

# WASHINGTON STATE BOILER INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

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## **CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **SECTION I NAME**

The name of this association shall be "Washington State Boiler Inspectors Association".

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **SECTION I PURPOSE**

The association shall promote understanding among its members through study and discussion of construction, installation, inspection, safe operation and maintenance of all boilers and pressure vessels under any jurisdiction enforcing boiler inspection laws within the State of Washington.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **SECTION I FULL MEMBERSHIP**

Full membership shall be available to any person holding an active commission issued by The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

#### **SECTION II ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

The Association desires and solicits the active participation of individuals whose occupation involves the manufacture, operation or inspection of boilers and/or pressure vessels and who have a vested interest in the safety and welfare of the public exposed to the potential hazards of those objects. Membership shall be contingent upon acceptance by the association membership having vested voting rights (Full Members). Associate members are welcome to participate in all activities other than voting associated with changes to association constitution and bylaws or the election of officers (i.e. vested vote).

#### **Section III RETIREES**

Membership shall include all retired inactive National Board Inspectors

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **SECTION I OFFICERS**

The officers of the association shall consist of a chairman, vice chairman, secretary-treasurer and assistant secretary-treasurer.

**SECTION II** No one organization shall have more than one member on the Board of Officers at one time. For the purposes of this section the term "Board of Officers" shall exclude the position of assistant secretary-treasurer.

## ARTICLE V

### SECTION I DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall call special meetings of the Association as he deems necessary, or upon the written request of at least three members.

**SECTION II** The Vice Chairman shall be responsible for conducting the meetings of the Association In the absence of the chairman.

**SECTION III** The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the Associations meetings and be custodian of the records and funds. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Association as found necessary and approved by the Chairman.

**SECTION IV** The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall assist the Secretary-Treasurer as required.

**SECTION V** In the absence of all officers, the senior member present shall act as Chairman and appoint a temporary secretary.

## ARTICLE VI

### SECTION I ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nomination and election of new officers shall be held at the annual state-wide meeting each year. The newly elected officers shall commence the new Term at the completion of the annual state-wide "WSBIA Annual Meeting" (or no later than the meeting following the election).

**SECTION II** All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at a general meeting and shall hold office for one year except for the office of assistant secretary-treasurer which may be extended annually by a majority vote. The retiring chairman may act as advisor to the newly elected officers.

**SECTION III** In the event of any officer leaving his position for any reason, an election shall be held at the next meeting to fill the vacancy.

## ARTICLE VII

### SECTION I MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Association shall be conducted Quarterly or at a minimum of four (4) times a year.

**SECTION II** Any number of members representing a minimum of four separate organizations, not operating as a group, shall constitute a quorum at any of the Associations meetings.

## ARTICLE VIII

### SECTION I VOTING

All members shall have one equal vote except as described under Article III, Section II.

**ARTICLE IX**

**SECTION I BY-LAWS**

The Association may adopt, amend or rescind such by-laws as it may deem advisable, provided however that no by-laws shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the laws within the State of Washington.

**ARTICLE X**

**SECTION I DUES AND FEES**

There shall be no entrance fee or annual dues.

**SECTION II** Any expense incurred or anticipated by the Association shall first have the approval, in a meeting of the majority of the members present, and each member shall be held responsible for his portion of the total expenditures.

**ARTICLE XI**

**SECTION I CONDUCT**

Peace and harmony shall prevail during all meetings held by the Association.

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