

CONSTITUTION

South Central Texas Chapter of the Water Environment Association of Texas

1.0 NAME

The official name of this organization shall be the South Central Texas Chapter of the Water Environment Association of Texas and hereinafter designated as the Chapter. The Water Environment Association of Texas shall be hereinafter designated as WEAT.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Chapter are:

- 2.1 The advancement of knowledge in the evaluation, design, construction, operation and management of distribution and collection, treatment, and reclamation systems;
- 2.2 The advancement of knowledge of the design, construction, operation, and management of water utilities and water resources;
- 2.3 The advancement of knowledge in dealing with problems involved in the collection and treatment of wastewater to meet public health and regulatory standards;
- 2.4 The strengthening of WEAT;
- 2.5 The fostering of good public relations and education in the area of water resource protection and management;
- 2.6 The improvement of the professional status of personnel engaged in the evaluation, design, management and operation water supply and water quality improvement systems;
- 2.7 The stimulation of interest in, and awareness of protection and conservation of our natural resources;
- 2.8 The promotion of satisfactory relationships with the water consuming public; and
- 2.9 The advancement of study and research and the publication of results thereof in the areas of water resource/supply and water quality issues.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The membership of the Chapter shall consist of Professional and Student members, all of whom must be members of WEAT.

3.2 The membership classes are defines in the Bylaws.

4.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1 FUNCTION

4.11 The affairs of the Chapter shall be managed by the Executive Committee subject to the specific conditions of this Constitution and Bylaws and consistent with those of WEAT.

4.12 The South Central Texas Chapter is part of the WEAT and is subject to the action and recommendations of its Chair and on advice of its Board of Trustees.

4.13 This Constitution may be revoked by WEAT.

4.14 The Chair of each committee of the WEAT shall be an Ex-Officio member of the companion committee in the Chapter.

4.15 The Chair of WEAT shall be Ex-Officio members of the Chapter Executive Committee.

4.2 MEMBERSHIP

4.21 The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- The President of the Chapter
- The Past President of the Chapter
- The Vice President of the Chapter
- The Secretary of the Chapter
- The Treasurer of the Chapter
- The Section Represenative

4.3 PRESIDING OFFICER

4.31 The President of the Chapter shall be the presiding officer of the Executive Committee.

4.4 MEETINGS

4.41 An annual meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held after the May meeting and before the September meeting of the Chapter, on such day as may be decided by the Executive Committee. Other meetings of the Committee may be held as provided by the Bylaws.

4.5 QUORUM

4.51 A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a simple majority of its members.

4.6 OFFICER REMOVAL

4.61 Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office and from the Executive Committee for just cause by a three-fourths majority vote of a quorum of the Executive Committee acting in closed session. This vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

4.62 Upon request of the WEAT Board, the Executive Committee will have to provide justification of the officer removal. If in the opinion of the WEAT Board, the removal is not justified, the officer removed shall remain in his/her position.

5.0 OFFICERS

5.1 The Chapter Officers shall be as follows:

- President, who shall provide general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter and shall perform such duties as prescribed by the Bylaws.
- Past President, who shall assist the President in performance of his/her duties and shall serve as chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
- Vice President, who shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and shall act instead in his/her absence or as otherwise required, and who shall chair the Program Committee.
- Secretary, who shall be the Recording Officer of the Chapter.
- Treasurer, who shall be the Financial Officer of the Chapter.

- Section Representative, who shall be the Chapter representative to the WEAT Board.

5.2 TERMS OF OFFICE

- 5.21 The terms of office for the President, Past President, and Vice President shall be one year. The terms of the office for the Secretary and Treasurer shall be 2-year staggered terms. The term of the Section Representative shall be 3-years. In addition, the Section Representative shall not be eligible for consecutive terms. The terms shall begin at the close of the May Chapter meeting following their election or appointment, and shall continue until successors qualify.
- 5.22 The Vice President will automatically advance to President.
- 5.23 In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, or in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall act in his/her place for the unexpired term absence. In case the Vice President cannot act, the Past President shall do so. If the Past President cannot act, the latest living past president shall do so. If the latest living Past President cannot act, the Executive Committee shall elect one of its members to serve.
- 5.24 The President shall be ineligible for re-election. The Vice President shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office until at least one full term shall have elapsed after the end of his/her term. This prohibition shall not apply to any person acting as President under provision 5.23 above.

5.3 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 5.31 Nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Section Representative for the respective terms shall be received and considered by the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee, through its Chairperson shall report its selection for each office to the Executive Committee before April 1 of each year. All nominees shall be persons having the rights and privileges of Members under the Bylaws, and who have signified a willingness to serve.

- 5.32 The President shall have the report of the Nominating Committee at the May Chapter meeting and it shall be his/her duty to ascertain from the floor if any names are desired to be placed in nomination. After this, a secret ballot of the members present may be taken if deemed appropriate by the presiding officer of the Chapter. If secret ballot is not deemed necessary, the vote may be taken by voice vote of the dues paying members.

5.4 FINANCIAL LIABILITY

Officers of the Chapter shall not be held jointly or severally responsible for the debts of the Chapter.

5.5 MEMBERSHIPS

Officers of the Chapter shall be members of WEAT.

6.0 AMENDMENTS

6.1 INITIATION

6.11 Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee through its Constitution and Bylaws Committee, by a majority of the Executive Committee, or by written petition signed by at least 10 percent of the members of the Chapter and submitted to the Secretary.

6.12 Proposed amendments shall be considered by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and changes made as considered appropriate. The changed version, if acceptable to the original proposer, or the original version if changes are not acceptable, shall be submitted to the Chapter at the next meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the membership 60 days in advance of the meeting date upon which the amendments will be voted.

6.13 Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the WEAT for approval by its Bylaws Review Committee prior to the presentation to Chapter members for adoption.

6.2 ADOPTION

6.21 Amendments to this Constitution may be made by two-thirds affirmative vote of the dues-paying members present and voting at the Chapter meeting.

6.22 The Secretary shall advise the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as to action taken on proposal amendments after the vote.

When amendments to the Constitution have been approved by the Chapter, they shall take effect immediately, and the revised Constitution shall be distributed to all members.