

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
CENTRAL ILLINOIS SECTION  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS**

ADOPTED, JULY 14, 1967  
REVISED, SEPTEMBER 1996

**ARTICLE I**

**Name, Location, and Object**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Central Illinois Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Section 2. The offices of the Section shall be in the city of residence of the Secretary-Treasurer or as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The objective of the Central Illinois Section shall be the advancement of the science and profession of engineering, in a manner consistent with the objective of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**ARTICLE II**

**Membership**

Section 1. The membership of this Section shall consist of persons who are members of the American Society of Civil Engineers in any grade living within the boundaries and jurisdiction of this section.

Section 2. All members of this Section, as defined above, who subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Central Illinois Section, as evidence by the payment of current dues of the Section, shall be known and referred to herein as Subscribing Members of the Section.

Section 3. Only Subscribing Members of the Section shall have the right to vote on matters pertaining to the Section.

**ARTICLE III**

**Dues**

Section 1. The annual dues payable by all members shall set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Honorary, Life and Student Members of the Society shall be exempt from the payment of local Section dues.

#### ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer and a Director from each approved Branch. These officers shall be elected by the Subscribing Members (of the Section) or appointed by the Board of Directors at or before the date of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Directors, and the last living Past-President continuing to be a Subscribing Member of the Section shall constitute the Board of Directors in which government of the Section shall be vested.

Section 3. The terms of the office of the officers of the Section shall be one year. A term of office shall begin on October 1 of the year in which the officer is elected or appointed and shall continue until a successor qualifies.

Section 4. If Elections are required due to multiple candidates for an office, voting will take place on or before the date of the Annual Meeting by a method determined by the Board of Directors. A simple majority of those Subscribing Members voting shall constitute election to office.

Section 5. A vacancy occurring in any office during the term of an officer shall be filled for the unexpired term as follows:

- (a) President. By the Vice-President
- (b) Vice-President. By appointment by the Board of Directors from among the Directors.
- (c) Secretary-Treasurer. By appointment by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Director. By appointment by the Board of Directors of the appropriate Branch.
- (e) Past-President. As provided in Section 2 of this article.

#### ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 1. The Section shall hold at least one general business meeting annually, termed the Annual Meeting, which shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. All Subscribing, Life, Honorary and Student Members of the Section will be notified in writing of the time and place of the Annual Meeting at least 30 days in advance of the date on which it is to be held. At the Annual Meeting, those members present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Other meetings of the Section may be held at such times and places designated by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI Local Branches

Section 1. Branches may be organized by 15 or more members of any grade of any locality within the area of the Central Illinois Section, which branches shall be recognized by and be an integral part of the Central Illinois Section. Authority for the formation of branches shall be obtained from the Board of Directors of the Section. Any Branch which fails to function effectively may be disbanded or its boundaries rearranged by the Board of Directors.

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## ARTICLE VII By-Laws

Section 1. The Section may adopt By-Laws consistent with the constitution for the guidance of officers and members.

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Section 1. Any proposed amendment to this constitution shall be endorsed by 25 Subscribing Members and shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, who shall submit the same, within 10 days, to the appropriate Committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers for approval.

Section 2. The proposed amendment shall be voted upon by letter ballot, by a majority of the Subscribing Members of the Section. It shall receive an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members voting.

Section 3. To become effective, it shall receive the approval of the Board of Directors of the Society.

## ARTICLE IX Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the Section shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder of individual and no substantial part of the activities of the Section shall be carrying on propaganda, and the Section shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 2. Upon dissolution of the Section, the assets remaining after the payment of the debts of the Section shall be distributed to such corporation, community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literacy 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 designations they shall be conveyed to the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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of the  
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Adopted, July 14, 1967  
Revised, December 10, 1986

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( Rev. 12/10/86)

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(Article added 12/10/86)



BY-LAWS  
of the  
CENTRAL ILLINOIS SECTION  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

Adopted January 28, 1967

ARTICLE I  
Dues

Section 1. The annual dues for all members of the Central Illinois Section except life members shall be payable in advance on October 1.

Section 2. Honorary Members and Life Members of the Society shall be excused from the payment of the local section dues.

ARTICLE II  
Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall choose one candidate for election to each of the offices prescribed by the Constitution and obtain the consent of the nominees to serve if elected. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the Section membership no later than August 1. Additional nominations may be made by any subscribing member of the Section. Such additional nominations must be endorsed by the signatures of at least ten subscribing members of the Section and must be submitted along with the aforementioned endorsements to the Secretary of the Section no later than 15 days after the report of the Nominating Committee is submitted to the Section membership.

Section 2. The Secretary shall send a letter ballot listing all candidates nominated in accordance with the provisions of Section 1, above, to each subscribing member of the Section prior to September 10.

Section 3. To be valid, all ballots must be properly marked and must be submitted to the Secretary before September 25.

Section 4. All valid ballots returned to the Secretary shall be opened and counted by the Tellers Committee. For each office, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected.

Section 5. Neither the President nor the Vice-President of the Section shall be permitted to serve two full consecutive terms in the same office of the Section.

ARTICLE III  
Committees

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed each year by the President of the Section with the approval of the Board of Direction of this Section. The duties of these committees shall be as indicated.

Auditing Committee - To audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Section.

Professional Objectives Committee - To act as representatives of the Central Illinois Section, ASCE to engineering councils or other cooperative bodies deemed appropriate by the Board of Direction; to study the operations of the professional registration acts; to keep informed on proposed changes in the acts; to take necessary action in connection with such proposed changes; and to furnish information or assistance to members of the Central Illinois Section in connection with registration and practice under the acts.

Nominating Committee - To nominate qualified candidates for the offices of the Section in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 1, above.

Publications Committee - To prepare a regular newsletter informing members of the Section of the activities of the Section and to furnish news, both personal and professional, of interest to the members of the Section.

Tellers Committee - To count and report the results of all Section balloting.

Section 2. Committees in addition to those listed under Section 1, above, shall be appointed by the President as he deems it necessary.

ARTICLE IV  
Reports of Branches

Section 1. Each local Branch shall submit to the Board of Direction of the Section, annually, a report of finances and activities by November 1.

ARTICLE V  
Amendments

Section 1. The Board of Direction, by a two-thirds vote, may at any time amend the By-Laws in conformity with the Constitution provided written notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each Director at least ten days prior to the vote.