



Section Constitution
Of
AACE International

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ARTICLE I: AUTHORITY

Section 1. Authority for and rules governing the formation and operation of Southern California Section are vested in the AACE International Constitution and Bylaws as currently adopted or subsequently amended.

Section 2. The AACE International Constitution and Bylaws shall take precedence over the Southern California Section Constitution, which shall, in turn, take precedence over the Southern California Section Bylaws.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the Association are listed in the AACE Constitution

Section 2. These objectives shall be furthered by the Southern California Section at the local level by:

- a. Promoting through educational and scientific means the science of cost engineering for the public good.
- b. Holding meetings for the presentation and discussion of technical papers.
- c. Promoting educational programs, including workshops, discussion groups, and lecture courses to cover various phases of cost engineering.
- d. Assisting in the dissemination of cost data, promotion of standardized terminology and development of standard methods.
- e. Providing for mutual exchange of experience and knowledge in the field of cost engineering, in furtherance of our primary objective.
- f. Cooperating with other organizations and educational institutions, in furtherance of our primary objective.
- g. Assisting AACE and other sections by exchanging meeting notices and minutes, by submitting technical papers and by developing qualified members for participation as officers, directors, members of committees and subcommittees of AACE.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Each member of AACE in good standing shall be considered eligible for membership in the Southern California Section.

Section 2. Membership in the Southern California Section shall become effective upon payment of annual dues, and shall continue as long as the member maintains good standing in the Association.

Section 3. The Southern California Section may grant to applicants for membership, for a period not exceeding one calendar year, such privileges as are defined in the Section Bylaws, except that such applicants may not vote or hold elective office.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The governing body of the Southern California Section shall be a Board of Directors consisting of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, most recent Past President acting as a Director, and as many other officers and directors as are specified in the Section Bylaws.

Section 2. The government and management of the section is the full responsibility of the Southern California Section Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: BYLAWS

Section 1. Southern California Section Bylaws shall be adopted by the section members prior to their applying for a charter.

Section 2. Authority for approval and amendment Southern California Section Bylaws shall rest solely with the section membership.

Section 3. Southern California Section Bylaws shall include, but not be limited to, definition of:

- Number and duties of officers and directors
- Terms of office
- Nomination and election procedures
- Committees and method of appointment
- Bylaw amendment procedure

Section 4. A copy of the Southern California Section Bylaws and subsequent amendments shall be filed with the Vice President – Administration of AACE.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCIAL

Section 1. The fiscal year shall extend from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. In the event that Southern California Section should be dissolved for any reason, its assets (physical, monetary, or otherwise) shall be disposed of as follows:

All just debts and claims shall be paid from cash on hand; this not being sufficient, said assets shall be sold to pay all debts and claims.

Any remaining assets, for which there are no just claims or debts, shall be turned over, without any restrictions whatever, to AACE International, said organization being a non-profit association as provided for in its Bylaws. These monies will be held in an escrow account for a period of one year, and may be used to reactivate the section, upon petition, during that time.

ARTICLE VII: OPERATING YEAR

Section 1. The Southern California Section shall begin its operating year at the close of the section meeting prior to June 1 of each year. The section shall inform the AACE Executive Director of the full names and addresses of the new officers no later than June 1 of each year.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made only by the AACE Board. Southern California Section may petition the AACE International Board to consider amendments which the section believes to be desirable.