

NEBRASKA SECTION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. DUES

- Section 1.** The annual dues for members of the Nebraska Section shall be payable in advance of January 1st. The dollar amount of Section dues shall be as set forth in the Nebraska Section Rules of Policy and Procedure.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS, TERMS, AND VACANCIES

- Section 1.** The term of office for each Officer shall be one year. Terms shall begin at the close of the Annual Section Meeting and continue until their successors are elected or appointed.
- Section 2.** A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by the Vice-President. Other vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Officers.
- Section 3.** No member shall serve in one elected office for more than two successive elected terms, with the exception of Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE III. NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND RECALL OF OFFICERS

- Section 1.** The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than three members at least 60 days prior to the Annual Section Meeting.
- Section 2.** The Nominating Committee shall choose one or more candidates for election to the offices of President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Younger Member Chair and obtain the consent of nominees to serve if elected. In addition, candidates may be nominated by written petition containing ten signatures of Subscribing Members.
- Section 3.** The election of the President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, and Younger Member Chair will be held at the Annual Section Meeting, and the nominee receiving the highest number of votes cast for each office shall be elected. All Subscribing Members present at the Annual Section Meeting shall be allowed to vote.
- Section 4.** The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President at the close of the Annual Section Meeting.
- Section 5.** Candidates for Directors for the following year shall be nominated annually by a vote of the Advisory Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Section Meeting.
- Section 6.** To initiate the recall of an Officer, a petition for recall signed by fifty (50) Subscribing Members of the Section shall be submitted to the Officers. Within thirty (30) days of its receipt, the Officers shall instruct the Secretary to provide each Subscribing Member a ballot on which is stated "Shall (name) be removed from the office of (office)?" The ballots shall be returned to the Secretary within fourteen (14) days. If a majority of the voting Subscribing Members vote in favor of recall, then the tenure of the officer shall terminate as of the date the ballots are canvassed.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

- Section 1.** In addition to the Annual Section Meeting, at least five meetings shall be held each year at regular intervals.
- Section 2.** 25 Subscribing Members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business at a meeting of the Section.
- Section 3.** All business meetings of the Section and subsidiary organizations and meetings of the Officers and Advisory Board shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, except as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. GOVERNING BODY

- Section 1.** The government of the Section shall be vested in the Officers.
- Section 2.** The duties of the Officers shall include management of the Section, responsibility for the budget and financial resources, strategic planning, providing leadership, overseeing the various activities within the Section and its subsidiary organizations, communicating with the Region, and facilitating the election process for Officers and Directors of the Section and its subsidiary organizations. The Officers shall have control of the property of the Section.
- Section 3.** A majority of the Officers shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4.** The Advisory Board shall serve as an advisory council to the Officers.
- Section 5.** The two Directors (Officers) shall represent the will of the Advisory Board.

ARTICLE VI. SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS

- Section 1.** Formation of subsidiary organizations shall be subject to the approval of the Officers and such other requirements as may be established by the Society. Bylaws of subsidiary organizations shall be approved by the Officers before becoming effective.
- Section 2.** Subsidiary organizations may be, but are not limited to, branches, Younger Member groups/forums, and technical groups. Names of subsidiary organizations shall be as set forth in the Society's Rules of Policy and Procedure.
- Section 3.** Branches of the Section will be created in accordance with the following requirements.
- (a)** Those proposing a new branch shall demonstrate in writing how it will be of advantage to members in the area to have a branch.
 - (b)** A petition containing a minimum of 15 signatures of Society members residing in the area shall be submitted through the local Section to the appropriate Society committee.
 - (c)** A proposed branch area shall contain a minimum potential of 30 members of the Society.
 - (d)** A proposed branch must have distinct boundaries stated in the petition.
- Section 4.** Technical Groups shall be created in accordance with the following requirements.
- (a)** Those proposing a Technical Group shall submit a statement to the Section Officers with the name, objectives, chair, and brief comments on how it will be of advantage to members in the area to have a group.
 - (b)** Approval must be obtained from the Section Officers to activate the group.
- Section 5.** Other subsidiary organizations shall be created under the procedure outlined in Section 4.
- Section 6.** Each subsidiary organization shall submit an annual budget request to the Treasurer for approval by the Officers.
- Section 7.** Each subsidiary organization's President or Chair shall submit an annual written report to the Officers on the activities and programs of the organization.
- Section 8.** Each subsidiary organization shall hold a minimum of one event per year. Any subsidiary organization that does not maintain the minimum activity level for two successive years shall be automatically disbanded. Assets of a disbanded subsidiary organization shall be assumed by the Section.
- Section 9.** The functions and complete listings of the subsidiary organizations shall be as set forth in the Nebraska Section Rules of Policy and Procedure.

Section 10. Presidents or chairs of subsidiary organizations shall be as determined by that organization's bylaws; or, in the absence of bylaws, shall be appointed by the Section President on an annual basis.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall appoint the following committees on an annual basis: membership, legislative affairs, and history and heritage.

Section 2. The President shall appoint such other committees as are from time to time deemed necessary.

Section 3. The functions and complete listings of the committees shall be as set forth in the Nebraska Section Rules of Policy and Procedure.

ARTICLE VIII. SUPPORT FUNCTION REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. The President shall appoint support function representatives on an annual basis as listed in the Nebraska Section Rules of Policy and Procedure.

Section 2. The President shall appoint such other support function representatives as are from time to time deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IX. RULES OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Section 1. The Officers shall adopt Rules of Policy and Procedure (the Rules) for the implementation of the Bylaws and the administration of the Section. The Rules shall be reviewed annually and amended by the Officers if necessary.

Section 2. Specific duties of the Officers and Advisory Board shall be specified in the Rules.

Section 3. In case of conflict between the Bylaws and the Rules, the Bylaws shall prevail.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Bylaws may be adopted or amended only by the following procedure:

- (a)** Proposed Bylaws or amendments to these Bylaws may be submitted to the Section Secretary in a written petition signed by not less than fifteen (15) Subscribing Members of the Section.
- (b)** The Officers may initiate proposed amendments(s) to these Bylaws by a simple majority vote. Said amendment(s) shall be added to these Bylaws once voted and agreed upon by the membership as set forth in this article.
- (c)** Proposed Bylaws or amendments shall be submitted to Society Headquarters for review and approval by the appropriate Society committee.
- (d)** Then, the proposed Bylaw or amendment shall be voted upon by the Subscribing Members present at a business meeting of the Section.
- (e)** To become effective, the proposed amendment shall receive an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the subscribing members voting, and the approval of the appropriate Society committee.