CONSTITUTION

of the

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE OF THE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

of the

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS Revised: April 6, 2013

**PREAMBLE**

We are the members of the Pacific Southwest Conference of Student Organizations of the American Society of Civil Engineers, in order to foster desirable relations among the Student Organizations among the student bodies of our respective schools and to further the knowledge of the standards and ethics of the engineering profession, to ordain and establish this constitution for the Conference of Student Organization of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**ARTICLE I**

Section 1. Members shall include the following ASCE Student Organizations:

1. California State University, Los Angeles

2. University of Southern California

3. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

4. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

5. University of California, San Diego

6. Northern Arizona University

7. Loyola Marymount University

8. University of Arizona

9. California State University, Fullerton

10. California State University, Long Beach

11. San Diego State University

12. University of California, Irvine

13. University of California, Los Angeles

14. California State University, Northridge

15. Arizona State University

16. University of Nevada, Las Vegas

17. University of Hawai'i, Manoa

18. California Baptist University

Section 2. Any member school finding that for geographical or other consideration it cannot take part in the conference may petition the conference to be released from said conference. Inability to attend the meeting of the conference may not be considered sufficient reason for such action. Release shall be granted upon approval by the ASCE Educational Activities Committee. The Student Organization’s name shall then be withdrawn from Article I, Section 1.

**ARTICLE II**

Section 1. New Members or previously released members shall be admitted upon the favorable vote of two-thirds of the member ASCE Student Organizations, and when admitted they shall be added to the roster of Article I, Section 1.

Section 2. In the case of addition of new members, their position in the conference rotation shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of the member ASCE Student Organization, including applicant, at the time of membership acceptance.

**ARTICLE III**

Section 1. The affairs of the conference shall be administered by an Executive Committee. Section 2. The Executive Committee will consist of two delegates from each ASCE Student

Organization at least one of who is a junior. The Executive Committee will be chaired by the

Host School.

Section 3. Voting on the Executive Committee shall be by ASCE Student Organization only. Each ASCE Student Organization will have only one vote.

Section 4. The archive of the Pacific Southwest Conference files shall be complied and stored in the conference ERoom. The host school should also send budgetary information to the following

2 year’s hosting universities.

Section 5. The archive of the Pacific Southwest Conference can be relocated by an amendment to this constitution.

**ARTICLE IV**

Section 1. Commencing in 2009, the conference shall be hosted on a rotating basis according to the following listing. In case a Student Organization feels that it is not strong enough to sponsor such an undertaking, that Student Organization may be voluntarily passed over or they may switch years with another Student Organization by mutual consent.

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| California State University, Los Angeles | 2011 |  |  |
| California State Polytechnic University, Pomona | 1996 | 2012 |  |
| Loyola Marymount University | 1997 | 2013 |  |
| Northern Arizona University (co-hosting with UNLV) | 1980 | 2010 |  |
| San Diego State University | 1983 | 1998 | 2014 |
| University of Southern California | 1999 | 2013 |  |
| University of Arizona | 1985 | 2000 | 2015 |
| University of California, Irvine | 1986 | 2002 |  |
| California State University, Long Beach | 1988 | 2001 | 2016 |
| Arizona State University | 1989 | 2003 |  |
| Cal Poly San Luis Obispo | 1990 | 2004 |  |
| California State University, Fullerton | 1991 | 2005 |  |
| University of California, Los Angeles | 1992 | 2006 |  |
| University of California, San Diego |  | 2007 |  |
| California State University, Northridge | 1993 | 2008 |  |
| University of Hawaii at Manoa | 1994 | 2009 |  |
| University of Nevada, Las Vegas | 1995 | 2010 |  |
| California Baptist University | TBD | 2013 |  |

Section 2. An ASCE Student Organization that fails to attend the conference will not be able to host the conference the following year.

**ARTICLE V**

Section 1. Each member Student Organization shall contribute $200, in the form of a school registration fee, toward the cost of arranging the conference. The Host School may charge a

student registration fee. The $200 shall be remitted by each Student Organization by November

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1 the year before conference.

Section 2. The host school should notify the University of Hawaii Manoa by December 1st the year before conference if they will be able to provide financial assistance for said chapter.

**ARTICLE VI**

Section 1. The ASCE Student Organization selected to be Host shall have full charge of the

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details of conference. The Host shall have all competition rules posted by January 7

respective conference year.

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Section 2. The technical paper competition topic will follow the topic of the Daniel W. Mead Technical Paper, presented by ASCE National. Topic can be found at the ASCE National Website.

**ARTICLE VII**

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a three-quarters vote of eligible voters on the Executive Committee. Section 2. Any ASCE Student Organization that fails to attend the conference at least once every two years will be considered ineligible to vote. Section 3. The privilege to vote can be reinstated upon petition and approval of two thirds of the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE VIII**

Section 1. Each year, the upcoming host will be required to secure the items from the

previous host as is mentioned below by September 30th the year before they host. If previous host is unresponsive or does not have all the items, the previous host remains responsible

until said school replaces or responds to the upcoming host.

1. 5000 lbs of steel, on 2 pallets, to be used for loading the bridges during the Steel Bridge

Competition

2. 2 steel grates used to assist in loading the Steel Bridges during the competition.

3. 1 Spring Scale used to measure lateral stress during the Steel Bridge competition.

4. 4 Dial Scales used to measure the weight of the Steel Bridge during the competition.

5. 40 5 Gallon Buckets used to stop the fall in case of failure during the Steel Bridge competition.

6. 17 11.5” diameter Buoys for Concrete Canoe Races. (4 red, 2 yellow, 2 blue, 7 white, 2

orange)

7. At least 6 dial indicators with stands used to measure deflection of the Steel Bridge during the competition.

Section 2. As the items mentioned in Article VIII Section 1 are secured by the upcoming host, the Pacific Southwest Host Materials Inventory should be completed and signed by both the previous and upcoming host acknowledging that the upcoming host now holds responsibility for all items accounted for on said, signed, form. Items missing and/or not working must be replaced by the previous host on or before January 1st of the upcoming host’s conference

year.