified otherwise by the Member Board.

Associate Members shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of the Council. Associate Members may serve on any committee or task force to which duly appointed under the *Bylaws*.

**Section 3.022 Emeritus Members.** An Emeritus Member of NCEES shall be a person who is a former member of a Member Board who is duly recommended by that Member Board and approved by the NCEES Board of Directors. Such appointments shall be reviewed annually by each Member Board and shall remain in effect until the Board of Directors is notified otherwise by the Member Board.

Emeritus Members shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of the Council. Emeritus Members may serve on any committee or task force to which duly appointed under the *Bylaws*.

**Section 3.03 International Affiliate Organization.** An International Affiliate Organization of NCEES shall be a legally constituted entity located outside the United States having a collateral and supportive position with the licensure of engineers or surveyors. International Affiliate Organizations are entitled to representation at Council meetings and, on approval of the presiding officer, may have the privilege of the floor. Acceptance of an International Affiliate Organization shall be by majority vote of the Council.

**Section 3.04 Participating Organizations.** A Participating Organization shall be a society, institute, association, or organization of national scope whose membership is composed predominantly of engineers and/or surveyors engaged in work at the professional level and whose policies include advancement of professional ethics and standards and encouragement of licensure, and which actively supports the policies and objectives of the Council. Participating Organizations are entitled to representation at meetings of the Council and, on approval of the presiding officer, may have the privilege of the floor. They shall be privileged to communicate with the officers and Board of Directors of the Council on matters of mutual concern. Acceptance of a Participating Organization shall be by majority vote of the Council.

**Section 3.05 Delegates.** A Delegate shall be a Member or an Associate Member designated by a Member Board to represent it at meetings of the Council. A Member Board may have as many Delegates as it has members but may cast only the number of votes prescribed in the *Bylaws*. Any Delegate shall have the privilege of the floor.

**Section 3.06 Representatives.** A Representative shall be a member of an International Affiliate Organization or a Participating Organization designated to represent his or her respective organization at meetings of the Council.

**Section 3.07 Past Presidents.** Past Presidents of the Council who are not members of Member Boards shall be considered as honorary participants in the Council eligible to serve on the committees, to have the privilege of the floor at meetings of the Council, to take part in discussions, and to perform all functions of Members except to hold office and vote.

**Section 3.08 Zones.** Member Boards shall be divided into four zones as follows: **Central Zone:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin; **Northeast Zone:** Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia; **Southern Zone:** Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virgin Islands (U.S.), Virginia; **Western Zone:** Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

**Section 3.09 Zone Organization.** Each zone shall adopt the *Zone Meeting and Continuity Guidelines* for its organization and operation consistent with and in conformity to the *NCEES Bylaws*.

Each zone shall submit copies of its minutes to the Council at the Annual Business Meeting of the Council. Each zone shall elect an Assistant Vice President who shall serve a two-year term concurrent with the Vice President. The Assistant Vice President shall assist the Vice President, shall perform the duties outlined in the *Zone Meeting and Continuity Guidelines*, and shall perform all duties of the Vice President in the event that the Vice President is unable to perform them for any reason. This shall include fulfilling the duties as Vice President on the Board of Directors.

Each zone shall elect a Secretary. Members and Associate Members shall be eligible to hold the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall keep and have published zone minutes and maintain records of zone activities.

Administration of the financial affairs of the zone shall be consistent with those of the Council as governed by the Council's Articles of Incorporation and the *Bylaws*.

#### **ARTICLE 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**Section 4.01 Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall be the executive board of NCEES. The Board of Directors shall exercise the corporate powers as set forth in the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act.

The Board of Directors shall function as the executive board of the Council and may authorize all expenditures, provide direction to the office of the Chief Executive Officer through the President, authorize the borrowing of funds for Council purposes, and do all things necessary to conduct the affairs of the Council between the Annual Business Meetings.

The Board of Directors shall not take any action that shall interfere with the rights of any Member Board in the regulation of licensees or determine the licensing requirements of applicants within any Member Board's jurisdiction. The Board of Directors shall not be authorized to make expenditures in excess of its annual income and general reserves. In no event shall the Board of Directors be authorized to increase NCEES membership fees of a constituent member.

Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be made by a majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled or called meeting at which a quorum is present. The President shall call meetings of the Board of Directors. A majority of the Board members may submit a written request to the President to call such meeting, and the President shall call such meeting within 30 days of receiving such request.

**Section 4.02 Board Membership.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Treasurer, and the four zone Vice Presidents (one from each zone).

**Section 4.03 Officers.** Officers of the Council shall be the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Treasurer, the four zone Vice Presidents (one from each zone), and the Chief Executive Officer as the Secretary.

**Section 4.04 Elections and Terms of Office.** The President-Elect shall be elected by the Council at each Annual Business Meeting in the manner prescribed in the *Bylaws*. The President-Elect shall serve the Council for a period of three years. The first year shall be as President-Elect. The second year, without further election, the President-Elect shall become President, holding that office until a successor has been installed. The third year, without further election, the President shall become Immediate Past President. Any Member elected to the office of President-Elect shall be eligible to serve as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President, with full authority of the offices and board privileges. Past Presidents shall be ineligible for reelection as President-Elect of the Council.

The Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting every three years in the manner prescribed in the *Bylaws*. Treasurers shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office until at least one full term has elapsed. For the office of Treasurer, a partial term served shall not be considered a term for term-limit purposes.

Vice Presidents shall be elected at their respective Zone Interim Meeting every two years in the manner prescribed in the *Bylaws*. Vice Presidents from the Northeast and Southern Zones shall be elected in odd-numbered years. Vice Presidents from the Central and Western Zones shall be elected in even-numbered years. Vice Presidents shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office until at least one full term has elapsed. For the office of Vice President, a partial term served shall not be considered a term for term-limit purposes.

New members of the Board of Directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting. Board members may continue to serve until the conclusion of the term of office to which they were elected even if their terms with Member Boards have ended.

**Section 4.05 Qualifications.** Any Member who is a citizen of the United States and a member of a Member Board sometime during the calendar year in which the nomination occurs is eligible to hold an elective office. Associate Members are not eligible to serve on the NCEES Board of Directors.

To be eligible for the office of President-Elect, a person shall be a licensed engineer or surveyor, shall have been a Member at least three years, and shall have attended at least two NCEES Annual Business Meetings.

Members of the current Board of Directors whose term on their Member Board has expired may run for President-Elect if

- They have obtained emeritus standing within the Council; and
- They have the approval of their Member Board; and
- It is their zone's rotation to elect a President-Elect; and
- They have been nominated by the zone.

The President-Elect shall not be from the same zone as the President.

To be eligible for the office of Treasurer, a person shall be a licensed professional engineer, licensed professional surveyor, or public member.

To be eligible for the office of Vice President, a person shall be a licensed professional engineer or surveyor and shall be from the zone that elects him or her.

**Section 4.06 Vacancies.** If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President for the completion of that term and subsequently serve the full one-year term that he or she was originally elected to serve as President. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall remain unfilled until the next NCEES Annual Business Meeting. At that time, the Council will elect a President from the zone of the vacant President-Elect position.

A vacancy in the office of Immediate Past President shall be filled by the most recent available Past President.

A vacancy in the office of Treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Directors within 30 days; the selected individual shall fill the position until an election for a new full-term Treasurer is held at the next Annual Business Meeting.

A vacancy in the office of a Vice President shall be filled by that zone's Assistant Vice President.

Appointments by the Board of Directors shall be made in accordance with the required qualifications and limitations for duly elected members of the Board of Directors.



A quorum of the Board of Directors for filling of vacancies shall consist of six members except in the event of two vacancies, when five shall constitute a quorum. For the filling of vacancies, the members of the Board of Directors may be represented by proxies, duly signed and verified.

**Section 4.07 Sanction or Removal.** By a majority vote and pursuant to the grievance procedure of the Council's *Manual of Policy and Position Statements*, which shall set forth appropriate due process, the Board of Directors may recommend the removal or sanction of a member of the Board of Directors. Upon a finding of the Board of Directors that the Board member has violated the ethics policy set forth in Section 4.08 of the *Bylaws*, that finding, along with stated grounds therefor, shall be transmitted to the chair of the Advisory Committee on Council Activities.

A Grievance Committee shall be appointed to address the removal or sanction recommended by the Board of Directors. The Grievance Committee members shall be selected as follows: two members of the Board of Directors, selected by the Board; one member from each zone, selected by the Assistant Vice President of each respective zone; and three members of the Advisory Committee on Council Activities, selected by said committee.

If by a majority vote of its members, the Grievance Committee concurs with the Board-recommended removal or sanction, the Board of Directors shall implement such removal or sanction.

A sanction may include a period of suspension from Board activities, including attendance at Board of Directors or Council conferences and meetings.

In the event of removal of a Board member, the vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled pursuant to Section 4.06 of the *Bylaws*.

**Section 4.08 Ethics Policy.** A member of the Board of Directors is in violation of the ethics policy of the Board of Directors if he or she:

- (1) Commits a criminal act that reflects adversely on the Board member's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a Board member in other respects.
- (2) Engages in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.
- (3) Engages in conduct involving moral turpitude.
- (4) States or implies an ability to influence improperly the Board of Directors or any committee or officer of the Council.
- (5) Grossly abuses his or her authority in the discharge of the duties of the Council.
- (6) Engages in any action that harms the public image or professional reputation of the Council.

**Section 4.09 Board Audit Committee.** The President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, and Finance Committee chair shall comprise the Board Audit Committee. The Board Audit Committee shall annually select and recommend for approval by the full Board the accounting firm that shall conduct the annual financial audit and prepare the annual financial statements of NCEES. The Board Audit Committee shall also review and recommend for formal action by the full Board of Directors the audit results and final financial statement. The Board Audit Committee shall also approve the engagement of other financial consultants as may be necessary to facilitate its review of NCEES finances. Members of the Board Audit Committee must be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment. The Board Audit Committee shall have a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting principles and practices.

## **ARTICLE 5. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**Section 5.01 President.** The President shall be the chair of the Board of Directors and shall preside over all meetings of the Board as well as the Annual Business Meeting of the Council. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and task forces of the Council. The President shall perform all other duties ordinarily pertaining to the office of President. The President shall prepare and present to the Council at the Annual Business Meeting a report of the President's activities during the term of office.

The President shall appoint all members, chairs, vice-chairs, and consultants of the standing committees as defined in Article 7 of the *Bylaws*. The President shall also appoint all members, chairs, vice-chairs, and consultants of special committees and task forces unless specific action of the Council or of the Board of Directors names the personnel of the committee or task force. The President shall also appoint one member of the Board of Directors to serve as board liaison to each standing committee, special committee, and task force. The President shall appoint all official representatives of the Council to any other organizations. If needed during the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Tellers Committee for the election of the President-Elect and/or Treasurer.

If the President is absent, the President-Elect will serve as the acting President in accordance with *Bylaws* 5.02. If both the President and the President-Elect are absent, the Vice President from the zone that will be nominating the next President-Elect will serve as the acting President. The acting President shall have all powers of the President while serving in this capacity.

**Section 5.02 President-Elect.** In the absence of the President or the incapacity of the President, the President-Elect shall exercise the duties of and possess all the powers of the President, including the appointment of committees. The President-Elect shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee on Finances.

**Section 5.03 Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall, under the direction of the Board of Directors, oversee the financial operation of the Council and shall obtain an annual audit of Council finances and submit such audit to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee on Finances.

**Section 5.04 Vice Presidents.** Vice Presidents shall be identified as Central Zone Vice President, Northeast Zone Vice President, Southern Zone Vice President, and Western Zone Vice President. The Vice President of each zone shall be the administrative officer of their zone.

**Section 5.05 Secretary.** The Chief Executive Officer shall serve as the Secretary of the Corporation. As such, the Secretary shall serve as the custodian for corporate records of the Council and shall be the officer responsible for preparing minutes of the Board of Directors and Members meetings and for authenticating all corporate records. The Secretary shall have the authority to execute documents on behalf of the Council and as directed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5.06 Restrictions on Endorsements.** No member of the Board of Directors shall endorse, recommend, or certify, gratuitously or for profit, on behalf of the Council, any product or service or any publication not issued, published by the Council, or authorized by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 6. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.**

**Section 6.01 Annual Business Meetings.** The Annual Business Meeting of the Council shall be held at the time and place selected by the Board of Directors.

Notice of the Annual Business Meeting shall be provided to each Member Board, Member, Associate Member, Past President, Emeritus Member, International Affiliate Organization, and Participating Organization not less than four weeks prior to each meeting.

The Board of Directors shall prepare a consent agenda for each Annual Business Meeting. Individual motions may be removed from the consent agenda upon request by any Member Board.

**Section 6.02 Quorum and Voting.** A quorum for the transaction of business at an Annual Business Meeting of the Council shall be Delegates from a majority of Member Boards. A majority vote of the Member Boards represented shall be required for affirmative action unless otherwise provided for in the *Bylaws*.

Only Member Boards shall be entitled to vote. Voting shall be by Member Boards, with each board entitled to one vote. An Associate Member may serve as a Member Board Delegate for voting purposes only when so designated by the Member Board's chair through written, signed communication presented to NCEES staff prior to the opening session of the meeting. For Member Boards that require authorization from the State, such designation may come from the agency director for that board.

Voting by one Member Board on behalf of another Member Board not physically present in the meeting room at the time of the vote shall not be permitted.

**Section 6.03 Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President, or by the Delegates, representatives, or officers of the majority of the Member Boards. The same *Bylaws* relative to quorum, voting, procedure and conduct of business at an Annual Business Meeting shall apply to special meetings.

**Section 6.04 Zone Meetings.** Zone meetings may be held each year. A quorum for the transaction of business at zone meetings shall be Delegates from a majority of Member Boards of the zone. The Vice President from the zone shall preside at the zone meetings and submit copies of its minutes to the Council Secretary.

**Section 6.05 Rules of Order.** The Council shall be governed by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* when not in conflict with the *Bylaws*. The presiding officer shall rule on all questions pertaining to the *Bylaws* and rules of order in the conduct of the meetings. The President may appoint a parliamentarian to assist the presiding officer.

The order of business for the Annual Business Meeting shall be established by the President and published as part of the meeting agenda prior to the beginning of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE 7. COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.**

**Section 7.01 Standing Committees.** The standing committees of the Council shall be the following: Advisory Committee on Council Activities (ACCA), Awards, Education, Examination Audit, Examinations for Professional Engineers (EPE), Examinations for Professional Surveyors (EPS), Examination Policy and Procedures (EPP), Finances, Law Enforcement, Licensure, Member Board Administrators (MBA), and Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines (UPLG).

The structure and membership of all standing committees shall be commensurate with the charges unless otherwise provided for in the *Bylaws*. The composition of the committees should reflect the diversity of the Council membership.

A committee member may be appointed to serve on only one standing committee during any administrative year.

Appointments shall limit the tenure on any one committee to a maximum of four consecutive years, including any time as chair, except that (1) an individual may serve for three years as an EPS Committee member, two additional years as the EPS Committee vice chair, and two additional years as the EPS Committee chair; and (2) an individual may serve for three years as an EPE Committee member, two additional years as the EPE Committee vice chair, and two additional years as the EPE Committee chair. The chairs of the EPE and EPS

Committee shall have had experience in developing NCEES examinations before assuming the position of chair. This experience is defined as involvement in at least two of the following activities: item writing or review, participation on a cut score panel, involvement in a Professional Activities and Knowledge Study (PAKS) committee or on examination specification committees, or participation on an examination development committee. The ascension track to the chair shall also include psychometric training approved by NCEES. A committee chair appointment shall be limited in tenure to a maximum of two consecutive years on any one committee.

Members, Associate Members, Past Presidents, and Emeritus Members shall be eligible to serve on any committee or task force. Committee members may continue to serve until the conclusion of the term of office to which they were appointed even if their terms with Member Boards have ended.

**Section 7.02 Advisory Committee on Council Activities.** The Advisory Committee on Council Activities (ACCA) shall consist of a chair and two members from each zone. At least one member shall be a professional engineer, one member a professional surveyor, and one member a member board administrator. The committee shall provide advice and briefing to the President and the Board of Directors on new policy issues, problems, and plans that warrant preliminary assessment of policy choices and procedures not as yet assigned to a standing committee or involving several existing committees. Consultants appointed to this committee shall have served on the Board of Directors.

The committee will act as principal advisor to the President and the Board of Directors on such specific non-recurring problems or plans as the President may explicitly assign to the committee. The committee shall review the *Manual of Policy and Position Statements*, in consideration of past and current action of the Council, and present any proposed revisions as needed.

**Section 7.03 Committee on Awards.** The Committee on Awards shall have one member from each zone plus the chair. When available, these members should be past members of the Board of Directors who have received the Distinguished Service Award of NCEES. It shall, by October 1 of each year, canvass the Member Boards for nominations for the awards to be given at the Annual Business Meeting, including the Distinguished Service Award. It shall be guided by the established policies and procedures for the awards. Nominations shall be submitted by entities as defined in Council policy by January 31 of the next year.

The committee shall complete its recommendations and submit its report to the Board of Directors by April 1. The Board of Directors shall review the report and approve individuals to receive awards.

**Section 7.04 Committee on Education.** The Committee on Education shall consist of a chair and two members from each zone. At least two members of the committee shall be professional surveyors. Committee appointments shall strive to include representatives from academia, private practice, industry, and government. The NCEES representatives to the ABET board of directors and Engineering Accreditation Commission shall be consultants to the committee. Other consultants shall be appointed as necessary.

The committee shall serve in an advisory role for education issues related to ABET, requirements prior to initial licensure, continuing professional competency, and foreign degree or unaccredited program evaluation. The committee shall also review the NCEES *Engineering Education Standard* and *NCEES Surveying Education Standard* annually and propose any revisions to the Council for approval at the annual meeting. The committee shall review and update the *Continuing Professional Competency Guidelines* as necessary, but at least every five years.

**Section 7.05 Committee on Examination Audit.** The Committee on Examination Audit shall consist of a chair and one member selected from each zone representing when possible private practice, academia, government, and industry. In addition, the President shall appoint as consultants the chairs of the Committees on Examinations for Professional Engineers and Examinations for Professional Surveyors.

This committee shall be responsible for an independent audit annually of the NCEES examination program.

This committee will report directly to the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.06 Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers.** The Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers (EPE) shall consist of a chair and three members from each zone. It shall supervise the preparation of examination specifications and be responsible for the content and scoring of all examinations in the fundamentals and principles and practice of engineering.

The committee, in the interest of uniformity and efficiency, may prepare examination development procedures and shall review examination scores and make recommendations of minimum passing grades for examinations.

At least 50 percent of the committee members should be carryover members to provide continuity of the program.

This committee shall have the authority to recommend, in connection with its work, the appointment of consultants.

**Section 7.07 Committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors.** The Committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors (EPS) shall consist of a chair and three members from each zone. All members shall be professional surveyors. EPS shall supervise the preparation of examination specifications and be responsible for the content and scoring of all examinations in the fundamentals and principles and practice of surveying.

The committee, in the interest of uniformity and efficiency, shall prepare examination development procedures and shall review examination scores and make recommendations of minimum passing grades for examinations.

At least 50 percent of the committee members should be carryover members to provide continuity of the program.

This committee shall have the authority to recommend, in connection with its work, the appointment of consultants.

**Section 7.08 Committee on Examination Policy and Procedures.** The Committee on Examination Policy and Procedures (EPP) shall consist of a chair, two members selected from each zone, and the chairs of the Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers and Examinations for Professional Surveyors (or their representatives) as consultants. In addition, the President may appoint other consultants as deemed necessary, including a member board administrator.

This committee shall be responsible for reviewing the effectiveness of the examinations and recommending policies, specifications, and procedures consistent with the trends in the engineering and surveying professions.

**Section 7.09 Committee on Finances.** The Committee on Finances shall consist of a chair and two members from each zone. It shall study the financial needs of the Council, recommend sources of income and ways and means of securing adequate funds for the proper operation of the Council, and assist the Board of Directors in the financial year's budget performance and report its findings to the Council. This committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors the next year's budget for approval. Financial procedures shall be in accordance with Article 9, Finances, and established policies and procedures of the Council. The President-Elect and Treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee.

**Section 7.10 Committee on Law Enforcement.** The Committee on Law Enforcement shall consist of a chair and members from each zone. At least one member shall be a surveyor. The committee shall receive comments and suggestions from Member Boards regarding State Board regulatory functions and submit recommendations for action to the Board of Directors. The committee will consider and recommend methods for Member Boards to achieve more effective and uniform enforcement of licensing acts and for greater interstate coordination of enforcement actions, including better utilization of available technologies. The committee is responsible for periodically updating the *Investigation and Enforcement Guidelines* to assist Member Boards in investigative techniques, hearing procedures, and settlements.

**Section 7.11 Committee on Licensure.** The Committee on Licensure shall consist of a chair and two members from each zone. At least two members of the committee shall be professional engineers, at least two members shall be professional surveyors, and at least one member shall be a member board administrator. Committee appointments shall strive to include those currently active in academia, private practice, industry, and government. In addition, the President shall appoint consultants as necessary.

The chair or a designee of this committee shall be a liaison to the Participating Organizations Liaison Council and to the Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines and shall provide advice to the President and the Board of Directors.

The committee shall provide ongoing holistic review of the engineering and surveying licensure systems. It shall respond to licensure issues and concerns as they arise by developing and recommending licensure processes and amendments to position statements, the *Model Law*, and the *Model Rules* as necessary.

**Section 7.12 Committee on Member Board Administrators.** The Committee on Member Board Administrators shall consist of a chair, who shall be a member board administrator; at least two member board administrators from each zone; and two current Members or Emeritus Members. The committee shall arrange for the conference of administrators at the Annual Meeting and Interim Meetings of the NCEES zones. Throughout the year, the committee shall strive to provide close cooperation between administrators and to facilitate and assist any efforts by the Member Boards in addressing licensure processes and practices.

**Section 7.13 Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines.** The Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines (UPLG) shall consist of a chair and members from each zone. At least one member shall be a surveyor. The committee shall promote effective procedures for uniform comity by maintaining the *Model Law* and *Model Rules*. The committee shall incorporate revisions to *Model Law* and *Model Rules* language as result of motions, suggestions, and comments from other NCEES committees, task forces, and Member Boards. The committee is empowered to recommend amendments that it feels may be necessary. A comprehensive review of the *Model Law* and *Model Rules*, with the view of possible revision, is to be made by the committee at least once every five years.

**Section 7.14 Special Committees and Task Forces.** Special committees and task forces may be appointed at any time by the President for any purpose pertinent to the work of the Council. Such committee or task force shall be assigned specific charges and time for completion of their work and report to the Board of Directors. Such committee or task force membership shall be representative of the knowledge and experience required.

**Section 7.15 Participating Organizations Liaison Council.** In addition to the committees of the Council, there shall be a Participating Organizations Liaison Council (POLC). This council shall consist of one representative appointed by each participating organization. The President shall serve as chair of POLC. A two- or three-year term of appointment is suggested for each designated representative, each of whom should have ready communication with the governing board of the organization represented in order to effectively serve in a consultative and advisory capacity for the Council.

POLC should bring to the Council the policies and thinking of the board of directors of the participating organizations on all matters pertaining to licensure and legal recognition of engineers and surveyors, and should also serve as a channel of communications of Council policies and procedures to participating organizations.

**Section 7.16 Restrictions on Endorsements.** No committee or committee member of the Council shall endorse, recommend, or certify, gratuitously or for profit, on behalf of the Council, any product or service or any publication not issued, published by the Council, or authorized by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 8. STAFF.**

**Section 8.01 Council Staff.** The Council shall employ a Chief Executive Officer and such other staff as required to conduct the affairs of the Council.

**Section 8.02 Chief Executive Officer.** The Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed by vote of the Board of Directors and shall hold office subject to the terms of an employment contract.

The Chief Executive Officer shall serve as the Secretary of the Corporation and as “chief employed officer” of the Council with full authority for the management of its affairs, subject to the duties specified by the *Bylaws*, the policies and procedures of the Council, and the employment contract, or the Board of Directors.

**Section 8.03 Restrictions on Endorsement.** No staff member of the Council shall endorse, recommend, or certify, gratuitously or for profit, on behalf of the Council, any product or service or any publication not issued, published by the Council, or authorized by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 9. FINANCES.**

**Section 9.01 Budget Preparation.** The Committee on Finances shall submit a recommended annual budget for review by the Board of Directors. The Committee on Finances will present the budget as part of its committee report for Council approval at the Annual Meeting.

The fiscal year shall begin on October 1 and extend through September 30 of the following calendar year.

**Section 9.02 Annual Audit.** An annual audit shall be made by an independent certified public accountant according to generally accepted auditing standards and reported in the usual auditing format.

**Section 9.03 Business Travel Expenses.** All business travel expenses submitted for reimbursement to the Council shall be in accordance with the travel policy established by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 10. MEMBERSHIP FEES.**

**Section 10.01 Fees.** Member Board annual membership fees are due within 30 days of receipt of an invoice from NCEES. The fee schedule for Member Boards shall be based on the number of licensees of record as of December of the preceding calendar year.

**Section 10.011 Fee Schedule.** The annual membership fees for Member Boards shall be determined by the Council in accordance with the financial policy.

**Section 10.012 Inactive Status.** Any Member Board in arrears in membership fees 90 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting shall be placed in an inactive status by the Board of Directors. Member Boards in an inactive status shall not be entitled to vote. Individual members of Member Boards may not hold office or serve on committees. Representatives of boards in inactive status may attend meetings of the Council and may have the privilege of the floor. To be reinstated to an active status and to all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, an inactive Member Board shall pay all fees and assessments in arrears plus those that have accrued during such inactive status period.

**Section 10.0125 Examinees.** Examinees may register and sit for NCEES examinations even when their NCEES Member Board is in arrears.

**Section 10.013 Dues.** Annual dues for International Affiliate Organizations and Participating Organizations are due on January 1 for the ensuing calendar year.

**Section 10.014 Dues Schedule.** Any annual membership dues of International Affiliate Organizations and Participating Organizations shall be paid in accordance with a schedule established annually by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 11. ELECTIONS.**

**Section 11.01 Nominations.** A nomination for the office of President-Elect shall be presented to the Board of Directors by the respective zone Vice President as voted on by the respective zone at its Zone Interim Meeting. The order of rotation for President-Elect shall be Northeast Zone, Central Zone, Southern Zone, and Western Zone.

Member Boards may submit nominations for qualified Treasurer candidates in the third year of the outgoing Treasurer's term. These nominations shall be filed with the Chief Executive Officer not later than 60 days prior to the opening of the Annual Business Meeting.

Any Delegate shall have the privilege of making nominations for President-Elect and Treasurer from the floor. Such nominees from the floor must meet the requirements set out in Section 4.05 and be seconded by at least four Member Boards.

**Section 11.02 Tellers Committee.** The Tellers Committee shall consist of five members, including a chair and one representative from each zone. No member of the committee is eligible to serve as a teller for an election in which he or she is a candidate. The Tellers Committee will tabulate the results for all votes taken and report the results to the President.

**Section 11.03 Voting.** All elections shall be by ballot at the Annual Business Meeting. All elections shall be by a majority of votes cast unless otherwise stipulated by the *Bylaws*.

**Section 11.04 Election of Vice Presidents.** Vice Presidents from the Southern and Northeast Zones shall be elected at their Zone Interim Meeting in odd-numbered years. Vice Presidents from the Central and Western Zones shall be elected at their Zone Interim Meeting in even-numbered years.

The Secretary of the zone shall file with the Chief Executive Officer the name of the zone-elected Vice President and Assistant Vice President not less than 60 days prior to the opening of the Annual Business Meeting of the Council.

## **ARTICLE 12. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS.**

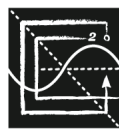
**Section 12.01 Adoption.** The *Bylaws* shall become effective upon adoption by the Council at the Annual Business Meeting. For such adoption, a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Member Boards present and in good standing shall be required.

**Section 12.02 Amendments.** The *Bylaws* may be amended at any Annual Business Meeting by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Member Boards present and in good standing. Any amendment proposed shall be sent to a Special Committee on Bylaws by the President at the President's initiative or as requested based on action by the Council. Any amendments recommended by a Special Committee on Bylaws shall be submitted to all Member Boards at least 60 days prior to the date of the earliest zone meeting preceding the next Annual Business Meeting. Voting shall be by sections. All sections shall be considered in their proposed form, including punctuation and verbiage. Changes to the published amendments will not be permitted during the Annual



Business Meeting. Copies of the proposed amendments to be voted upon shall be distributed in written form to Delegates at the Annual Business Meeting.

**Section 12.021 Effective Date of Amendments.** An amendment to the *Bylaws* shall become effective upon certification by the presiding officer at the Annual Business Meeting of a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Member Boards in good standing represented.



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