

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Recognizing that soil is a natural body and that the advancement of the intelligent utilization of this fundamental natural resource is an obligation of the Professional Soil Classifier, the Professional Soil Classifiers Association is hereby dedicated to foster the profession of soil classifying and to further the increase and dissemination of information concerning all phases of soil science in order to contribute to the general human welfare.

ARTICLE I. -- THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Professional Soil Classifiers Association (hereinafter called the Association) of Alabama.

ARTICLE II. -- OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the Association shall be the advancement of the profession of soil classifying in the State of Alabama. This shall be deemed to include the following:

- a. Promote the wise utilization of soils as a natural resource.
- b. Protect the public welfare by encouraging all qualified Soil Classifiers to register.
- c. Advance the professional interests of the Professional Soil Classifier.
- d. Promote high standards of education in soil science.
- e. Enhance public appreciation of the profession.
- f. Establish high standards of ethical conduct in all professional matters.

ARTICLE III. -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Association may be accepted or terminated as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2. There shall be classes of membership as follows:

- a. Member
- b. Honorary Member

Section 3. Membership Qualifications

- a. **Member** -- shall be one who meets one of the following qualifications:
 - (1) Be a registered Professional Soil Classifier, registered under the laws of the State of Alabama.
 - (2) Be a registered Professional Soil Classifier, registered under the laws of any state or territory, meeting the qualifications to register as a Professional Soil Classifier in Alabama and a resident of the State of Alabama.
 - (3) Be one who is not a registered Soil Classifier, but one who desires to participate in the advancement of the profession (rev. 06/2013).
- b. **Honorary Member** -- shall be one whom the Association desires to honor because of outstanding contributions to the profession, state, or nation.

Section 4. Membership Privileges

- a. All classes of membership shall be permitted to attend meetings of the Association and to take part in the discussion of all business matters.
- b. All classes of membership shall have voting privileges.
- c. Only a Member shall hold a duly elected office in the Association.

ARTICLE IV. -- DUES

Dues of the Association shall be determined by the Executive Council and approved by the membership of the Association as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. -- ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The membership is responsible for the management of the Association. However, the Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, is established to manage the Association between the Annual Meetings as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. The Council shall consist of the immediate Past-President and the duly elected officers of the Association.

Section 3. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Council voting at any regular or duly called meeting shall be required to pass any motion consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

Section 4. The Council shall direct the investment and care of the funds of the Association and shall make appropriations for specific purposes. A specific appropriation of more than \$500 must be approved by a membership vote.

Section 5. The Council shall at all times constitute the trustees of the Association.

Section 6. No member of the Council shall receive a salary or compensation, except for expenses incurred in behalf of the Association as approved by the Council.

ARTICLE VI. -- OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, President-elect, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

- a. The President attains office by advancing from the office of President-elect at the beginning of the administrative year and serves for two years.
(rev. 06/1994)
- b. The President-elect is elected for a two-year term and advances to the position of President at the end of the second administrative year.
(rev. 06/1994)
- c. The Secretary-Treasurer is elected for a two-year term and may serve consecutive terms. (rev. 06/1994)

Section 2. Only Members in good standing shall be eligible to hold the office of President, President-elect, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. Eligibility for retention of an elective office of the Association shall be contingent upon residence in the state.

Section 4. The procedures for election and the duties of the officers shall be defined in the Bylaws.

Section 5. The fiscal duties of the Association shall be performed by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 6. The officers shall assume their offices at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected and each shall hold office until a successor has been duly elected or appointed.

Section 7. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the President-elect

shall assume the office so vacated. Other vacancies among the elected officers occurring during the year shall be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Council voting at any regular or duly called meeting.

ARTICLE VII. -- NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nomination for elective offices shall be made by the Nominations Committee. This committee shall consist of three members in good standing.

Section 2. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Prior consent of the nominee must be obtained before placing the name in nomination.

Section 3. Election of officers shall be made at the Annual Meeting by a plurality vote on secret ballot.

ARTICLE VIII. -- MEETINGS

Section 1. The Association shall hold an Annual Meeting at such time and place as may be selected by the Council as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the President on request by a majority of the Council; or upon petition by twenty percent (20%) of the membership.

Section 3. The Council shall hold at least two meetings each year. All meetings of the Council shall be called by the President or upon petition of the majority of the Council.

ARTICLE IX. -- HEADQUARTERS

Section 1. The location of the headquarters of the Association shall be determined by the Council.

ARTICLE X. -- COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees and special committees shall be appointed by the President, subject to concurrence by the Council.

Section 2. The Chairman of each standing committee shall be selected by the President-elect prior to the Annual Meeting at which he becomes President. The committee Chairman shall be announced at the Annual Meeting after the officers for the coming year have been elected. The remaining members of the standing committees shall be appointed within thirty (30) days following the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. The duties of the standing committees shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 4. The duties of special committees shall be defined by the Council.

ARTICLE XI. -- AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of eligible voters present at any Annual Meeting, provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the membership at least two weeks before the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

Section 2. Any amendment to this Constitution, adopted according to the procedure specified herein, shall become effective upon its adoption.

ARTICLE XII. -- BYLAWS

Section 1. The Bylaws adopted by the Association shall govern all procedures under this Constitution, including those of the Council and of the Committees.

Section 2. Bylaws may be introduced or amended without prior notice at any Annual Meeting by an affirmative vote of the majority of the eligible voters present.

ARTICLE XIII. -- EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. This Constitution shall become effective upon its adoption by an affirmative vote of the majority of the eligible voters present.