



**American Society of Plumbing Engineers  
By-law Committee Report  
September 20-22, 2014 Business Meeting  
Chicago, IL**



## **Bylaw Committee Members**

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# PROPOSAL 1

**Bylaw Section:** 2.2(a) Full Member

**Submitter:** ASPE Membership Committee

**Proposed Revision:**

**2.2 Membership Classifications:** Members shall be assigned a membership category. Category shall be assigned by the Society Vice President, Membership, who shall make assignments based on the following classification criteria:

**(a) Full Member:** Eight (8) years of experience in plumbing engineering or related engineering field, a minimum of four (4) years of which must have been in a position of responsibility for the design of plumbing systems or in a position of responsibility for the design of systems and components related to, or incorporated within, plumbing engineered and designed systems.

A maximum of four (4) years of experience may be waived by the Society Vice President, Membership for: (a) Education: one-half (1/2) year for each completed year in a curriculum related to plumbing engineering; (b) Engineering Registration: four (4) years for Professional Engineer registration in a field that includes plumbing engineering; ~~(c) CPD certification: two (2) years.~~

**Submitter's Rationale:**

An individual automatically complies with the requirements for being a Full Member based on the minimum requirements set of being eligible to take the CPD exam.

**Bylaw Committee Recommendation:**

REJECT

**Comment:** The rationale for requesting the proposed change is not accurate. The current eligibility requirements for a CPD are:

- A minimum of four years of experience in a position of responsibility for the design of plumbing systems and possess a baccalaureate degree in a field related to engineering; and
- In lieu of an accredited degree, a candidate may substitute up to an additional four years of practical experience in the design of plumbing systems, for a total of eight years, or be granted a credit of one-half year of practical experience for each full year of education in an accredited curriculum related to plumbing engineering.

A person holding a baccalaureate degree in a field related to engineering and having 4 years of experience can obtain a CPD however, they will still need an additional 2 years of experience if the bylaw proposal is accepted.

## PROPOSAL 2

**Bylaw Section:** 2.2 (a) Full Member

**Submitter:** Washington D.C. Chapter

### Proposed Revision

- (a) Full Member: Eight (8) years of experience in plumbing engineering or related engineering field, a minimum of four (4) years of which must have been in a position of responsibility for ~~the design of plumbing systems or in a position of responsibility for the design of systems and components related to, or incorporated within,~~ plumbing engineering and/or plumbing designed systems.

A maximum of four (4) years of experience may be waived by the Society Vice President, Membership for: (a) Education: one-half (2) year for each completed year in a curriculum related to plumbing engineering; (b) Engineering Registration: four (4) years for Professional Engineer registration in a field that includes plumbing engineering; (c) CPD certification: two (2) years.

### Submitter's Rationale

Given an understanding of the words engineering and designed, the existing by-law appears too wordy if not redundant.

### Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT WITH PROPOSED EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS

- (a) Full Member: Eight (8) years of experience in plumbing engineering or related engineering field, a minimum of four (4) years of which must have been in a position of responsibility for the ~~engineering and/or~~ design of plumbing systems ~~or in a position of responsibility for the design of systems and~~ components. ~~related to, or incorporated within, plumbing engineering and/or plumbing designed systems.~~

## PROPOSAL 3

**Bylaw Section:** 2.2(b) Associate Member

**Submitter:** Washington D.C. Chapter

### Proposed Revision

(b) Associate Member: Any individual involved in ~~the design of plumbing systems or in plumbing engineering~~ plumbing engineering and/or plumbing designed systems and not meeting the requirements of a Full Member.

### Submitter's Rationale

Provide consistency with the wording presented in the proposed Bylaw revision Article 2 - Membership 2.2(a).

### Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT WITH PROPOSED EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS

(b) Associate Member: Any individual involved in ~~the design of plumbing systems or in plumbing engineering~~ and/or design of plumbing systems or components and not meeting the requirements of a Full Member.

## PROPOSAL 4

**Bylaw Section:** 2.2 (f) Special Member

**Submitter:** Washington D.C. Chapter

### Proposed Revision

(f) Special Member: Anyone employed by or doing business as a contractor or having a special interest in **plumbing engineering and/or** plumbing design who does not meet any of the qualifications for membership in any other grade.

Exception: Persons employed by contractors or separate divisions of contractors for the exclusive purpose of designing and/or specifying plumbing systems shall be eligible for membership as Full Members or Associate Members, provided they have fulfilled the experience required as outlined for each respective classification.

### Submitter's Rationale

Provide consistency with the wording presented in the proposed Bylaw revision Article 2 - Membership 2.2(a) and 2.2(b).

### Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT WITH PROPOSED EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS

(f) Special Member: Anyone employed by or doing business as a contractor or having a special interest in **engineering and/or plumbing design of plumbing systems or components** who does not meet any of the qualifications for membership in any other grade.

# PROPOSAL 5

**Bylaw Section:** 2.3 Rights, Privileges and Limitations

**Submitter:** ASPE Membership Committee

## Proposed Revision

**2.3 Rights, Privileges, and Limitations:** The rights and privileges of a member shall be personal and shall not be delegated or transferred. Any member may attend meetings, participate in any and all discussions, or serve on any committee in any capacity except as specifically precluded hereinafter.

~~All members who do not reside or work within a reasonable distance of an existing chapter shall be administratively regarded as at-large and not attached to any existing chapter.~~

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.

## Submitter's Rationale

Actual practice is to provide members the option of choosing the chapter they wish to participate. The specific wording related to "at-large" membership infers that this choice is not the right of a member but rather a decision made by Society based on their residence or work location.

## Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT WITH PROPOSED EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS

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~~Any A members who do not reside or work within a reasonable distance of an existing chapter shall~~ may be administratively choose to be regarded as an at-large member and not attached to any existing chapter.

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.

## PROPOSAL 6

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**Submitter:** Washington D.C. Chapter

### Proposed Revision

2.3 Rights, Privileges, and Limitations: The rights and privileges of a member shall be personal and shall not be delegated or transferred. Any member may attend meetings, participate in any and all discussions, or serve on any committee in any capacity except as specifically precluded hereinafter.

~~All~~ Any members who does not reside or work within a reasonable distance of an existing chapter shall be administratively regarded as at-large and not attached to any existing chapter.

Any member who does reside or work within a reasonable distance of an existing chapter may elect to be administratively regarded as at-large and not attached to any existing chapter.

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.

### Submitter's Rationale

This proposal affords an individual, who may wish not to be affiliated with a local chapter, the opportunity to be a Society member.

### Bylaw Committee Recommendation

REJECT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 5 WITH EDITORIAL MODIFICATION
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# PROPOSAL 7

**Bylaw Section:** 2.4 Application

**Submitter:** ASPE Membership Committee

## Proposed Revision

**2.4 Application:** An applicant for membership in the Society, ~~who is within a reasonable distance of any existing chapter,~~ shall submit ~~written~~ an application to the ~~nearest chapter~~ Society on a current form approved by the Society Board of Directors. ~~Upon request, such other information shall be furnished, written or oral, pertaining to membership qualifications as may be requested by the chapter or the Society's officers.~~

~~An applicant who does not reside or work within a reasonable distance of any existing chapter shall submit written application to the Society's office on a form approved by the Board of Directors.~~

~~Application shall be submitted together with full dues payment and application fee.~~

## Submitter's Rationale

Deletions are being recommended based on the language being more of a procedural concern rather than a by-law concern.

## Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT WITH PROPOSED EDITORIAL MODIFICATION
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**2.4 Application:** An applicant for membership ~~in the Society,~~ ~~who is within a reasonable distance of any existing chapter,~~ shall submit ~~written~~ an application to the ~~nearest chapter~~ Society on a current form approved by the Society Board of Directors. ~~Upon request, such other information shall be furnished, written or oral, pertaining to membership qualifications as may be requested by the chapter or the Society's officers.~~

~~An applicant who does not reside or work within a reasonable distance of any existing chapter shall submit written application to the Society's office on a form approved by the Board of Directors.~~

~~Application shall be submitted together with full dues payment and application fee.~~

## PROPOSAL 8

**Bylaw Section:** 2.5 Admission

**Submitter:** ASPE Membership Committee

### Proposed Revision

**2.5 Admission:** ~~Upon a~~ Approval of ~~an~~the application ~~shall be~~ by the Society's Vice President, Membership, ~~the Vice President, Membership will submit the name of the applicant to the office of the Society who, in turn, will notify the applicant of election to membership. The applicant shall be enrolled as a member of the Society upon payment of first year's dues. Membership cards shall be issued bearing the name of the chapter, or Member-at-Large status.~~

### Submitter's Rationale

The language being deleted is procedural in nature is more appropriate to be included in the P&O Manual.

### Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT AS SUBMITTED

## PROPOSAL 9

**Bylaw Section:** 2.7 Nonpayment of Dues

**Submitter:** ASPE Membership Committee

### Proposed Revision

**2.7 Nonpayment of Dues:** Membership of any member who shall fail to pay the annual dues after being duly notified by the Society ~~with three reminders and/or invoices in the three months~~ prior to the member's anniversary date shall expire on the member's anniversary date, and all membership privileges shall thereupon cease.

### Submitter's Rationale

The number of notifications required is a procedural issue and is better placed on the P&O Manual.

### Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT AS SUBMITTED

**Comment:** Recommend that PO Manual include that at least one regular mailing to the members occurs in addition to the electronic notifications. Also provide members option to not receive regular mail.

# PROPOSAL 10

**Bylaw Section:** 2.8 Reinstatement

**Submitter:** ASPE Membership Committee

## Proposed Revision

~~2.8 **Reinstatement:** An expired or withdrawn membership may be reinstated, including original membership number, by the Society's Board of Directors at any time if all the member's dues are paid in full from and after the date of expiration.~~

## Submitter's Rationale

Computer based tracking systems allow ASPE to keep track of number of years in concession so the number itself is not critical in determining consecutive years of membership but remains important to some members. The proposed revisions allow past members to re-join society while maintaining their original number; removing a potential barrier to membership. The intent is to not require payment for past years in order to receive old number. The member will have to pay for past years if they wish to have those years used in determine consecutive years of membership.

## Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT WITH PROPOSED EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS
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**2.8 Reinstatement:** An expired or withdrawn membership may be reinstated and the individual may have access to their original membership number. If a member wishes to include past consecutive years in their membership, then all past dues will need to be paid in full. ~~., including original membership number, by the Society's Board of Directors at any time if all the member's dues are paid in full from and after the date of expiration.~~

# PROPOSAL 11

**Bylaw Section:** 2.10 Transferring

**Submitter:** Washington D.C. Chapter

## **Proposed Revision**

2.10 Transferring: A member in good standing may transfer from one chapter to **either** another **chapter or to member-at-large status** by making written request to the Society Vice President, Membership.

## **Submitter's Rationale**

This proposal affords an individual to be a Society member without requiring a chapter affiliation.

## **Bylaw Committee Recommendation**

ACCEPT WITH PROPOSED EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS

2.10 Transferring: A member in good standing may transfer ~~from one chapter to either to~~ another **chapter or to member-at-large status** by making written request to the Society Vice President, Membership.

# PROPOSAL 12

**Bylaw Section:** 4.6

**Submitter:** AYP Option 1

**Proposed Revision**

**4.6 Selection of Delegates:** All delegates shall be Members in good standing. Each chapter shall be represented at the Convention by the number of delegates specified in Schedule 1. Delegates should consist of the chapter’s President, the chair or member of the Technical Committee, and the chair or member of the Legislative Committee.

<b>Schedule 1</b>				
<b>Chapter Members, Officers, and Delegates</b>				
<b>Chapter Category<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of Total Members (excluding students)</b>	<b>Elected Chapter Officers and Qualifications (minimum)</b>	<b>Number of Delegates</b>	<b>Delegate Qualifications</b>
A	20–30	1. President <sup>2,3</sup> 2. Vice President, Technical/ Legislative <sup>3</sup> 3. Vice President, Membership <sup>3</sup> 4. Secretary and/or Treasurer <sup>3</sup>	3	<del>At least one (1) shall be Full Member; one (1) shall be either Full or Associate; one (1) may be a</del> Any member type (except Student)
B	31–90	1. President <sup>2,3</sup> 2. Vice President, Technical <sup>2,3</sup> 3. Vice President, Legislative <sup>2,3</sup> 4. Vice President, Membership <sup>3</sup> 5. Secretary and/or Treasurer <sup>3</sup>	3 for first 30 total members (excluding students); 1 per each additional 30 total members or fraction thereof (excluding students)	<del>At least one (1) shall be Full Member; one (1) shall be either Full or Associate; one (1) may be a</del> Any member type (except Student)
C	91+	1. President <sup>2,3</sup> 2. Vice President, Technical <sup>2,3</sup> 3. Vice President, Legislative <sup>2,3</sup> 4. Vice President, Membership <sup>3</sup> 5. Treasurer <sup>3</sup>	4 for first 90 total members (excluding students); 1 additional for each 40 total members or fraction thereof	<del>At least fifty percent (50%) shall be Full Members; thirty percent (30%) shall be either Full or Associate or fraction thereof;</del>

		6. Administrative Secretary <sup>3</sup> 7. Corresponding Secretary <sup>3</sup>	(excluding students)	<del>twenty percent (20%) shall be a</del> Any other member type (except Student)
<sup>1</sup> Chapter category may not change other than at the time of election of officers. <sup>2</sup> <del>Must be Full Member in good standing.</del> <sup>3</sup> Shall be any member in good standing.				

**Submitter's Rationale**

The proposed bylaw change is designed to allow any volunteers who want to serve on their local boards the opportunity to do so. Our society is facing a major decrease in volunteers. If we do not do anything as an active group of intellectual, compromising, compassionate people we will run the risk of failing chapters. The following are instances that have occurred due to the restrictions that we impose on our volunteers.

- A. Presidents serving 3, 4 and even 5 terms in a row.
- B. Vacant positions on a board.
- C. Members having to serve under 2 or more positions on the board.
- D. Loss of members because they were rejected from volunteering.
- E. Sense of divide amongst our engineering population and affiliate members.

The changes to the delegate qualifications also gives the chapter more opportunity to fill these volunteer positions. There are several chapters who struggle to meet these current delegate requirements.

**Bylaw Committee Recommendation**

REJECT

**Comment:** See comments under Proposal 13.

## PROPOSAL 13

**Bylaw Section:** 4.6

**Submitter:** AYP Option 2

**Proposed Revision**

**4.6 Selection of Delegates:** All delegates shall be Members in good standing. Each chapter shall be represented at the Convention by the number of delegates specified in Schedule 1. Delegates should consist of the chapter’s President, the chair or member of the Technical Committee, and the chair or member of the Legislative Committee.

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		5. Treasurer <sup>3</sup> 6. Administrative Secretary <sup>3</sup> 7. Corresponding Secretary <sup>3</sup>	fraction thereof (excluding students)	fraction thereof; twenty percent (20%) shall be any other member type (except Student)
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**Bylaw Committee Recommendation**

REJECT
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**Comment:** Committee feels that it would have been accepted if the following two changes were made: 1) Category B requires the President be a full member; and 2) Category B delegates qualification requires at least one of the delegates be a full member.

## PROPOSAL 14

**Bylaw Section:** 4.9

**Submitter:** Board of Directors

### **Proposed Revision**

4.9 Finance: The Board of Directors shall establish the official delegate travel-related allowance, and inform the chapters, no later than sixty (60) days prior to an ASPE Business Meeting. The Board-approved delegate allowance, with the exception of the delegate representing the Research Foundation, and operating expenses of the Convention and the Board of Directors shall be paid out of the treasury. The amount of Convention expenses of the delegates to be borne by the chapters shall be determined and paid for by the chapter represented by said members.

For a chapter to be eligible for the receipt of the delegate allowance, delegates shall have a paid registration for the Convention and shall attend and participate in all official delegate meetings and gatherings (e.g., a meeting or gathering that incorporates an attendance verification procedure such as a roll call). The amount of the delegate allowance to be paid to a chapter for an individual delegate shall be reduced in a proportionate amount to the number of absences of the delegate to the total number of official delegate meetings and gatherings and deducted from the chapter's next dues rebate disbursement. However, in cases of extenuating circumstances, a delegate or chapter may make application to the Society Board of Directors for a special exception and appropriate Board action.

### **Submitter's Rationale**

Society is helping to support the travel of delegates to the annual business meeting and Convention / Exposition. In return, the delegates and their chapter should support the Society by registering and participating in the valuable Convention education/training opportunities as well as having a presence on the Exposition floor.

### **Bylaw Committee Recommendation**

REJECT

**Comment:** The purpose of the delegates is to conduct the business of ASPE at the business meeting.

# PROPOSAL 15

**Bylaw Section:** 5.1

**Submitter:** Board of Governors

## **Proposed Revision**

5.1 Officers: The officers of this Society shall be:

- President
- Vice President, Technical
- Vice President, Education
- Vice President, Legislative
- Vice President, Membership
- Vice President, Affiliate
- Secretary (ex-officio, non-voting — see Article 7, Section 7.2)
- Treasurer
- Region 1 Director
- Region 2 Director
- Region 3 Director
- Region 4 Director
- Region 5 Director

All elective officers, except for Region Directors and the Vice President, Affiliate, shall be Full Members in good standing, holding either the Professional Engineer (PE) license or the Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) certification, and have been active members in good standing for a continuous period of not less than the immediately preceding twelve (12) months. The President shall have previously served on the Board of Directors for a minimum of two years.

All Region Directors shall be Full Members in good standing of a chapter within the region he or she is serving and shall have held a position(s) as a chapter officer for not less than four (4) years. The Vice President, Affiliate, shall be a Full Member or an Affiliate Member in good standing for not less than four (4) years.

## **Submitter's Rationale**

For continuity, the President must know the workings and operation of the Board of Directors. This requires a minimum of one term in office in any position. Every past president of the Society had previous Board experience, other than the first president. The Board of Governors is on the opinion that without past experience, the Society may suffer with a President that is not completely qualified.

## **Bylaw Committee Recommendation**

ACCEPT AS SUBMITTED

# PROPOSAL 16

**Bylaw Section:** 5.1

**Submitter:** Phil French

## Proposed Revision

5.1 Officers: The officers of this Society shall be:

- President
- Vice President, Technical
- Vice President, Education
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- Vice President, Membership
- Vice President, Affiliate
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- Region 3 Director
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- Region 5 Director

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## Submitter's Rationale

All Officers of the Society that are eligible should support the profession through a license or obtaining the Society's CPD certification.

## Bylaw Committee Recommendation

ACCEPT AS SUBMITTED

**Comment:** Recommend, if accepted, that the requirement go into effect following the 2014 election.

## PROPOSAL 17

**Bylaw Section:** 10.16

**Submitter:** Nominating Committee

### Proposed Revision

10.16 Nominating: The Nominating Committee shall consist of the chair, who shall be the immediate Past President, or the most immediate Past President available, willing, and able to serve, and seven (7) additional members, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the President with the majority approval of the Board of Directors and who shall be representative of the membership type distribution of the Society members and the remainder shall be elected by the chapter presidents or their official representatives, at the first Chapter Presidents Region Meeting subsequent to the Convention. All committee members shall, with the exception of an at-large representative and an affiliate representative, have experience as a member of an ASPE chapter board of directors or the ASPE Board of Directors or as a region chair or other significant Society leadership position. The committee shall serve for a period of two (2) years.

For all board officers, the committee shall be responsible for providing a recommended slate of officers for presentation to the membership and for election as officers by the delegates.

The Nominating Committee shall oversee the preparation and submittal of the material for each individual chosen, shall attest to the accuracy of the information provided, and shall prepare a summary biography for distribution to the membership and the delegates not later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election.

Nothing in this bylaw shall exclude additional candidates being nominated ~~from the floor or by~~ petitioning the committee for inclusion as a candidate. All ~~nominations from the floor shall require a second and a positive vote to include the candidate of at least 25 delegates;~~ written petitions for inclusion on the official candidate ballot shall require a minimum of fifty (50) Full or Associate Member signatures.

~~All nominees from the floor for candidates to the Board of Directors shall be required to provide the Nominating Committee, at the time of nomination from the floor, with the same required material as any other candidates for office in accordance with bylaw section 5.2, Election and Term of Office. Specifically he/she shall be required to complete and submit an application indicating candidates' interest; a letter or other correspondence indicating approval of family and employer to undertake the requirements of a member to the Board of Directors, a statement of inclinations, interests, and affiliations; and a complete biographical record with photograph. The Nominating Committee shall verify the submitted material and advise the delegation if the candidate can be considered as an official candidate for the nominated office. In the event the committee accepts that the candidate from the floor as an official candidate for the nominated office, the individual shall be responsible for and be required to have enough copies of all his/her candidate materials available for each delegate. All required information shall only be delivered to the Head Teller of the business meeting for distribution to the delegates; candidates may not distribute material to delegates.~~

Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be permitted to be candidates for office to the Board of Directors.

The reasonable travel expenses of the representative to the Nominating Committee shall be borne by the Society.

### **Submitter's Rationale**

The Nominating Committee goes through an extensive process in order to present the best candidates for the Society Board of Directors. If a candidate does not receive the nod from the Nominating Committee, they can always submit a petition to be included on the slate of candidates.

A last minute candidate being nominated from the floor does not allow the delegates nor the Nominating Committee the time to consider, discuss, and review the candidate's acceptability for election to the Board of Directors. All other major engineering societies do not allow the election of a candidate nominated from the floor. ASPE should join with these other engineering societies by eliminating floor nominations.

### **Bylaw Committee Recommendation**

REJECT

**Comment:** The assumption made by the Committee in rejecting the proposal is that it appears the proposal is giving the Nominating Committee the authority to remove from the balloting process all qualified candidates that did not end up on the Nominating Committee recommended slate unless they obtain the 50 signatures. It is also unclear when the 50 signatures would be required.