



2010 PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISIONS

American Society of Sanitary Engineering

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 1

Article II Membership

Section 2. Membership will be extended to those with an interest in plumbing, pipng or sanitary engineering or in the goals or ideals of the Society.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: As ASSE expands its professional qualifications to include systems other than plumbing, our membership requirements must reflect these changes.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 2

Article II Membership

Section 4. Active membership shall be extended to journey and master plumbers, sprinklerfitters, pipefitters, layout personnel, designers, plumbing and sanitary inspectors, health officers, architects, engineers and other individuals interested in or contributing to plumbing and sanitary research.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: As ASSE expands its professional qualifications to include systems other than plumbing, our membership requirements must reflect these changes.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 3

Article II Membership

Section 5. Student members shall be one of the following:

- Registered apprentice in an apprenticeship program duly recognized by state, federal or local laws governing apprenticeship.
- Full time student enrolled in a school, university or college course in either plumbing, sprinklerfitting, pipefitting, plumbing and related design or engineering.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: As ASSE expands its professional qualifications to include systems other than plumbing, our membership requirements must reflect these changes.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 4

Article II Membership

Section 6. Sustaining membership shall be extended to manufacturers of plumbing products and appliances or others who are affiliated with the plumbing ~~or~~, sanitary engineering, ~~sprinklerfitting, or pipefitting~~ field and desire to support the work of the Society. One member or representative of such membership shall have privileges of a member in good standing.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: As ASSE expands its professional qualifications to include systems other than plumbing, our membership requirements must reflect these changes.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 5

Article II Membership

Section 10. Government membership shall be extended to employees of local, county, state or federal agencies involved in the plumbing ~~or~~, sanitary engineering, ~~or piping~~ field. Government members shall have the privileges of a member in good standing.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: As ASSE expands its professional qualifications to include systems other than plumbing, our membership requirements must reflect these changes.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 6

Article III Dues and Funds

Section 2. The Board may authorize a special introductory membership dues rate (~~not less than 50% of the current rate~~) for new members.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: The elected Board of Directors should have the leeway to adjust introductory dues as conditions dictate.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 7

Article III Dues and Funds

Section 4. Members in arrears ~~for twelve (12) months~~ shall receive no Society publications and shall be removed from the roster of members, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. All statements for Society dues shall clearly indicate the foregoing conditions.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: The elected Board of Directors should have the leeway to adjust the time period as necessary. Economic conditions, as well as special circumstance, should allow the Board to make these adjustments as necessary. That is why they are elected by the membership.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 8

Article V Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the “Board,” shall consist of the Society Officers and ~~eight (8)~~ seven (7) Regional Directors.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: The elimination of the Region 8 Directors position saves money. Members who fall within this jurisdiction can easily be handled by other directors. Furthermore, it is difficult for the Region 8 Director to attend meetings in geographically diverse areas so it is impractical to actually enforce the duties of a director for Region 8. It is the intent of this proposal to allow the current Region 8 Director to hold the position until termed out, at which time it will not be filled.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 9

Article V Board of Directors

Section 3. The President and the First Vice President shall serve for one (1) year and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office in successive terms. The Second Vice President and the Third Vice President may serve only one (1) additional consecutive term in that office. The Treasurer shall be exempt from this requirement. Regional Directors shall be elected for a period of three (3) years, for a maximum of two (2) terms. ~~At the expiration of the respective terms of each individual member so elected, a successor shall be elected for a period of three (3) years. Regional Directors shall not be from the same chapter for successive terms.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: One term is a terribly inefficient way to run ASSE. Many new regional directors are barely able to learn their required duties before they are termed out. If the membership is unhappy with a director's performance, the director can be voted out.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 10

Article V Board of Directors

Section 4. In the event ~~an national~~ emergency ~~shall~~ delays or prevents the holding of an Annual Meeting, the terms of the Society Officers shall automatically be extended until an Annual Meeting can be held, as provided in Article II.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: A serious local event could prevent the conference from being held.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 11

Article VI Duties of Society Officers and Regional Directors

REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND THEIR REGIONS

Section 6. The Regional Directors shall be in contact with and monitor the activities of all chapters and members-at-large within the assigned regions. This shall include promoting chapter activity and developing new chapters within the Region. Regional Directors shall permanently reside within their region and make themselves available to chapters and members-at-large within their region by:

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: ASSE Regional Directors need to be readily available to their members at all times.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 12

Article VI Duties of Society Officers and Regional Directors

REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND THEIR REGIONS

Section 6. The Regions shall consist of the following: Region 1, West; Region 2, North Central; Region 3, South Central; Region 4, Mid-West; Region 5, South East; Region 6, East; Region 7, Northeast; ~~Region 8, Members at Large.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Reflective of removal of Region 8.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 13

Article VI Duties of Society Officers and Regional Directors

REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND THEIR REGIONS

Section 6. The regional elected members of the Board shall serve the following three (3) year terms: Regions 1 and 7, first alternating group; Regions 2 ~~and 6 and 8~~, second alternating group; and Regions 3, 4 and 5, third alternating group.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Reflective of removal of Region 8.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 14

Article VIII Committees

Section 1. Administrative Committees

- Annual Meeting
- Budget and Finance
- By-Laws
- ~~Chapter Advisory~~
- E.J. Zimmer Technical Seminar
- Executive
- Legal
- Membership
- ~~Nominating Election~~
- Public Relations
- Publications
- ~~Resolutions~~
- ~~Scholarship Program~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Election Committee more accurately defines the role of the Nominating Committee and its expanded duties. Resolutions Committee has not been active. Scholarship Committee by action of the Board of Directors and legal council recommendation.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 15

Article VIII Committees

Section 1. Technical Committees

- Backflow Advisory Committee
- Code
- Cross Connection Control Certification Proctor
- Cross Connection Control Certification School/ Instructor
- Cross Connection Control Certification Technical
- Firestopping Certification
- Green Buildings Initiatives
- High Purity Water Certification
- Hospital Systems and Medical Gas Advisory
- Nomenclature
- Product Standards
- Professional Qualifications Standards
- ~~Research~~
- Residential Fire Sprinklers Certification
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Replenishment Certification
- Seal Control Board
- ~~Seal Control Board Executive Management~~
- ~~Technical~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: New technical committees have been assigned a place on the Technical Committee list. Removed committees are either inactive or redundant.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 16

Article VIII Committees

Section 3. Administrative Committees

~~d. The Chapter Advisory Committee shall counsel existing chapters and assist in the establishment of new chapters. The committee membership shall include the Regional Directors.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Inactive

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 17

Article VIII Committees

Section 3. Administrative Committees

~~i. The Nominating committee shall receive names of candidates for Society Officers and Regional Directors from chapters. This committee may also receive nominations from chapters or members attending the Al Cohen Memorial Chapter Presidents' Liaison Conference preceding the Annual Meeting. The Election Committee shall over see the election of officers. It shall be the responsibility of the Election Committee to accept and verify all candidates for office. All members present at the Annual Meeting who intend to vote shall have their membership verified.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: More accurately reflects the needs of the Society.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 18

Article VIII Committees

Section 3. Administrative Committees

~~i. The committee will receive names of candidates for Regional Director from the Executive Director International Office for Region 8.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Ineffective and not used.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 19

Article VIII Committees

Section 3. Administrative Committees

~~i. The International Office shall, by August 31st of the current year, notify the President of each of the chapters that the Al Cohen Memorial Chapter President Liaison Conference will select candidates, two (2) from each region, to serve on the Nominating Committee. Each chapter President shall obtain a consensus of their chapter members on the selection of a member from that chapter and region to serve on the Nominating Committee. Each chapter President shall present names of the proposed committee members from that chapter and region at the conference.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Ineffective and not used.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 20

Article VIII Committees

Section 3. Administrative Committees

~~i. Immediately after installation at the Annual Meeting, the newly installed International President shall receive from the Al Cohen Memorial Chapter Presidents' Liaison Conference, a list of the names of members as candidates for the Nominating Committee for the following year. The President shall select seven (7) from the members listed, one from each region, to form the Nominating Committee. No member shall serve two (2) successive years on the Nominating Committee.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Not reflective of the duties of the Election Committee. Committees shall continue to be Presidential appointments.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 21

Article VIII Committees

Section 3. Administrative Committees

~~1. The Resolution Committee shall be appointed by the President.~~

~~The International Office shall receive all proposed resolutions by September 1st of the current year in order to be acted on at that Annual Meeting. All resolutions received after that date will be held until the following Annual Meeting for consideration by the Resolution Committee. The International Office shall forward all legally received proposed resolutions to the Committee which will analyze, collate and report at the Annual Meeting.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Died for lack of interest.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 22

Article VIII Committees

Section 3. Administrative Committees

~~m. The Scholarship Program Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Society. The President shall appoint the Chairperson. Together, they shall appoint the balance of the committee. The Scholarship Program Committee shall operate per the Scholarship Program Procedures.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: The Scholarship Committee will be a self standing committee outside the purvey of ASSE as per legal counsel opinion and a vote of the Board.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 23

Article VIII Committees

Section 4. Technical Committees

d. The ~~Cross-Connection Control~~ Certification School / Instructor Committee shall review all applications for schools and instructors providing accredited training as part of the professional qualifications program based on ~~the ASSE programs.~~ This committee shall report to the ~~Cross Connection Control Certification Technical Committee.~~ Professional Qualification Standards Committee.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: This expands the duties of this important committee. It surpasses the requirement to have a committee for each and every professional qualification.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 24

Article VIII Committees

Section 4. Technical Committees

~~k. The Research Committee shall, in particular, investigate, prepare new and original papers and reports for the Society on the problems of water supply, water purification, plumbing drainage, sewerage, sewage disposal and other public health and disease problems, including Legionnaire's Disease, involving plumbing, or problems which appear to be plumbing related. The Research Committee shall also collect, collate and assess existing research pertaining to plumbing, drainage and piping systems.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Committees shall be appointed based upon need, e.g., Scald Awareness.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 25

Article VIII Committees

Section 6. Liaison Committees

a. The Al Cohen Memorial Chapter Presidents' Liaison Conference shall meet prior to the Annual Meeting to discuss items of importance to the chapters and make recommendations to the Board ~~and to the Nominating Committee.~~

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: Reflective of prior action.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 26

Article XII Amendments

Section 1. All additions, revisions or repeals voted upon and approved at the Annual Meeting shall become effective ~~on the day following adjournment of the Annual Meeting~~ immediately upon passage. When changes are made, voted upon and approved at any special meeting, the additions, revisions or repeals shall become effective ~~on the day following the adjournment of the special meeting~~, immediately upon passage unless specified otherwise by the voting members at that meeting.

Proponent: Ron Murray, ASSE International President

Rationale: As this By-Laws change is presented to, and voted upon by the membership, it is a legal change. Our legal council has reviewed this proposal and found it acceptable.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 27

Purpose: To correct an error of not including one section of the By-Laws during the revision process in 2009. One section was inadvertently not brought forward. The section was from the 2009 By-Laws as Article IX – Section 2 and should be reinserted into the new By-Laws word for word from the previous edition.

Article X Year Book

ADD New Section

Section 4. The “Year Book” shall be the official publication of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting.

Proponent: Richard J. Prospal, IPP

Rationale: While assisting staff in the proofreading of the By-Laws revisions approved at the 2009 Annual Meeting, I discovered that this section was not included when we were moving sections into the new format. In reviewing all of the notes from the 2009 By-Laws Comm. meetings there was no discussion to recommend that this section be dropped from the By-Laws.

Proposed By-Laws Revision No. 28

Purpose: To correct some editorial references to sections within the By-Laws. In some sections, either due to typographical errors or proofreading errors, references to other section numbers are not correct.

Article II Membership

Section 14. Membership shall be terminated in the following manner: 1) Voluntary resignation by the member; or 2) Nonpayment of dues except as otherwise noted in Article ~~V~~ IV, section 3.

ALSO

Article VII Election of Society Officers and Regional Directors

Section 2. (Second Paragraph)

If there are no nominees for any office at the time of election, the rules of succession and eligibility in Article ~~I-V~~, Section ~~2~~ 3, may be

Proponent: Richard J. Prospal, IPP

Rationale: These are purely typographical and editorial in nature and do not change any intent of the By-Laws.