



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAPTER

BYLAWS

Article I: Membership

1. Application for Active Member shall be made on an application authorized by the Board of Directors of the Chapter.
2. Qualifications and benefits are as follows:
 - A. Active Member
 1. Qualifications

Must:

 - a. share the stated purpose of the Chapter
 - b. have applied experience, education or conducted research in environmental toxicology and/or chemistry
 - c. pay Member dues
 2. Benefits

May:

 - a. vote in chapter affairs
 - b. participate in Chapter functions, programs and activities
 - c. if a current member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry-North America, hold office and/or serve on the Board of Directors

Article II: Dues and Finances

1. All dues shall be established annually by the Board of Directors.
2. Any Member in arrears in Chapter dues for two months will lose membership in the Chapter.
3. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall correspond to the calendar year. A Member, elected prior to October of any year shall be assessed dues for that calendar year, and if elected after October 1 of any year, shall be exempt from dues for that calendar year.
4. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the Chapter, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
5. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money in the name of the Chapter shall be signed by the Treasurer.
6. All funds of the Chapter, not otherwise employed, shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the chapter in such banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

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

Article III: Elections and Formation of Committee(s)

1. A Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) voting members. An effort will be made to have representation from government, academia, business, and advocate groups. A non-voting member may be elected to the Board of Directors from the membership of the affiliated Student Chapters.
2. The terms of the officers and Board members shall be established according to the constitution.
3. The President will appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than two (2) Board members. Nominations for the Board of Directors will be made by the Nominating Committee or by petition of at least three chapter members. The list of nominees prepared by the Nominating Committee will be submitted to the Board for approval. The Secretary shall submit the nominees for the Board to the membership for election.
4. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the formation and dissolution of all standing committees.
5. The President may form *ad hoc* committees which shall serve at his discretion or term of office.

Article IV: Meetings

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

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

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

Article VI: Amendments

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



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CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the South Central Regional Chapter of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. This Chapter shall be an independent non-profit scientific and professional organization which is affiliated with the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry – North America.

Article II: Purpose

1. Promote research, education, training and development of the environmental sciences, specifically environmental toxicology and chemistry, hazard assessment and risk analysis.
2. To encourage interactions among environmental scientists and disseminate information on environmental toxicology and chemistry and its application to the science of hazard and risk assessment.
3. To sponsor scientific and educational programs and provide a forum for communication among professionals in government, business, academia and other segments of the environmental science community involved in the use, protection, and management of the environment and welfare of the general public.

Article III: Membership

The membership of the Chapter may consist of any member of the Society Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, or any non-member of SETAC-NA who otherwise meets the qualifications for membership established in the by-laws. Chapter membership requires the payment of dues as determined by the Chapter.

Article IV: Management and Elections

1. The affairs of the Chapter shall be managed by the membership through a Board of Directors in accordance to the Constitution and By-laws.
2. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) voting members. The immediate past president of the Chapter will serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.
3. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a three (3) year term to be staggered so that no more than 3 terms expire in any year.
4. A Board of Directors shall be elected from the voting membership by the voting membership. The Officers will be elected by the Board from the members of the Board of Directors.
5. The Officers shall be four (4): President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

6. The Vice-President shall be elected for a single term of one (1) year at the conclusion of which the Vice-President shall serve as President for one (1) year. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

7. If a vacancy, except that of President occurs between terms, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the term. Should the post of President become vacant for any reason, the Vice-President shall assume the post of President and serve the remainder of the term as acting President and shall succeed to the Presidency.
8. The Board of Directors shall determine the number, times and places of the Chapter meetings.

Article V: Duties

1. The duties of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are those customarily performed by such officers, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.
2. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:
 - a. To manage the business, functions, programs, and activities of the Chapter.
 - b. To establish annually the dues for Chapter Members.
 - c. To establish policy and take such action as seems desirable and appropriate to promote the objectives of the Chapter.
 - d. To examine the eligibility of applicants for membership and convey its finding to the Chapter.
 - e. To appoint such committees as necessary.

Article VI: Quorum

Five (5) voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII: Amendments

An amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or the voting membership of the Chapter. An amendment is consummated and ratified when approved by the Chapter Membership and additionally approved by the Board of Directors of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry – North America.

Article VIII: Relationship with the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

The Chapter is an independent non-profit scientific and professional organization which is affiliated with the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. The Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry shall have no legal, contractual nor financial responsibility of any kind for the affairs of this Chapter.

Before the Chapter publishes technical information or otherwise publicly issues any statement upon a policy matter which purports to represent the opinion of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, it must obtain the consent of the Board of Directors of the Society. The Chapter also agrees that from time to time the Society may restrict, limit, or prohibit the use of its name by the Chapter in certain publications, meetings or similar activities involving communication with the public.

The Chapter also will not conduct any meetings or conferences which conflict with the National Annual Meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

Article IX: Procedures

Procedures and other items not specified in this Constitution or in the By-laws or by action of the Board of Directors shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

Article X: Dissolution

Dissolution of the Chapter, for any cause, shall follow the same procedure as Constitutional amendments and must be in accordance with applicable regulations of the 1956 Internal Revenue Code, Section 506, or any amendments thereto.

All funds and other assets of the Chapter, including any rights to funds, present or future, contingent or actual, shall be irrevocable, assigned and transferred to any successor organization which has its principal purposes the encouragement, development and dissemination of knowledge in the environmental sciences, and has qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501 of the 1956 Internal Revenue Code. Such activities or any amendments thereto shall be the only purpose of the successor organization.

The selection of the successor organization must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors of the Chapter and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry and named in the Board of Directors minutes and its articles of dissolution, but need not be in the motion of the petition for dissolution.