

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
WESTERN REGIONAL YOUNGER MEMBER COUNCIL
OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS**

ARTICLE 1
Name and Objectives

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be the Western Regional Younger Member Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers, hereinafter called the Western Regional Younger Member Council (WRYMC), or "Council."

Section 2.

The objectives of the Western Regional Younger Member Council are:

- A. To further the advancement of the science and profession of engineering in a manner consistent with the purpose of the American Society of Civil Engineers.
- B. To effect closer ties and improve communication between Younger Members and all other members of the Society.
- C. To provide a forum to discuss topics of concern and interest to Younger Members.
- D. To recognize the accomplishments of young engineers in the Region.

ARTICLE 2
Area and Membership

Section 1.

The Western Regional Younger Member Council will comprise all Sections and Branches of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Regions 8 and Region 9.

Section 2.

A Younger Member is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and, unless special circumstances dictate otherwise shall be 35 years of age or younger.

Section 3.

Membership in the Western Regional Younger Member Council shall be comprised of younger member representatives of the sections and branches of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Region 8 and Region 9. The official representative shall be the current holder of the President/Chair-position of the Section/Branch Younger Member Group, such as an Associate Member/Younger Member Forum or Committee or their designee. If no formal Associate Member/Younger Forum or Committee exists, the official representatives shall be a Younger Member appointed by the President of the Section or Branch.

Section 4.

If an official Younger Member representative of the Section or Branch cannot attend the meeting of the Council, an alternate to the representative may be appointed by the President of the Section or Branch.

Section 5.

Each official representative from a participating Section/Branch shall have one vote in the affairs of the Council.

ARTICLE 3
Council

Section 1.

The Council shall adopt Bylaws consistent with this Constitution for the guidance of officers and members.

Section 2.

The objectives of the Council shall be carried out by the Chairperson of the Council Meeting.

Section 3.

The Council shall meet in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 4.

The affairs of the Council shall be conducted on an annual basis.

Section 5.

The Council may establish standing and ad hoc committees as needed to conduct its affairs.

ARTICLE 4
Officers of the Council

Section 1.

The Officers of the Council shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 2.

Duties of the Officers shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 5
Dues and Assessments

Section 1.

There shall be no dues or assessments for members of the Council.

Section 2.

All programs approved by the Council shall be financially self-supporting.

ARTICLE 6
Meetings

Section 1.

The Council Meeting may be held upon the call of the Chairperson.

ARTICLE 7
Amendments

Section 1.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Council's official Younger Member Representatives at least thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled Council Meeting, or at least thirty (30) days in advance of a vote taken by mail, e-mail, fax or phone.

Section 2.

Amendments to the Constitution shall be voted upon and shall require a favorable vote of two thirds of the Younger Member representatives present at a General Meeting for approval and two thirds of the Younger Member Representatives for a vote taken by mail, e-mail, fax or phone. Proxies are acceptable.

ARTICLE 8
Ratification

Section 1.

The Constitution of the Council shall be submitted to the appropriate American Society of Civil Engineers National Committee for approval. After approval by the Representatives, the Amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the appropriate American Society of Civil Engineers National Committee, for approval.

Section 2.

Upon approval by the appropriate National Committee, the Western Regional Younger Member Council shall be considered formed and becomes effective immediately. Upon approval of the Amendments by the appropriate National Committee, the Amendments shall become effective immediately.

Section 3.

No part of the net earnings of the Council shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual and no substantial part of the activities of the Council shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Council shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office

Section 4.

Upon dissolution of the Council, the assets remaining after the payment of the debts of the Council shall be distributed to such corporation, community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, as the Board of Directors shall have designated and in the absence of such designation they shall be conveyed to the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Authored, 1980.

Revisions Approved by National Committee on Sections and District Councils November 23, 1987.

Revisions initiated by 1998 WRYMC Business Meeting and approved by Council of Vice Presidents, April 9, 1999.

Revisions initiated by 2003 WRYMC Business Meeting and approved by Council of Vice Presidents, May 1, 2003.

Revisions initiated by 2006 WRYMC Business Meeting and approved by Council on Geographic Units, May 1, 2007.