

CONSTITUTION

OZARK CHAPTER MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

Springfield, MO

For the orderly conduct and management of its affairs according to the by-laws of the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS), under which it holds its Charter, the Ozark Chapter of the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors adopts and shall hereafter be governed by the following Constitution to wit:

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section A. This organization shall be known as the Ozark Chapter Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors. Hereinafter the organization will be referred to as "The Ozark Chapter".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section A. The purpose of the Ozark Chapter is to elevate standards of the surveying profession in the Ozarks area of Missouri thereby benefiting the general public and to sponsor legislation and education programs beneficial to the public and to land surveyors.

ARTICLE III - LOCATION

Section A. Headquarters of the Ozark Chapter shall be in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section A. Officers shall be President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and three Directors, all of whom shall be members of the Ozark Chapter. These Officers and Directors with the immediate past President as ex officio member with voting privileges shall compose the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section A. The membership of the Ozark Chapter shall consist of the following classes and shall agree to uphold the Code of Ethics of the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors.

1. MEMBER: Any person who is a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Missouri, a member of Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors, and whose

registration is in full effect shall be eligible for membership in the Ozark Chapter as a Member.

2. ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Any person engaged in land surveying in a sub-professional position, who is not a registered professional land surveyor, and is an Associate Member of **Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors**, shall be eligible for membership in the Ozark Chapter as an Associate Member.

3. SUSTAINING MEMBER: Any person or firm engaged in a business related to land surveying and interested in the advancement of the land surveying profession shall be eligible for membership in the Ozark Chapter as a Sustaining Member.

4. HONORARY MEMBER: Any person of distinction who has rendered meritorious service to the Profession or this Chapter may be elected as an Honorary Member of the Ozark Chapter by a two-thirds vote of the membership voting in said election.

5. STUDENT MEMBER: Any person registered in any school as defined by Section 327.011 (2) RSMo and who is enrolled in a course of land surveying or who has completed such a course and is a Student Member of the **Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors**, shall be eligible for membership as a Student member.

ARTICLE VI – DUES

Section A. The dues of members of the Ozark Chapter shall be fixed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII – ADMINISTRATION

Section A. The administration of the Ozark Chapter shall be in accordance with the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section A. There shall be one monthly membership meeting of the Ozark Chapter.

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS

Section A. The Ozark Chapter shall adopt By-Laws for its government, and shall provide for admission of new members. Such By-Laws shall conform to the charter of the **Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors** and shall not be contrary to any provisions of the Constitution or the Statutes of the State of Missouri.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee of the Ozark Chapter or by a written request of not fewer than ten members in good standing-

Section B. Proposed Amendments shall be submitted to the membership in good standing 30 days prior to voting, and shall require for adoption a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, provided the total number of members voting is not less than 30% of the members of the Ozark Chapter.

BY-LAWS
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Bv-Law 1 - FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR

Section A- The Fiscal Year of the Ozark Chapter shall be the calendar year.

Section B, The administration year of the Ozark Chapter shall be the calendar year.

Bv-Law 2 - MEETINGS

Section A. A regular membership meeting shall be held each month on the **2nd** Tuesday at Springfield, Missouri, or at such other time and place designated by the Executive Committee. Special membership meetings may be called by the President or upon petition of at least ten members in good standing on the date of the call.

Section B. The regular December membership meeting shall be designated as the annual meeting, at which time there shall be elected the Officers and Directors who shall comprise the Executive Committee for the ensuing year. The newly elected Officers and Directors shall assume their duties January 1.

Section C. Written notice of the **chapter meetings**, annual meeting and all special meetings shall be mailed to each member at least **7** days prior to the meeting.

Bv-Law 3 - QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The President, President-Elect, Vice President, and at least one of the three Directors shall be Registered Professional Land Surveyors. The Chairman of the Legislative and By-Laws Committee shall be a **Licensed Professional** Land Surveyor. The Secretary-Treasurer and two Directors may be Associate Members.

Bv-Law 4 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Ozark Chapter and the Executive Committee. He shall appoint all committees except the Executive Committee. He shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

Section B. The President-Elect shall assume all duties of the President in his absence.

Section C. The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the President and President-Elect.

Section D. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the Ozark Chapter and the Executive Committee. He shall maintain an accurate record of the membership, collect all monies due the Ozark Chapter, and pay all claims against the Ozark Chapter upon instructions of the Executive Committee. He shall handle all correspondence and financial records of the Ozark Chapter.

Bv-Law 5 - COMMITTEES

Section A. An Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, three Directors, and the immediate Past President of the Ozark Chapter. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Executive Committee shall conduct that business of the Chapter which is not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws. It shall pass on all questions of membership. The Executive Committee shall fill all vacancies of office which occur between annual meetings. Appointments to these vacancies are only for the period until the next annual meeting.

Section B. A Legislative and By-Laws Committee shall study State Legislation and Local Regulations affecting Land Surveyors; shall promote legislation which will be beneficial to the public; shall each year review existing By-Laws of the Chapter and recommend revisions when deemed necessary.

Section C. A Membership Committee shall review all applications for membership in the Chapter. The final determination of membership qualifications shall be a member in good standing of the **Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors**. The Membership Committee shall annually invite all persons in or associated with the land surveying profession within the Ozark District to become members of the Ozark Chapter.

Section D. A Publicity Committee shall handle all publicity on land surveying matters through newspapers, radio and television and shall publish a Newsletter periodically to all members in the Ozark Chapter.

Section E. An Educational Committee shall promote cooperation between schools, colleges and agencies in the Ozark District affected by land surveying.

Section F. Other special committees shall be appointed by the President as they become necessary.

Bv-Law 6 - ELECTIONS

Section A. Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall nominate candidates for all elective officers and directors named in the Constitution. A report of the Nominating Committee shall be made at the annual membership meeting at which time additional nominations for officers and directors may be made from the floor.

Section B. The nominee for any office receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to that office.

Bv-Law 7 - TENURE OF OFFICE

Section A. The President, President-Elect, and Vice President shall serve for one year and shall not succeed themselves. The President, upon completion of his term of office, shall serve immediately for one year on the Executive Committee as ex officio member with voting privileges.

Section B. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve for one year and may succeed himself in office for a period of not more than three years.

Section C. Directors shall be elected for a term of three years, except at the first election when one shall be elected for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years.

Bv-Law 8 - DUES

Section A. Dues shall be payable on the calendar year basis in advance and shall become due the first day of January each year.

Section B. Dues for the various grades of membership shall be as follows:

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| 1. Member | <u>20.00</u> per year |
| 2. Associate Member | <u>5.00</u> per year |
| 3. Sustaining Member | <u>30.00</u> per year |
| 4. Honorary Member | <u>NONE</u> per year |
| 5. Student Member | <u>5.00</u> per year |

Bv-Law 9 - MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Section A. No member whose dues account is three months or more in arrears will be entitled to vote or hold office.

Section B. A member failing to remit dues within **three** months after date due shall be dropped from membership roll.

Section C. A member dropped from the **Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors** membership roll shall have his membership in the Ozark Chapter terminated.

Section D. Membership shall terminate on suspension, expiration, or revocation of registration as a **Professional** Land Surveyor.

Bv-Law 10 - DISTRICTS

The district boundaries of the Ozark Chapter shall include the following counties:

Hickory	Douglas
Greene	Taney
Polk	Ozark
Christian	Texas
Stone	Wright
Dallas	Howell
Webster	Laclede

Bv-Law 11 - QUORUM

Section A. At any monthly membership meeting or any special membership meeting of the Chapter, five (5) members, two (2) of which must be members of the Executive Committee, shall constitute a quorum.

Bv-Law 12 - VOTING RIGHTS

Section A. Voting rights shall be reserved for Members, Associate Members and Sustaining Members-only.

Bv-Law 13 - AMENDMENTS

Section A. All proposed amendments shall be presented in writing to the Executive Committee.

Section B. These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members voting thereon by a 30-day letter ballot.

Bv-Law 14 - MISCELLANEOUS

Section A. Roberts Rules of Order shall be used as a guide for conducting all meetings of the Ozark Chapter.

Bv-Law 15 - INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section A. Indemnification of Directors and Officers. Every person who is or has been a director or officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses or proceedings to which he may be defendant or party defendant, or with which he may be threatened, by reason of or growing out of or in relation to his being or having been a director or officer of the Association.

Section B. Expense. The term "Expenses" includes amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments or in settlement, other than amounts paid to the Association itself.

Section C. Negligence. The Association shall not, however, indemnify any director or officer in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties as such director or officer. Further, the Association shall not indemnify any director or officer in case of settlement unless such settlement shall be approved by, first, a majority of the directors of the Association then in office other than those involved (regardless of whether or not such majority constitutes a quorum), or second, if there are not at least two directors then in office other than those involved, by a majority of a committee (selected by the Board of Directors) of two or more members of the Association who are not the directors or officers involved, as being in the interest of the Association that such settlements be made.

Section D. Indemnification not Exclusive- The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive but shall be in addition to any and all other rights and remedies to which any such director or officer may be entitled as a matter of law.