

1 **BYLAWS**

2 **of the**

3 **Structural Engineers Association of Kansas & Missouri - Kansas City Chapter**

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5 **Article I - General**

6 *Section 1.* The name of this Chapter shall be "Structural Engineers Association of Kansas & Missouri -  
7 [Kansas City](#) Chapter".

8 *Section 2.* The Chapter shall be a subsidiary of the Structural Engineers Association of Kansas &  
9 Missouri, hereinafter referred to as SEAKM, and shall be governed by the SEAKM Bylaws, which shall  
10 control over these bylaws

11 **Article II - Purpose**

12 *Section 1.* The vision, mission, and objectives of the Chapter shall be the same as those of SEAKM as  
13 prescribed in the SEAKM Bylaws.

14 *Section 2.* Specific goals of the Chapter consistent with its vision, mission, and objectives shall, on at  
15 least an annual basis, be developed by the Chapter president and adopted by the Chapter officers with or  
16 without modifications.

17 **Article III - Membership**

18 *Section 1.* Membership in the Chapter shall consist of those Members of SEAKM in good standing  
19 whose permanent residence or principal place of employment is located in close proximity to the [Kansas](#)  
20 [City, Kansas/Missouri](#) metropolitan area or who are otherwise assigned to it by the SEAKM Board of  
21 Directors.

22 *Section 2.* Grades of membership in the Chapter and the corresponding initiation fees and annual dues  
23 shall be those prescribed by the SEAKM Bylaws.

24 *Section 3.* Only Professional and Associate Members of the Chapter shall have voting rights therein, and  
25 each Professional and Associate Member of the Chapter shall have exactly one vote. Only Professional  
26 Members of the Chapter shall be eligible for election as Chapter officers, unless otherwise approved for  
27 specific situations by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire SEAKM Board of Directors. All members  
28 of the Chapter shall be eligible for appointment to Chapter committees, except that the chairperson of  
29 each Chapter committee shall be a Professional or Associate Member of the Chapter.

30 **Article IV - Students**

31 *Section 1.* The Chapter officers may sponsor student groups at institutions in close proximity to the  
32 [Kansas City, Kansas/Missouri](#) metropolitan area or otherwise assigned to the Chapter by the SEAKM  
33 Board of Directors that offer ABET-accredited bachelor's degree programs in structural, civil, or  
34 architectural engineering, or a graduate degree program in structural engineering.

1        *Section 2.* The Chapter president, with the approval of the Chapter officers, shall appoint a faculty  
2        advisor for each student group from among the Professional and Associate Members of the Chapter who  
3        are employed by the corresponding institution to a one-year term that coincides with the academic year.  
4        There shall be no limit on the number of consecutive or non-consecutive terms that a member may serve  
5        as faculty advisor.

## 6        **Article V - Government**

7        *Section 1.* The Chapter officers shall establish the policies, manage the affairs, and direct the activities of  
8        the Chapter, and shall include the Chapter president, vice-president, and secretary, as well as two  
9        SEAKM Directors.

10       *Section 2.* The Chapter president shall have general supervision over the Chapter and shall preside at all  
11       meetings thereof and of its officers.

12       *Section 3.* The duties of the Chapter vice-president shall include  
13       (a)     presiding at all meetings in the absence of the Chapter president; and  
14       (b)     serving as chairperson of the Chapter program committee.

15       *Section 4.* The duties of the Chapter secretary shall include  
16       (a)     keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the Chapter and its officers, including minutes  
17           of their meetings and lists of their past and present members to facilitate evaluation of each  
18           individual's eligibility to hold office in the Chapter; and  
19       (b)     conducting the correspondence of the Chapter, including meeting notices and ballots for elections  
20           and other votes; and  
21       (c)     reporting the business affairs of the Chapter to its officers at each regular meeting thereof and to  
22           the members of the Chapter at its annual meeting, the latter report having been audited as directed  
23           by the Chapter officers; and  
24       (d)     timely filing of all reports required by the SEAKM Board of Directors.

25       *Section 5.* The chairperson of the Chapter finance committee shall also serve as the Chapter treasurer,  
26       whose duties shall include  
27       (a)     having custody of all funds of the Chapter and maintaining an accurate set of books showing all  
28           receipts and disbursements; and  
29       (b)     depositing all moneys received and paying out all monies authorized by the Chapter officers on  
30           appropriate forms designated thereby; and  
31       (c)     reporting the financial affairs of the Chapter to its officers at each regular meeting thereof and to  
32           the members of the Chapter at its annual meeting, the latter report having been audited as directed  
33           by the Chapter officers; and  
34       (d)     timely filing of all financial reports required by the SEAKM Board of Directors, including the  
35           Chapter annual report.

36       *Section 6.* The Chapter president or another Chapter officer may be removed from office if he or she does  
37       not or cannot carry out his or her duties in a manner consistent with these bylaws. Such removal shall  
38       require the approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the entire remaining Chapter officers, or a two-thirds  
39       majority at-large vote of eligible Chapter members, except that it shall be automatic in the case of  
40       resignation or death.

41       *Section 7.* The Chapter officers may overturn any action by the Chapter president or another Chapter  
42       officer. Any action by the Chapter officers may be overturned by a two-thirds majority at-large vote of  
43       eligible Chapter members.

1       **Article VI - Elections**

2       *Section 1.* The Chapter shall annually elect, as one of its officers, a SEAKM Director for a two-year term  
3 of office, so that two SEAKM Directors represent the Chapter at all times. Directors shall remain officers  
4 of the Chapter at least until the completion of their terms of office as Directors. Duly elected Directors  
5 shall take office at the conclusion of the SEAKM Annual Meeting in the year in which they are elected.

6       *Section 2.* The Chapter president and other officers other than SEAKM Directors shall be elected at-large  
7 to a one-year term of office, which shall commence at the conclusion of the SEAKM Annual Meeting in  
8 the year of their election. Upon expiration of the Chapter president's term of office, he or she shall be  
9 designated as Chapter past president and shall continue to attend Chapter officer meetings ex-officio  
10 (nonvoting) for one additional year.

11       *Section 3.* In the event of a vacancy in a Chapter office, the Chapter shall elect an interim Chapter officer  
12 to complete the unexpired term, except that in the event of a vacancy in the office of Chapter president,  
13 the Chapter vice-president shall immediately assume the office of Chapter president and complete the  
14 unexpired term.

15       *Section 4.* Chapter officers who complete two consecutive terms of office shall be ineligible for  
16 reelection to the same office for a period of one year. Chapter officers who leave office prior to the  
17 expiration of their terms shall be ineligible for election to any Chapter office for a period of two years. In  
18 any given year, the current Chapter president shall be ineligible for election to any Chapter office.

19       *Section 5.* At-large elections and other votes, where prescribed herein, shall be conducted by mail ballot  
20 or at a regular or special meeting of the Chapter with provision for proxy voting by those unable to attend.  
21 When these bylaws require or the Chapter officers authorize a mail ballot, the Chapter secretary shall  
22 distribute such ballot, together with all supplemental information deemed necessary by the Chapter  
23 officers, to all Professional and Associate Members of the Chapter within thirty days of the action by  
24 which the election or vote was called. The Chapter secretary shall then canvass all returned ballots  
25 received within thirty days of their distribution.

26       *Section 6.* Except where prescribed otherwise herein, all those eligible and casting ballots shall decide all  
27 elections and other votes, and such decisions shall require a simple majority of the votes cast. Where  
28 more than two candidates or options are presented, and no candidate or option receives a majority on the  
29 first ballot, additional ballots, with the candidate or option receiving the fewest votes on the previous  
30 ballot removed, shall be distributed and cast until the election or vote is decided. In the event of a tie in  
31 the election of the Chapter president, the Chapter officers shall cast a secret ballot to select one of the tied  
32 candidates.

33       **Article VII - Committees**

34       *Section 1.* Standing and special Chapter committees may be established by the Chapter officers or by an  
35 at-large vote of the eligible members of the Chapter for specific purposes. The scope, duties, size, and  
36 duration of each Chapter committee shall be defined at the time at which it is created. Each standing  
37 committee shall have a minimum of three members representing a minimum of two firms.

38       *Section 2.* The Chapter president, with the approval of the Chapter officers, shall appoint the members of  
39 each Chapter committee, including its chairperson, to a term of office of one year, and shall serve as an  
40 ex-officio (nonvoting) member of all Chapter committees. Chairpersons who complete two consecutive  
41 terms of office shall not be eligible for reappointment to that office for a period of one year.

1 *Section 3.* The chairperson of each Chapter committee shall submit a written report of the committee's  
2 activities to the Chapter officers prior to each of the Chapter officers' regular meetings. The chairperson  
3 shall attend a meeting of the Chapter officers to deliver this report in person when requested to do so by  
4 the Chapter officers.

5 *Section 4.* Standing committees shall continue to operate until such time as they are dissolved by the  
6 Chapter officers or by an at-large vote of the eligible members of the Chapter, and the appointments of  
7 their members shall begin upon their establishment and on July 1 of each year thereafter. Special  
8 committees shall cease to operate after the amount of time specified upon their creation unless they are  
9 reauthorized by the Chapter officers or by an at-large vote of the eligible members of the Chapter.

## 10 **Article VIII - Revenue**

11 *Section 1.* The Chapter officers may authorize and collect a reasonable registration fee from those  
12 members who attend the annual meeting or another meeting of the Chapter. For the annual meeting, the  
13 Chapter officers shall establish the amount of such fee with the intent of covering only the costs  
14 associated with the meeting itself, and not as a means of obtaining additional revenue for the Chapter. At  
15 no time shall the balance of Chapter funds exceed the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). In the  
16 event that this balance is exceeded, an immediate appropriate expenditure shall occur, in order to reduce  
17 the balance below the maximum. All expenditures of the Chapter shall be in accordance with these  
18 bylaws.

19 *Section 2.* No member of the Chapter, including its officers, shall receive a salary or other compensation  
20 from the Chapter, except that expenses incurred on behalf of the Chapter that are reported to and  
21 approved by the Chapter officers on forms prescribed thereby may be reimbursed by the Chapter. Funds  
22 of the Chapter, regardless of their source, shall not be used for lobbying.

23 *Section 3.* The Chapter officers may provide funding for student groups and Chapter committee activities  
24 at their sole discretion. Student groups and Chapter committees shall not collect any fees, dues, or  
25 assessments from their members, or contributions of any kind from any other source, except that student  
26 groups may obtain funding from their institutions with the approval of the Chapter officers.

27 *Section 4.* The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be the same as that of SEAKM.

## 28 **Article IX - Meetings**

29 *Section 1.* The Chapter shall hold an annual meeting of its members for the purpose of conducting the  
30 election of the Chapter officers and any other business of the Chapter. The Chapter officers shall  
31 determine the place and time of the annual meeting, but it shall occur at a location within the [Kansas City,](#)  
32 [Kansas/Missouri](#) metropolitan area and not sooner than January 1 nor later than March 1. The Chapter  
33 officers or a three-fourths majority vote of the eligible members of the Chapter may call additional  
34 meetings of the Chapter at any time. The Chapter secretary shall provide notice of each meeting and the  
35 specific items to be discussed to all Chapter members at least seven days in advance. A quorum for duly  
36 notified Chapter meetings shall consist of those Professional and Associate Members of the Chapter  
37 present or voting by proxy.

38 *Section 2.* The Chapter officers shall meet at least once during each quarter of each year at a time and  
39 place determined by the Chapter officers. The Chapter president or any three other Chapter officers may  
40 call additional meetings of the Chapter officers at any time. The Chapter secretary shall provide notice of  
41 each meeting and the specific items to be discussed to all Chapter officers at least seven days in advance.  
42 A quorum for duly notified Chapter officer meetings shall consist of a majority of the Chapter officers.

1        *Section 3.* Each Chapter committee shall meet at least once during each quarter of each year at a time and  
2 place determined by the committee. The chairperson may call additional meetings of the committee at  
3 any time. The chairperson shall provide notice of each meeting and the specific items to be discussed to  
4 the Chapter president and all committee members at least seven days in advance. A quorum for duly  
5 notified Chapter committee meetings shall consist of the chairperson and a majority of the remaining  
6 members of the committee.

7        *Section 4.* All meetings of the Chapter, its officers, and its committees shall be conducted in accordance  
8 with *Robert's Rules of Order Revised*, 1915 version, as applicable and where not inconsistent with the  
9 law, the SEAKM Bylaws, these bylaws, or any special rules of order adopted by the SEAKM Board of  
10 Directors or the Chapter officers.

11        **Article X - Amendments**

12        *Section 1.* Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by a simple majority vote of the Chapter  
13 officers or by a three-fourths majority vote of the Chapter.

14        *Section 2.* A proposed amendment shall become effective only when approved in an at-large vote by mail  
15 ballot in which not less than one-fourth of the eligible members of the Chapter cast ballots and a two-  
16 thirds majority of the votes cast are in the affirmative, and when approved by the SEAKM Board of  
17 Directors. The ballot shall include or be accompanied by, at a minimum, the complete text of the  
18 proposed amendment. An approved amendment shall become effective immediately.

19        **Article XI - Dissolution**

20        In the event of the dissolution of the Chapter, its net assets shall be transferred to SEAKM.

21        **Article XII - Implementation**

22        These bylaws shall take effect immediately upon their adoption by a two-thirds majority vote of the  
23 eligible Chapter members present or voting by proxy at a duly notified meeting of the Chapter and their  
24 approval by the SEAKM Board of Directors.