

Constitution and By-Laws

Preamble and Objectives

Whereas the health, longevity and environment of the individual and persons collectively comprising the Nation are most important as directly affecting their happiness, their prosperity and their posterity and their moral, educational and physical progress; and Whereas, sanitary engineering has a direct and vital function in relation to the health of all individuals.

Now therefore be it resolved, the general objectives of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering for Plumbing and Sanitary Research, herein referred to as the "Society," are to promote sanitary engineering measures recognized as essential to the health of the individual and the nation, and to encourage the use of methods and materials for the accomplishment of this end. Further to recognize the responsibility to conserve life and therefore, to lend every possible aid to the improvement and protection of the sanitary environment of the people. Further, to have our members cooperate to the end that by tests, research and dissemination of the knowledge obtained and gained from experience, they shall be possessed of facts and qualified to advise and recommend in matters pertaining to sanitary engineering. Further to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational, charitable and disease research purposes and the operation of the Society, all for the public welfare and for no other purposes, and to that end to take and hold by bequest, devise or gift, either absolutely or in trust, for such objects and purposes or any of them, any property, real or personal, without limitation as to amount of value, except such limitation, if any, as may be imposed by law; to sell, convey and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the principal thereof and to deal with and expend the income or principal there from any of the aforementioned purposes, without limitation, except such limitations as may be imposed by law, or such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received. No part of the net earnings of the Society shall incur to the benefit of any person.

Our special objectives are to solve, as far as possible, the problems of water supply, water purification, plumbing, drainage, sewage disposal, fire protection, and create standardization in practice and material. Our membership shall be composed of: plumbing apprentices, journey plumbers, master plumbers, contractors, manufacturers, manufacturers' representatives, distributors, layout people, designers, engineering students, plumbing inspectors, sanitary inspectors, health officers, architects, engineers, individuals and companies interested in or contributing to our objectives.

Our work shall be carried on by means of committees, by the submission of reports, by free discussion in general meetings of the Society and its chapters, by full publicity of our findings and conclusions; also by all available means to the effect that:

Workers may realize the responsibility of installation; Master Plumbers may realize the importance of their calling; Engineers may realize their dedication to technical competence; Manufacturers may more fully appreciate the vital necessity of material or quality; public opinion may more completely support all legislation necessary to adequately regulate plumbing, its design, installation, maintenance and inspection; such standardization of plumbing products and material as will produce dependable and safe installation of plumbing; and that the installation and the use of adequate plumbing facilities be encouraged in order that sanitary measures be promoted and public health enhanced.

That truth and honesty be the foundation of all our relations, and loyalty to our Society and usefulness to the public and our fellow members the natural, inevitable outcome. That, in the performance of obligations and duties as members and individuals, we reflect honor and integrity and in all, we establish and maintain a high mechanical, technical and professional standard.

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

Section 1. The name of the society is the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (“ASSE”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia.

Section 2. The principal office is in Westlake, Ohio, or elsewhere as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Mission Statement

1. Developing and maintaining consensus product performance and professional qualifications standards whose sole purpose is to protect the health of the public.
2. Developing and maintaining active product seal control and professional qualifications credentialing programs.
3. Providing interactive platforms on the local, state, national, and international levels to receive, understand, solve, and provide guidance regarding legislative, engineering, installation, workmanship, and manufacturing challenges as they are related to enhancing the health and safety aspects of plumbing.
4. Promoting public awareness about the importance of safe and correct plumbing installations.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Society is the calendar year.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Society’s membership shall consist of Active, Student, Sustaining, Government, Honorary, Retired and Life members.

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

Section 3. The privilege of voting is extended to all members except Honorary members. Members shall be a member in good standing for six (6) months prior to voting on Society business, including the election of the Board.

Section 4. Active membership shall be extended to journey and master plumbers, sprinklerfitters, pipefitters, HVACR personnel, layout personnel, designers, plumbing and sanitary inspectors, health officers, architects, engineers and other individuals interested in or contributing to plumbing and sanitary research. Active membership shall also be extended to individual members or representatives of manufacturers, their sales representatives and distributors.

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, HVACR, and related design or engineering.

There shall be a maximum time limit of five (5) years for membership as a student.

Section 6. Sustaining membership shall be extended to manufacturers of plumbing products and appliances or others who are affiliated with the plumbing, sanitary engineering, sprinklerfitting, pipefitting or HVACR 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.

Section 7. Honorary membership shall be extended to a nonmember who by outstanding service for and devotion to the aims and purposes of this Society, have earned special recognition. Recommendation of candidates for Honorary membership shall be presented at the Annual Meeting and they must have the endorsement of the Board before their names are submitted to the meeting for ballot.

- Section 8.** Life membership shall be extended to a member in good standing who has completed twenty-five (25) continuous years as a member of the Society and who has retired from active participation in their profession or reached the age of 70 years. All Past Presidents shall automatically become Life members upon completion of their service in the office of President.
- Section 9.** Retired members shall be those members that have been members in good standing for a period of no less than three (3) years and have retired from active participation in their profession.
- Section 10.** Government membership shall be extended to employees of local, county, state or federal agencies involved in the plumbing, sanitary engineering, mechanical or piping field. Government members shall have the privileges of a member in good standing.
- Section 11.** Each member, upon payment of the current year's dues, shall be issued a membership card for said dues.
- Section 12.** Each member upon election to membership, change in membership status and member awards may receive a certificate stating Society membership classification or awards. Membership awards shall be presented to members with 25, 35, and 50 continuous years of membership and to Life members.
- Section 13.** All members shall conform to the Constitution, By-Laws and Policies of the Society for the duration of their membership.
- Section 14.** The rights and privileges of a member shall be personal and shall not be delegated or transferred. Membership shall be terminated in the following conditions:
- 1) Voluntary resignation;
 - 2) Non-payment of dues; or
 - 3) Death of a member

A member may resign at any time, however no portion of the dues will be returned. All rights, title and interest of a member in the Society and its property shall cease on the termination of the membership by death, resignation, or otherwise and shall vest in the Society. Any person ceasing to be a member or failing to meet the requirements of membership, shall forfeit all right, title and interest in the property of the Society, and shall be debarred from use or display of the Society's insignia.

Any former resigned member may reapply for membership at any time but will lose longevity rights for the period the individual was not a member. Continuous membership status can be returned if the past dues are paid up for the period of non-member status.

ARTICLE III - DUES AND FUNDS

- Section 1.** The annual membership dues shall be paid to the International Office in U.S. dollars. Payment of dues shall be for twelve (12) months. The authorized chapter having jurisdiction shall determine chapter dues and shall inform the International Office of chapter dues for the next calendar year. The Board shall present a proposed dues schedule for the upcoming year during the Business Sessions of the Annual Meeting for review and approval by the membership.

There will be no dues for Honorary and Life members.

The Board of Directors shall determine the amount of chapter refunds annually.

Chapters shall receive a membership dues refund of not less than seven dollars (\$7.00) plus the additional chapter dues amount specified by the chapter for all Active, Government, Student and Retired members annually per chapter member. The Sustaining member refund shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

- Section 2.** The Board may authorize a special introductory membership dues rate for new members.
- Section 3.** In the event of unusual misfortune of any meritorious member whereby the member is unable to pay dues, the Society may, by a vote of the Board, waive payment.
- Section 4.** Members in arrears 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.
- Section 5.** Methods of financing the activities of the Society, other than dues, shall be determined by the Board except that all Society monies intended for research purposes, however obtained, shall be deposited in a single fund. Such monies may be earmarked if necessary for specific projects or purposes. This fund shall be known as the "Research and Endowment Fund of ASSE."

ARTICLE IV - RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING CHAPTERS

Section 1. Formation of New Chapters

Chapters of the Society may be formed upon application of ten (10) members, if the organization of such chapter will, in the judgment of the Board, advance the Society's interests. However, no chapter may be formed when the geographical area of the proposed chapter is within the one hundred (100) mile radius of an existing chapter. The one hundred (100) mile restriction shall not apply if the existing chapter is not opposed to the said formation. This ruling also shall not apply where there presently exist two (2) chapters within the one hundred (100) mile radius. Upon recommendations of the Board, permission may be granted to form a chapter, and such chapter shall be operated and conducted under the control and at the discretion of said Board. Each chapter shall be governed by the Constitution, By-Laws and other regulations of the Society, but may promulgate and adopt such chapter Constitution and By-Laws as it may see fit provided they are not in conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the parent body.

Newly formed chapters shall have the following documentation on file at the International Office prior to receiving the Chapter Charter.

- A copy of the Chapter By-laws
- A roster of all Chapter members including the Officers and Board of Directors
- A preliminary financial report
- A proposed Chapter dues schedule

Section 2. Existing Chapters

- a.** Each chapter shall be governed by the following regulations in regard to finances, financial reports and annual audit:
- The Chapter shall submit a complete financial report, showing the standing of the local chapter, with the International Office annually.
 - In the event the Board of the International Office shall revoke the charter of any chapter for cause, all funds held by the chapter shall become funds of the International Office and shall be forwarded to its Treasurer immediately.
 - Each chapter shall cause to be executed and pay for a faithful performance of duty bond covering the position (not the individual) of Chapter Treasurer or other person or persons holding positions in which valuables or monies are administered, dispensed or held in trust. The amount of such bond shall be no less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be progressively increased commensurate with the intrinsic value of said chapter's holdings. No chapter shall obligate itself in any manner in excess of finances on their hands. The Society has no obligation or responsibility for the debts, of any kind whatsoever, of a chapter.
 - The Chapter shall submit a copy of the Chapter By-laws to the International Office annually or within thirty (30) days of a Chapter By-law addition or revision to determine if a conflict exists between the Society By-laws and the Chapter By-laws. Once approved, subsequent annual reports may be by letter indicating that no additions or revisions have been enacted.
 - The Chapter dues refunds shall be held in abeyance until such time as the annual financial report is submitted to the Society Treasurer and the current Chapter By-laws or letter is submitted and approved by the Board. Should it be determined that a conflict does exist; the

Chapter shall be so notified by the Society President as to the extent of the conflict. Upon re-submission, if it is determined that the conflict no longer exists, the Chapter shall be so notified by the Society President.

- b. Each chapter shall establish its own annual dues subject to the approval of the Board of the chapter, but in no case shall dues for both chapter and International Office total less than that provided in Article III, Section 1, payable each year. Each chapter shall use the following method of collecting dues:
 - The International Office shall mail statements to the individual members of each chapter. Dues are paid directly to the International Office by the individual member. A list of each quarters' paid members will be sent with the dues refund checks to each Chapter's Secretary/Treasurer at the end of each quarter. Only Chapters in good standing will receive refund checks.
 - The dues of Sustaining members shall be as indicated in Article III, Section 1. For all new Sustaining members secured by application submitted through chapters, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) dues shall be refunded to the chapter to which the Sustaining member's representative belongs. If the Sustaining member is a member-at-large, the refund shall be deposited in the "Research and Endowment Fund of ASSE."
- c. Each chapter must hold at least four (4) meetings per year, one of which shall be a bona fide election consistent with Chapter By-Laws.

Section 3. Each chapter shall, at all times, operate under the direction and authority of the Board, thereby never assuming the legal status of an independent organization except that a chapter may incorporate under the laws of the state in which it is located to protect the chapter and its members against any ensuing liability. The Board may upon vote revoke the charter and operation of any chapter for cause. In the event that there appears to be cause to revoke any chapter's charter, it shall be the privilege of the Board of the parent body to suspend rather than revoke such charter and, in such case, the chapter's share of all dues received by the Society Treasurer, after such suspension, shall be held in escrow until the Board determines whether the charter shall be revoked or reinstated. The Society Treasurer shall make all possible efforts to procure or protect, in the Society's interest, any funds in the possession of the chapter.

Section 4. No person shall deliver an address or present a paper as a representative of the Society or chapter without securing Board approval first.
No chapter shall recommend, endorse, sponsor, approve or support any particular individual, partnership, corporation, association, product, manufacturer or organization.
No person or chapter shall publish a paper or address, part or parts thereof, before a chapter, which is contrary to the best interests of the Society.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Society Officers shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. The Society Officers shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Society.

The Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," shall consist of the Society Officers and eight (8) Regional Directors.

All references to the Society's headquarters shall be defined as the International Office.

The Board and others, as recommended by the Executive Committee and upon approval by the Board, shall be eligible for reimbursement of expenses. The reimbursement shall be based on the ASSE Meeting Reimbursement Policy contained in the Organizational Policy Manual of the Society.

Section 2. No person shall be eligible to be an elected officer or regional director of this Society unless the individual is a member in good standing for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years.

Section 3. The President shall serve for one (1) year and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office in successive terms. President shall automatically succeed to the position of Immediate Past President at the conclusion of term in office.

The First Vice President shall serve for one (1) year and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office in successive terms. First Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office of President at the conclusion of term in office.

The Second Vice President shall serve for one (1) year and shall be eligible for reelection to the same office for no more than one additional successive term.

The Third Vice President shall serve for one (1) year and shall be eligible for reelection to the same office for no more than one additional successive term.

The Treasurer shall serve for one (1) year and shall be exempt from term limitations.

The Regional Directors shall serve for three (3) years and shall be eligible for reelection to the same office for no more than one additional successive term.

Section 4. In the event a national or local emergency 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.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF SOCIETY OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and shall exercise general supervision over its interests and welfare. The President shall be the Chairperson of the Board and an ex-officio member of all Society committees. The President may call special meetings of the Board, with a consensus approval of the Society Officers. The President shall appoint all committee members, in accordance with the By-Laws or by resolution. The President shall authorize all expenditures within the budget approved by the Board. The President or the First Vice President, in the absence or inability of the Treasurer and the Administrative Manager, shall have the right to co-sign all checks and vouchers.

The President shall perform all other duties as defined for the office.

The President shall be reimbursed for all expenses directly incurred through attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Society, and at such other meetings or affairs, within the limitations established by the budget, necessary to carrying out the duties of the office.

The President shall be responsible for all the workings of the Society including the duties of the Society Officers, the Regional Directors and other Society personnel at the direction of the Board. The President shall supervise their activities and continually strive to better serve the Society and advance the Society's welfare and interest.

The President or Administrative Manager shall sign all contracts and agreements as approved by the Board.

If the President expires, resigns, or is otherwise removed from office, the First Vice President shall immediately become President and shall serve the remainder of the term. If the remainder of the term is less than nine (9) months, the new President shall also serve as President for the next term of office. The new President may appoint a temporary replacement to fill the vacant position of the First Vice-President until the next Annual Meeting.

The temporary replacement shall preferably be a Past President not currently serving on the Board.

VICE PRESIDENTS

Section 2. The First Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office of the President at the conclusion of the President's term of office.

The First Vice President shall:

- Be involved in all the activities and correspondence of the President.
- Make recommendations to the President on committee assignments including chairpersonships.
- Be available to the President for possible liaison with, or appointment to, other associations, organizations and committees.
- Be Co-chairperson of the Publication and Public Relations Committee.

If the First Vice-President expires, resigns or otherwise removed from office, the President may appoint a temporary replacement to full the vacant position of the First Vice-President until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall:

- Be responsible for the activities of the Regional Directors, as provided in the "Regional Director's Handbook."
- Receive the Regional Directors' reports and report to the Executive Committee.

If the Second Vice-President expires, resigns or otherwise removed from office, the President may appoint a temporary replacement to full the vacant position of the Second Vice-President until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 4. The Third Vice President shall:

- Receive quarterly committee reports.
- Submit a summary report of the committee reports with observations and recommendations to the Board and other Society personnel.
- Conduct the training course during the Annual Meeting.

If the Third Vice-President expires, resigns or otherwise removed from office, the President may appoint a temporary replacement to full the vacant position of the Third Vice-President until the next Annual Meeting.

TREASURER

Section 5. The Treasurer shall review all financial statements. The Treasurer shall review all bills presented and co-sign checks issued for payment. The Treasurer shall present annually a Statement of Financial Position and a Statement of Activities which must be duly audited. A detailed breakdown of this report or any portion of this report may be requested at any time in writing by any member in good standing. The Treasurer shall be Chairperson of the Budget Committee and a member of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer and all other Society Officers and committees handling funds shall give a bond for the faithful performance of their duties in such amount and with such securities as the Board may require, and the premium on the bonds to be paid by the Society.

The Board may, at its discretion, authorize the payment of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month, or as revised by the Finance Committee, subject to approval by the Board, to compensate the Treasurer for the Treasurer's services.

If the Treasurer expires, resigns or otherwise removed from office, the President may appoint a temporary replacement to fill the vacant position of the Treasurer until the next Annual Meeting.

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:

- Attending chapter meetings when possible.
- Being placed on chapter's mailing list.

- Sending letters or information on items of possible regional interest or involvement.
- Promoting exchange of chapter news.
- Assisting chapters in developing technical programs.
- Conducting Regional Meetings where there exists a need for contact with chapters in the region.
- Assisting in chapter development.
- Shall report regional activities quarterly to the Second Vice President.

If a Director dies, resigns, is removed from office, no longer lives in the elected region due to the reorganization of the regions or for some other cause, or otherwise vacates the office, the office shall be filled at the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the membership present, or the President shall request a recommendation of a replacement from the chapter that nominated the existing regional director. If none is forthcoming, the President shall request a nomination from each chapter in the region. The Board shall fill the office from the nominations at its next interim meeting or by mail ballot. A majority vote is required.

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.

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

The Board shall review the makeup of the regions at least every three (3) years to determine if regions are properly balanced. The Board has the option to revise the region assignments as necessary to serve the best interests of the Society.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7.

The Board shall have the supervision and care of all property of the Society, and shall manage and conduct its affairs in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. The Board shall have full power between Annual Meetings, including the filling of any vacancies which may occur in the elective offices of the Society until the next regular election. The Board, as constituted at the opening of each Annual Meeting, shall hold at least one (1) meeting during or immediately before the Annual Meeting; and the new Board shall meet immediately following adjournment of each Annual Meeting.

A quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be fifty percent (50%) of the number of the Board at that time.

The Board shall meet on a quarterly basis between Annual Meetings.

Any action of the Board which shall have received the expressed or implied sanction of the membership at a meeting of the Society shall be deemed to be an act of the Society and shall not afterwards be impeachable by any member. All matters pertaining to the professional or business status of the Society or matters which might in any way reflect upon one (1) or more members of the Society, or the Society as a whole, shall be referred to the Board for investigation and action.

The Board, by a two-thirds (2/3) decision, may at any time suspend for cause any Society Officer or Regional Director of the Society from the exercise of a prerogative of the office.

The charge shall be in writing and legally served on the incumbent. The incumbent shall have a full hearing, if requested, and the details and the cause of the findings shall be reported to the Society at its next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF SOCIETY OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

- Section 1.** The election for incoming members of the Board shall be held at the Annual Meeting. The election shall be the last order of old business of the last day of the Annual Meeting.
- Section 2.** Any member making a nomination from the floor shall include a written statement for each nominee proposed, outlining the nominee's past experience and qualifications for office.
- If there are no nominees for any office at the time of election, the rules of succession and eligibility in Article V, Section 3, may be suspended by majority vote of the membership present.
- All nominations recommended by the Elections Committee or from the floor shall be listed as candidates.
- Section 3.** The candidate receiving the majority of votes for the office shall be elected to the office in question. Where there is a contest for any office, election shall be by secret ballot.
- Induction of newly elected Society Officers and Regional Directors shall take place immediately after the election.

ARTICLE VIII -COMMITTEES

- Section 1.** The standing committees of this Society shall be as follows:

Administrative Committees

- Annual Meeting
- Budget and Finance
- By-Laws
- E.J. Zimmer Technical Seminar
- Executive
- Legal
- Membership
- Election
- Public Relations
- Publications

Technical Committees

- Backflow Advisory Committee
- Certification School / Instructor
- Code
- Cross Connection Control Certification Proctor
- 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
- Technical

Award Committees

- Henry B. Davis Award
- Dewey R. Dedrick, Jr. Award
- Fellow Award
- Patrick J. Higgins Award

Liaison Committees

- Past Presidents
- Industry Organizations & Associations:
 - American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
 - American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA)
 - American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
 - American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE)
 - Chartered Institution of Plumbing and Heating Engineers (CIPHE)
 - CSA International
 - Gas Industry
 - International Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)
 - International Code Council (ICC)
 - Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineers (IPHE)
 - Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
 - NSF International
 - Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (PHCC)
 - Plumbing Industry Council (PIC)
 - Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI)
 - United Association (UA)
 - World Plumbing Council (WPC)

Such other committees as the President may deem necessary for the promotion of the Society's aims and welfare.

Section 2. All committees and chairpersons shall be appointed by the President. The appointment shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 3. Administrative Committees

- a. The Annual Meeting Planning Committee shall plan and make recommendations for locations and dates of Annual Meetings to the Board for approval. The Annual Meeting Planning Committee shall plan the events of each Annual Meeting, including tours, keynote speakers, promotion and educational programs.
- b. The Budget and Finance Committee shall be appointed by the President from members of the Board and staff. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairperson. The Budget and Finance Committee shall prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year for presentation to the Board for ratification.

The budget shall include the costs of the Annual Meeting for the fiscal year of the budget.

After a budget has been approved by a majority of the Board, no additional expenses shall be incurred except upon a majority vote of the Board. Appropriations are to be contingent on available funds in the treasury.

The Budget and Finance Committee shall advise the Treasurer where and how the funds of the Society should be deposited and/or invested.

It shall be the duty of the committee to study and recommend to the Board ways and means to finance the operations of the Society.

In addition, this committee shall review all requests for expenditures voted by the membership at the Annual Meeting or other meetings and, upon approval by this committee, it shall recommend to the Board how these expenditures should be funded. The Budget and Finance Committee will not recommend disbursement of funds unless there is a recommended source of income to support the expenditure.

- c. The By-laws Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of a minimum of five (5) people. At the expiration of each term, the new President shall appoint a new member to serve for five (5) years.

Proposed deletions, revisions or additions to the Constitution and By-laws shall be submitted to the Society Office on or before June 1st of the current year. Proposed changes shall be accepted only from members in good standing. Proposed changes received at the International Office after the June 1st deadline shall be returned to the proponent.

The committee shall be responsible for determining that a proposed change was submitted properly. If a proposed change was determined to be improper, it shall be reported to the proponent who shall have the opportunity to amend the proposed change and resubmit before the deadline. An amended proposed change received after the deadline shall not be considered by the membership.

The committee shall be responsible for determining if, in their opinion, a proposed change is in conflict with the current By-laws, and shall report this to the proponent, to the Board, and to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. The General Membership shall make the final determination as to whether or not the proposal is in conflict with the Constitution or By-laws. If the proposed change is determined not to be in conflict with the Constitution and By-laws, the General Membership shall consider the proposal.

The Chairperson shall submit all reports in writing to the proponent, the Board and to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. The report to the Board shall be submitted by August 1st of the current year, and shall include the status of all proposed changes and the status of other committee activities.

The International President shall conduct the hearing on proposed changes at the Annual Meeting. The Chairperson shall report who the proponent is, their membership status, and justifications for the proposal, if any.

This committee shall be responsible each year for the By-law changes passed by the General Members at each Annual Meeting. This committee shall insure that these changes are properly incorporated into the Constitution and By-laws of the Society.

- d. The E.J. Zimmer Technical Seminar Committee shall provide a technical program of such scope and length as the committee may recommend and the President and Board may approve in the interest of Society advancement, public service, health and safety, for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- e. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The Executive Committee shall meet at the discretion of the President and/or Board to discuss any business pertinent to the Society and report that business, and recommend action to be taken by the Board. A report of the proceedings of these meetings shall be distributed to the Board within thirty (30) working days of the meeting.
- f. The Legal Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President and the First Vice President. The purpose of this committee is to review any potential legal issues prior to engaging legal counsel and to report to the Board the disposition of their findings.
- g. The Membership Committee shall take the necessary measures for the progressive increase in the membership of the Society. The committee membership shall include the Regional Directors.

- h. The Election Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of five (5) members of the Society to oversee the election of the Society Officers and Regional Directors

The International Office shall announce in the News-Letter, the Plumbing Standards magazine and on the website no later than June 1st in the year that a vacancy exists, that the nomination form is available on the ASSE website or by request to the International Office. The nominating form shall provide for the nominee's name, membership number, qualifications, past experience and consent to serve if elected. The nominating form shall also provide for the name of the member making the nomination, that member's chapter and region and the chapter's endorsement of the nomination. Nominating forms must be received by the International Office on or before August 1st of the current year to be considered by the Election Committee. The International Office shall forward copies of all nomination forms to the Election Committee. The committee will receive names of candidates for Region 8 Director from the International Office.

Any nominations made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, as provided by Article VII, Section 2, shall be verified by the Election Committee members present at the Annual Meeting.

It shall be the responsibility of the Election Committee to accept and verify the accuracy and completeness of the nominating forms for all candidates for office. Incomplete or inaccurate nominating forms shall be returned to the nominator. The Election Committee's report shall be the last item of business before the last day of the meeting.

A member of the Election Committee, as appointed by the International President, shall preside over the election of the Society Officers and Regional Directors at the Annual Meeting. Prior to the election all candidates for any office, except that of the International President, shall give a short description of their qualifications, their ability to devote the necessary time to perform the duties of the office and their reasons for seeking the office.

All members present at the Annual Meeting who intend to vote shall have their membership verified and supplied a ballot.

- i. The Publications Committee shall contribute and collect items of interest, technical information, committee reports and other information deemed suitable for publication by the Society. It shall publish the proceedings of the Society containing the papers and discussions so approved, and abstracts of the minutes of the Society and Board. No member shall publish any paper as having been read before the Society without obtaining the consent of this committee and such permission shall not be construed to be an endorsement by the Society of any statements advanced in such papers or publication. The committee shall have power, as approved by the Board, to release for publication, information, prepared articles, etc., pertaining to the art and science of sanitary engineering.

Due credit as to the authorship of said information and articles, etc., to be given to the Society. The activities of the committee shall at all times be governed by the provisions as set out under Article XI, "Society Endorsement." No committee or member shall release any statement for publication which may be construed as speaking for the Society unless such statement is sanctioned by resolution or action by the Board.

- j. The Public Relations Committee shall promote good will, and devise ways and means of publicizing to the greatest number of people the findings, research and activities of the Society.

Section 4.

Technical Committees

- a. The Backflow Advisory Committee shall serve as the industry watchdog for ASSE in all matters concerning Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention. The committee shall work towards the goal of obtaining acceptance for ASSE standards pertaining to backflow prevention and the Cross Connection Control Program throughout the United States and other countries where codes and standards are used. This Committee shall keep the ASSE Board of Directors

informed and lend assistance to promote the implementation of recommendations to improve our acceptance.

- b. The Certification School / Instructor Committee shall review all applications for schools and instructors providing accredited training as part of the professional qualifications program based on ASSE programs. This committee shall report to the Professional Qualification Standards Committee.
- c. The Code Committee shall review proposed changes to the model plumbing code and recommend to the Board of Directors a position for the Society on the proposed changes. This committee shall have representation at the model plumbing code hearings. Committee members shall be appointed to a three (3) year term to coincide with the model code development cycles.
- d. The Cross Connection Control Certification Proctor Committee shall review all applications for proctors providing accredited training as part of the professional qualifications program based on the ASSE Series 5000. This committee shall report to the Cross Connection Control Certification Technical Committee.
- e. The Cross Connection Control Certification Technical Committee shall supervise all aspects of the professional qualifications program based on the ASSE Series 5000, including program guidelines, the question databank, and the Series 5000 standard and appendices, including the ASSE test procedures. The President shall appoint, with the Board approval, a Professional Qualifications Coordinator.
- f. The Green Building Initiatives Committee shall study and research all aspects of green building technologies primarily in the areas of water and energy conservation.
- g. The Hospital Systems and Medical Gas Advisory Committee shall study and research the challenges involved with the plumbing and medical gas installations for hospitals, convalescent homes, rest homes, clinics, first aid stations, etc. This committee shall correlate and develop original papers and reports which may be used to guide those designing, purchasing, installation, manufacturing and inspection of these facilities.
- h. The Nomenclature Committee shall review new terms and phrases for inclusion in the Plumbing Dictionary. The Nomenclature Committee shall report through the Product Standards Committee to the Board.
- i. The Product Standards Committee shall direct and supervise all activities relating to the issuance of standards as outlined in the "ASSE Procedures for the Development of Standards." The Board shall review and ballot all changes to the procedures as recommended by the Product Standards Committee. The President shall appoint, with the Board approval, a staff member to coordinate the activities of the committee.

In developing performance standards, the Product Standards Committee shall not fail to issue a new standard or modify an existing standard, after receipt of a written application requesting such actions, for the reason that the product to be covered by the requested standard or modification is patented or produced by only one (1) or a limited number of manufacturers. The Product Standards Committee shall not fail to issue for any product a new standard or modification of an existing standard whenever an applicant shall submit a written application requesting such action and an issued standard or modification of a standard covering any competing product has already been issued, where the application reasonably establishes that the product adequately meets implicit or explicit performance goals required by the existing standard covering any competing product(s) (e.g., the applicant has proposed competent and reliable testing criteria for the product and, under the proposed criteria, has demonstrated that the product meets the existing standards performance goals), and justification for failing to issue the requested standard or modification that would satisfy reasonable standard setting criteria does not exist or is not relied upon.

Whenever the Product Standards Committee receives a written application requesting issuance of a new standard or modification of an existing standard for any product, or ASSE has already issued a standard or modification of a standard covering a competing product(s) and the application establishes that the product adequately meets the implicit or explicit performance goals required by the existing standard covering any competing products, and the Product Standards Committee fails to issue the requested standard or modification, the Product Standards Committee shall:

- (i) provide the applicant with a written statement of the justification and basis for its decision, including identification of the standard setting criteria and tests or other evidence or information relied upon;
- (ii) provide the applicant with a reasonable opportunity to respond to the written statement;
- (iii) provide the applicant with a written statement of the justification and basis for a final decision which addresses all of the issues raised by the applicant's written response, including the identification of standard setting criteria and tests or other evidence where information the Product Standards Committee has relied upon.
- (iv) maintain copies of the applicant's submissions, its responses to the applicant and the applicant's responses, if any, and of the justifications and basis for the final decisions.

The Product Standards Committee shall not exceed fifteen (15) individual voting members. Voting members shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The ASSE Staff Engineer and ASSE Product Standards Coordinator shall be non-voting members of the Product Standards Committee.

The Product Standards Committee shall develop performance standards which shall incorporate test procedures for devices, fixtures, appliances and materials pertaining to plumbing. The members of this committee shall work with technical committees from industry toward the development of these standards. The performance standard drafts prepared by this committee shall be submitted to the Board for their concurrence before publishing. These will be made available to industry so that they may be made aware of the tests their products or materials should be required to pass in order to be eligible to secure the ASSE Seal.

- j. The Professional Qualifications Standards Committee shall direct and supervise all activities relating to the issuance of professional qualifications standards as outlined in the "ASSE Procedures for the Development of Standards." The Board shall review and ballot all changes to the procedures recommended by the Professional Qualifications Standards Committee. The President shall appoint, with Board approval, a staff member to coordinate the activities of the committee.

The Professional Qualifications Standards Committee shall not exceed fifteen (15) individual voting members. Voting members shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The ASSE Staff Engineer and ASSE Professional Qualifications Standards Coordinator shall be non-voting members of the Professional Qualifications Standards Committee.

The Professional Qualifications Standards Committee shall develop professional qualifications standards which shall incorporate requirements for education, training and general knowledge. The members of this committee shall work with technical committees from industry toward the development of these standards. The professional qualifications standard drafts prepared by this committee shall be submitted to the Board for their concurrence before publishing.

- 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.

- l.** The Seal Control Board shall be a standing committee consisting of the following ASSE members: a minimum of ten (10) rotating voting members (with no more than five (5) eligible members voting on each application). The President shall appoint, with the Board approval, a staff member to coordinate the activities of the committee. The ASSE Staff Engineer(s) shall have voting privileges limited to the required testing in regards to a product modification, revisions to a product standard or for an annual inspection.

The Seal Control Board shall direct and supervise all activities relating to the issuance of the ASSE Seal, as outlined in the “ASSE Seal Control Board Procedures” and the “Product Listing Program Quality Control Manual.” The Board shall review and ballot all changes to these manuals recommended by the Seal Control Board.

The Plumbing Testing Laboratory Committee shall be a subcommittee under the direction and supervision of the Seal Control Board. The subcommittee shall consist of not less than three (3) members nor more than five (5) members. The Staff Engineer shall serve as chairperson.

The subcommittee shall review all requests from laboratories wanting to be listed as an official ASSE listed testing laboratory, shall conduct such site visits as necessary to ascertain that the laboratory has the facilities and equipment to perform the required testing, and make recommendations for approval and disapproval to the Seal Control Board.

The Seal Control Board shall review the documentation and recommendations of the subcommittee and then grant or reject the requests.

- m.** The Seal Control Board Executive Management Committee shall annually review the current ASSE Product Listing Program requirements and procedures, including the Seal Control Board Procedures and Quality Control Manual, to ensure that the program continues to meet the industry needs and applicable industry standards through effective quality management and promotion. The committee shall consist of two (2) members of the Board of Directors, two (2) members of the Seal Control Board, the Product Listing Coordinator, the Staff Engineer, and the Compliance Coordinator.
- n.** The Technical Committee shall review and provide to answers technical questions and data submitted to the International Office. The Technical Committee shall consist of members representing various aspects of the industry, including but not limited to cross connection control, medical gas, codes and standards, engineering and inspections.

Section 5. Award Committees

- a.** The Henry B. Davis Award Committee named after our Founder President, may at each Annual Meeting propose nominations subject to the approval of the Board for an annual merit award to one (1) member who has contributed the most toward the advancement of sanitary engineering in accord with the ideals of the Society. Members of this committee shall be appointed by the current President from a list of International Past Presidents of the Society.
- b.** The Dewey R. Dedrick, Jr. Award Committee was established to prepare an award in memory of the first President to die in office. The committee will propose to the Board for approval, a chapter which has shown the best all around performance based on the categories of meetings, management, membership and promotion. Consideration will be given to the number of new members gained, the number of members lost, the number and type of meetings held during the year, financial responsibility, attendance at meetings, participation in local efforts affecting the industry, efficiency of communications between local and national affairs, promotion of ASSE standards to local and state authorities, sales and promotions of ASSE publications and other activities that develop enthusiasm and progress on the chapter level. A plaque will be presented at each Annual Meeting.

- c. The Fellow Award Committee may at each Annual Meeting propose nominations for the Fellow Award to the Board.

The number of members who can be elevated to Fellow status annually shall not exceed three (3) members. All International Presidents of ASSE shall be Fellow Members without further action of the Board. The Fellow Award Committee shall use the following criteria in their selection of candidates to Fellow:

The candidate shall have been a dues paying member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) years.

The candidate shall have served in an exemplary manner as a Society Officer, Director or committee person for a period of not less than five (5) years at either the chapter level or the national level.

All recipients of this award shall be permitted to use the designation "FASSE" after their name. Each member admitted to Fellow status shall be presented with a certificate inscribed with the Fellow symbol, appropriate acknowledgment, the recipient's name and date of investiture.

- d. The Patrick J. Higgins Award for Outstanding Contributions in the field of Plumbing Codes and Standards was named for a member who contributed greatly to the development and acceptance of ASSE standards internationally. The award shall be given to a person who demonstrates both knowledge and support of voluntary, consensus standards and their adoption into code. Nominations shall be submitted by ASSE members in good standing; however, the nominee is not required to be a member of the Society. Nominations, including a biography of his achievements in codes and standards, shall be submitted no later than August 1st of the current year. The committee shall review nominations, and recommend candidates for approval to the Board. The committee shall include the Product Standards Committee Chair, the Professional Qualifications Standards Committee Chair, and Code Committee Chair and the Executive Committee.

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.
- b. Liaisons with industry associations shall act as a liaison with the industry association and the Board for the exchange of information and ideas. A minimum of one member shall serve as the liaison.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section 1. All business meetings of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. A copy of the Rules shall be available for reference during the business meeting.

Section 2. An Annual Meeting shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board.

Section 3. The Board may, for exceptional reasons, change either the date or place for the Annual Meeting or both, by giving members at least thirty (30) days notice.

Section 4. Twenty-five (25) members in good standing present at the Annual Meeting of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The business of the Society at the Annual Meetings shall include, but not be limited to:

- Product Standards Committee Meeting
- Professional Qualifications Standards Committee Meeting

- Seal Control Board Meeting
- Manufacturer's Advisory Committee Meeting
- Al Cohen Presidents' Liaison Conference
- Cross Connection Control Technical Committee Meeting
- E.J. Zimmer Technical Seminar
- Two (2) Board of Directors Meetings
 - One shall be a meeting of the outgoing Board
 - One shall be a meeting of the newly installed Board
- Business Session
- Invocation
- Introduction of International Past Presidents
- Reports of Society Officers and Regional Directors
- International Committee Reports
- Chapter Reports
- Report of Election Committee
- Old business
- Election and induction of Society Officers and Regional Directors
- New business

Section 6. National Awards

Presentation of the Society's national awards shall be conducted during the Annual Meeting. These awards shall include, but not be limited to:

- Henry B. Davis Award - See Article VIII, Section 5.a.
- Dewey R. Dedrick, Jr. Award - See Article VIII, Section 5.b.
- FASSE Award - See Article VIII, Section 5.c.
- Patrick J. Higgins Award - See Article VIII, Section 5.d.
- The Wylie W. Mitchell Award – This award shall be presented to the individual speaker who presents the most outstanding paper at the E.J. Zimmer Technical Seminar. The audience at the E.J. Zimmer Technical Seminar shall critique each speaker's talk by means of an adequate grading card. The cards shall be tabulated at the end of the E.J. Zimmer Technical Seminar.
- The James E. Lewis Award – This award was named for a member whose outstanding efforts resulted in the recruitment of many new members. The award shall be given to the individual member who obtains the most new members for the Society between September 1st of one (1) year and August 31st of the next year. Dues for the recipient of the James E. Lewis Award will be waived for one year.
- The Salvatore J. Farruggia Presidential Award – The recipient of this award is chosen by the current International President and presented to a member for outstanding contributions to the Society and to the International President during his tenure.

Section 7. The cost of financing each Annual Meeting shall be the responsibility of the International Office, except where a local chapter hosts or co-hosts the Annual Meeting, in which case arrangements will be made between the International Office and the local chapter.

- a. Registration fees shall be established by the Board.
- b. Any chapter requiring financial assistance in sponsoring an Annual Meeting shall have its method of financial aid approved by the Board.

Section 8. The Mid-Year Meeting shall be at the International Office, or at a site selected by the President and approved by the Board.

Section 9. A special meeting may be called by the Board, but the date and place must be determined and all members must be given at least thirty (30) days notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE X – YEAR BOOK

Section 1. Each Year Book shall incorporate a printing of the complete Constitution and By-Laws, including all amendments, additions or revisions passed at the current Annual Meeting.

- Section 2.** Each Year Book shall include the following:
- Minutes of the Board Meeting(s), Product Standards Committee Meeting(s), Seal Control Board Meeting(s), Professional Qualifications Standards Committee Meeting(s), Seal Control Board Meeting(s), the Cross Connection Control Technical Committee Meeting(s), Code Committee Meeting(s), Al Cohen Presidents' Liaison Conference, and Manufacturers' Advisory Committee Meeting.
 - List of all Presidents and Annual Meeting cities in chronological order.
 - Names and addresses of current Board members.
 - Names and addresses of all committee chairpersons and committee members.
 - List of annual award recipients of Henry B. Davis Award, in chronological order, with full quotation of the award citation.
 - List of Fellow Award recipients and year of award.
 - List of Honorary members.
 - List of members, by Chapter.
 - List of annual award recipients of the Salvatore J. Farruggia Presidential Award.
 - List of annual award recipients of the Patrick J. Higgins Award.
 - List of annual award recipients of the Dewey R. Dedrick, Jr. Chapter Awards.
 - List of annual award recipients of the Wylie W. Mitchell awards, year of award and title of presentation.
 - List of annual award recipients of the 25, 35 and 50 year member awards.
 - List of current ASSE Scholarship Recipients.
 - List of Society Officers, Regional Directors and Sustaining members.
 - Chapter and Committee Reports.

Section 3. The price of Year Books to members beyond the one (1) copy to which they are entitled by virtue of their membership and to non-members shall be established each year based on cost of assembling, printing, packaging, mailing and any other proper expense plus fifteen percent (15%) to cover overhead expense.

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

ARTICLE XI - SOCIETY ENDORSEMENT

Section 1. Recommendation, endorsement or approval by this Society or the Board, shall not be given to, or made for any individual, partnership, corporation or association, nor to or for any scientific, literary, mechanical or engineering production, other than as affecting public welfare. When affecting public welfare, the opinions expressed in any recommendation, endorsement or approval by the Society or the Board shall not convey any intent which can be construed as a promotion of the interest of any individual, partnership, corporation or association that may prove harmful to any other similar interest. The Society may receive papers and reports on experiments, improvements and developments of every character affecting the area and science of sanitary engineering and it may have discussions on them and may have the proceedings published in the transactions of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. No act of any Society Officer, Regional Director, Committee or Society member shall be binding on the Society unless authorized by the Constitution and By-Laws or by the Board.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution and By-Laws shall be subject to additions, revisions or repeal by a majority of the eligible voting members present and voting in any Annual Meeting, or at any special meeting of the members called for that purpose, provided that copy of such proposed additions, revisions or repeal shall have been made available for review by September 1st to all members entitled to vote, or a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the date of the specified meeting.

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

Section 2.

All additions, revisions or repeals shall be made available to each member as soon as possible after each Annual Meeting, or special meeting. Each Year Book shall incorporate a printing of the complete By-Laws including all passed at the current Annual Meeting. Should a special meeting occur after the printing of the Year Book, all additions, revision or repeals shall be printed in the next edition of the Year Book.