

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
EASTERN REGIONAL YOUNGER MEMBER COUNCIL (ERYMC)
OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

ARTICLE 1
Name, Location, and Objectives

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Regional Younger Member Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers, hereafter called the “Eastern Regional YMC (ERYMC)” or “Council.”

Section 2

The Eastern Regional Younger Member Council will comprise all Sections and Branches of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Regions 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Section 3

The objectives of the Council are:

- A. To further the objectives 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 members
- D. To increase recognition of young engineers

ARTICLE 2
Membership

Section 1

A Younger Member is an Affiliate Member, an Associate Member, or a Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers 35 years of age or younger.

Section 2

Members in the ERYMC shall be comprised of Younger Member representatives of the Sections and Branches of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the Eastern geographic Regions 1, 2, 4 & 5. The official representative for each Section or Branch shall be the current holder of the President/Chairperson position of the appropriate younger member organization (i.e., Section/Branch Associate/Younger Member Group, Forum, or Committee) for that Section or Branch.

Section 3

In the event an official Younger Member representative of the Section or Branch as identified in Section 2 of this Article cannot attend a meeting of the Council, or no formal Younger member Group exists for a Section or Branch, another representative may be appointed by that Section or Branch. This representative will preferably be a Younger Member.

Section 4

Only the official representative from each Section and Branch in attendance at a Council meeting shall have a vote in the affairs of the Council. Voting proxies shall be allowed only in the case of votes to amend the Council's Constitution or Bylaws. Additional Section and Branch representatives may attend Council Meetings but will have no voting rights.

Section 5

Voting proxies shall be submitted to the Executive Officer in writing or by email no later than 5 days prior to a Council meeting. The proxy will include information as to which Section or Branch delegate will cast the vote.

ARTICLE 3

Council

Section 1

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

Section 2

The objectives of the Council shall be coordinated 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 approximately an annual basis at the end of each year's General Council Meeting held at the Multi-region conference.

Section 5

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

ARTICLE 4
Chairperson of the Council

Section 1

Duties of the Chairperson are described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 5
Dues and Assessments

Section 1

There will be no dues or assessments assigned to members of the Council.

Section 2

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

ARTICLE 6
Meetings

Section 1

General meetings of the Council may be held upon the call of the Chairperson. Notice of call for a meeting shall be mailed to all of its members not less than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting date.

ARTICLE 7
Amendments

Section 1

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Committee on Younger Members (CYM) at least sixty (60) days in advance of a general meeting. Proposed amendments received by the Council shall be submitted to the Committee on Younger Members (CYM) for approval and the ASCE legal staff for review. Upon approval, notice of the amendment shall be sent to all voting members of the Council specifying the time and date of the general meeting at which the vote will be held.

Section 2

Amendments of the Constitution shall be voted upon by Council members in attendance at the General Meeting, or by a member's proxy, in accordance with Article 2, and shall require a favorable vote of two thirds of all votes cast for approval, except those amendments of Article 5, Section 1, which will require unanimous approval of all Region 1, 2, 4 & 5 Section and Branch representatives.

ARTICLE 8
Ratification

Section 1

The Constitution of the Eastern Region Younger Member Council shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of ASCE for approval.

Section 2

Upon approval by the Executive Committee of ASCE, the Council shall be considered formed and becomes effective immediately.

ARTICLE 9
Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1

No part of the net earnings of the Council shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. No substantial part of the activities of the Council shall carry on propaganda, and the Council shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 2

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, 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 CYM shall have designated, and in the absence of such designation they shall be conveyed to the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Authored: 12/2007, Andrés M. Roda, P.E., M.ASCE & Gregory Kuklinski, P.E.,
M.ASCE, Committee on Younger Members (CYM)

Reviewed: 1/2008, Tara Hoke, ASCE Legal Council,

Approved: 2/4/08, ASCE Executive Committee