

MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAPTER
OF
SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY

BYLAWS

Bylaw I: Membership

- I. Application for Active Member, Student Member, Regional Member or Sustaining Member shall be made on an application authorized by the Board of Directors of the Chapter. An Emeritus Member is selected and so honored by the Board of Directors of the Chapter in recognition of contribution to the field and to the Chapter. Each applicant for Active Member and each Active and Emeritus member must be a current member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

Qualifications and benefits are as follows:

A. Active Member

1) Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated purpose of the Chapter
- b) have applied experience, education or conducted research in environmental toxicology and/or chemistry
- c) pay member dues
- d) be a current Member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

2) Benefits

May:

- a) vote in Chapter affairs
- b) hold office and/or serve on the Board of Directors
- c) participate in Chapter functions, programs and activities

B. Emeritus Member

1) Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated purpose of the Chapter
- b) be a member in good standing for 3 years
- c) be elected by the Board of Directors of the Chapter
- d) be recognized for service to the Chapter and the field

- e) pay Emeritus member dues
- f) be a current member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

2) Benefits

May:

- a) vote in Chapter affairs
- b) **hold office and/or serve on the Board of Directors (added)**
- b) participate in Chapter functions, programs, and activities

C. Regional Member

1) Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated concern of the Chapter
- b) have applied experience, education or conducted research in environmental toxicology and/or chemistry
- c) pay member dues

2) Benefits

May:

- a) vote in Chapter affairs
- b) **hold office and/or serve on the Board of Directors (added)**
- c) participate in Chapter functions, programs and activities

D. Student Member

1) Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated purpose of the Chapter
- b) be a student and show promise of being qualified for Active Member status at a later date
- c) pay Student Member dues

2) Benefits

May:

- a) apply for Active Member status when qualified
- b) **vote in Chapter affairs (added)**

- c) **hold office and/or serve on the Board of Directors (added)**
- d) participate in Chapter functions, programs and activities

E. Sustaining Member

1) Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated purpose of the Chapter
- b) provide annual support to the Chapter

2) Benefits

May:

- a) be acknowledged for Chapter support in newsletters, annual programs and activities
- b) participate in Chapter functions, programs and activities

Bylaw II: Dues and Finances

1. All dues shall be established annually by the Board of Directors.
2. Any Active, Emeritus, Regional, or Student member in arrears in dues for two years will lose membership in the Chapter. Delinquent members may be reinstated by the Board of Directors provided all indebtedness to the Chapter is liquidated.
3. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall correspond to the calendar year. A member who joins the Chapter prior to October of any year shall be assessed dues for that calendar year. A member who joins after October 1 of any year shall be exempt from dues for that calendar year.
4. The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name or behalf of the Chapter and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
5. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money in the name of the Chapter shall be signed by the Treasurer or President.
6. All funds of the Chapter, not otherwise employed, shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Chapter in such banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors

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may select.

7. The annual budget shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Bylaw III: Elections and Formation of Committee(s)

1. A Board of Directors shall consist of ~~ten (10)~~ **eleven (11)** voting members. An effort will be made to have representation from government, academia, business, and advocate groups.
2. The terms of the Officers and Board members shall be established according to the constitution.
3. The President will appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than two (2) Board members. Nominations for the Board of Directors will be made by the Nominating Committee or by petition of at least three Chapter members. The list of nominees prepared by the Nominating Committee will be submitted to the Board for approval. The Secretary shall submit the nominees for the Board to the membership for election.
4. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the formation and dissolution of all standing committees.
5. The President may form ad hoc committees which shall serve at his/her discretion during the term of office.

Bylaw IV: Meetings

1. The Board of Directors shall determine the number, times and places of the regular meeting of the Chapter.
2. At least four (4) weeks before a regular meeting, the Secretary shall send to each member a notice of the time and place of each meeting.
3. One meeting each year shall be designated the Annual Meeting. At this meeting, there shall be an executive session open to all members for reports of officers, for a report on the election of officers, Board of Directors and other items of business.
4. The Board of Directors shall determine rules relative to the conduct of scientific sessions and presentation of scientific papers at meetings.
5. There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the Board of Directors in each year.
6. The President shall convene the Board of Directors at a special meeting whenever the affairs of the Chapter require it.

7. A request to the President, made in writing, signed and approved by three (3) members of the Board of Directors shall render the Convocation of the Board obligatory.

Bylaw V: Relationship with the Society of
Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

The relationship with the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry shall be established in the Constitution.

Bylaw VI: Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be conducted according to the Constitution.