

**CAROLINA TRIANGLE SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS**

CONSTITUTION

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Preamble

This organization is the Carolina Triangle Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers, and as such, is subject to Constitution and By-Laws of the American Society of Highway Engineers. Nothing in this document is intended to supersede that of the Society when in conflict.

The purpose of this Society is to procure the latest data on the techniques and methods in design and construction of highways; to disseminate this information among the members; to establish good public relationships; to exercise the code of ethics; to foster and publicize new and advanced ideas and devices developed by members after being approved by the technical committee and to promote the general welfare of the highway industry.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND FUNCTIONS

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Carolina Triangle Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers.

Section 2. The functions of this organization shall be to confer and suggest as to matters of policy; to cooperate with other engineering, technical and civic associations in matters of mutual interest; to study highway problems; to encourage members to prepare and discuss papers appropriate to the aims of the Society; to bring about a closer acquaintance and a spirit of cooperation among members; to sponsor technical and educational meetings; discussions and seminars; to provide opportunities for social interaction among its members; and to advocate registration of members in their respective fields.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of Senior Members, Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members who have practiced, or are now practicing, in the highway industry or its allied fields. All members shall have a minimum of a high school education, or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. A Senior Member shall:

- a. Be a registered professional engineer, or

- b. Have a college degree in engineering from a school of recognized standing and six (6) years required experience in the highway related industry. The six (6) years required experience in the highway related industry beyond graduation with a bachelor's degree in engineering may be reduced two (2) years by receipt of a Master's degree in engineering from a school of recognized standing, or
- c. Have ten (10) years of experience in a highway related industry plus an engineer-in-training certificate, or
- d. Have twelve (12) years of administrative, technical or engineering experience in a highway related industry.

Section 3. A member shall:

- a. Have a college degree in engineering from a school of recognized standing and have three (3) years of experience in a highway related industry, or
- b. Have seven (7) years of experience in a highway related industry plus an engineering-in-training certificate, or
- c. Have nine (9) years of experience in a highway related industry.

Section 4. Associate membership shall consist of those persons who do not meet the educational and/or experience requirements for the other grades of membership, but who are at the time of presenting their application, actively engaged in a highway related industry.

Section 5. Honorary membership shall be chosen only from those persons who are of acknowledged eminence in some branch of engineering or the arts and sciences related thereto; or who have singularly advanced in the interests of this Society. The approval and issuance of this classification of membership is reserved for the National Board of Directors as set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 6. When a combination of education and experience is to be used to determine the classification of membership, each full year of technical education will be considered equal to one (1) year of experience; however, not more than four (4) years of technical education can be substituted for experience.

Section 7. Regardless of phraseology used herein, membership shall not be contingent upon race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

Section 8. All approved applications for membership, regardless of classification, shall be transmitted to the National Secretary for certification, along with the current initiation fee established by the National Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - ADMISSIONS, RESIGNATIONS AND EXPULSIONS

Section 1. Members shall be admitted only by proper procedures as set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Honorary members shall be selected by the National Board of Directors.

Section 3. Any member may resign his/her membership by a written communication to the Secretary. If all

of his/her dues and assessments are paid, the resignation will be accepted and the Secretary shall notify the resignee within 30 days of receipt of the request.

Section 4. Any member may be expelled by vote of the Board of Directors for improper conduct. The affirmative votes of not less than eighty (80) percent of the entire Board of Directors is required to expel. A member whose expulsion is being considered shall be notified by the Secretary by registered mail no less than thirty (30) days prior to the vote by the Board of Directors. The said member may submit a defense, either in writing or in person, which shall be considered by the Board of Directors as part of the proceedings. The Secretary shall notify the member by registered mail as to the action taken by the Board. Any member against whom such action is taken may appeal the expulsion to the National Board of Directors of the Society. Such appeal must be in writing and delivered within thirty (30) days of notice of expulsion. The review by the National Board of Directors shall be binding and final.

ARTICLE IV - FEES, DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. The National Board of Directors shall establish the initiation fee. The fee will be reconsidered annually. The initiation fee shall be required with an application for membership.

Section 2. Membership dues shall be collected annually according to the rates established by the Board of Directors.

- a. Senior Members or Members, admitted to the Society prior to October 1, 1966 and who are members in good standing, who shall have reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or who shall have retired, and who have paid dues for not less than five (5) consecutive years, may be exempt from further dues.
- b. Senior Members shall also be exempt from further dues at such time as:
 - (1) They have reached the age of sixty-five (65) years and have paid dues for not less than twenty (20) years, or
 - (2) They shall have paid dues for twenty-five (25) years regardless of age.

Section 3. The National Board of Directors may levy annual or special assessments on the membership that it considers essential to the proper administration and well being of the Society.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of the Section shall be a president; two vice-presidents, six directors, a secretary, a treasurer and such regional directors as may be required.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected annually and shall have the following terms of office:

President	One Year
1st & 2nd Vice Presidents	One Year

Secretary	One Year
Treasurer	One Year
Directors	Three Years

Section 3. The terms of office for the officers shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and shall continue for the period specified above or until a successor is elected.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall consist of the current elected officers, directors at-large and the immediate Past President.

Section 5. The President shall serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors and the First Vice-President shall serve as the Vice-Chairman.

Section 6. For the purpose of nominating candidates for office, the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of the immediate Past President, who shall serve as chairman, the Secretary, and three members of the Section who do not currently hold office.

Section 7. The other duties of the officers shall be specified in the By-Laws.

Section 8. In the event of resignation, disability, inability, or neglect in the performance of duties, the Board of Directors shall have the power to declare any elected office vacant. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment of the Board for the completion of the unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be vested with the exercise of all the powers, subject to this Constitution and the By-Laws, necessary to conduct the affairs of the Section. The By-Laws shall make provisions for the general administration of the affairs and property of the Section.

Section 2. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least twice in each fiscal year. Additional meetings may be held as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The executive Committee shall exercise, at times when the Board of Directors is not in session, such part of the authority of the Board of Directors as may be delegated by the Board. The authority of the Executive Committee must be reestablished each fiscal year by Board action.

Section 4. An annual meeting of the general membership shall be held each year in the month of May, at which meeting the officers and at-large directors shall be elected and such other business conducted as may be necessary.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees as set forth in the By-Laws shall have no less than three members.

Section 2. Special committees may be appointed by the President as required. The President shall determine the size and designate the chairman.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the proposed amendments shall be submitted to the membership for adoption or rejection.

Section 2. When a ballot is taken for a proposed amendment, the Board of Directors shall designate a date for closing the ballot. The written ballots will be submitted to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the closing date by the Secretary.

Section 3. The Secretary shall tabulate the results of the ballot and certify same to the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) days of the ballot closing date.

Section 4. Amendments to this constitution require affirmative votes of two-thirds of those voting. Ballots must be received from at least 20% of the membership before the vote is official.

Section 5. Amendments to the Constitution shall be effective upon certification by the Secretary that the vote is in order and the amendments approved.