

E-PAC

Joint Political Action Committee for American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina and Professional Engineers of North Carolina

Engineers PAC of North Carolina Bylaws

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Committee is Engineers PAC of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as E-PAC or the Committee, a voluntary, non-profit, unincorporated committee of engineers and others.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and provide financial support to candidates for State of North Carolina public office (without regard to party affiliation) who by their acts have demonstrated interest in the principles of good government and in cooperating with the engineering profession in matters of public interest.

ARTICLE III - ENABLING CLAUSE

The Committee is established pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina. The Committee is not affiliated with a political party nor with a specific candidate for election and may, within the limits of the applicable law, do all things necessary or desirable for the attainment of its stated purpose.

ARTICLE IV - DURATION

The duration of the Committee is perpetual, but it may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of its Trustees.

ARTICLE V - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 - Operation:

The affairs of E-PAC are to be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, these Bylaws, and policies as may be determined by the Trustees.

Section 2 - Audit:

Annually the Trustees will appoint an audit committee to review the financial records and report the results of their findings to the Trustees.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICE

The principal office of E-PAC is located in Raleigh, North Carolina.

ARTICLE VII - TRUSTEES

Section 1 - Duties:

The governing body of E-PAC is the Board of Trustees.

Section 2 - Composition and Selection:

The Board of Trustees consists of at least 14 members, all of whom must be members of Professional Engineers

of North Carolina (PENC), or American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina (ACEC/NC), or employees of firm members, and members in good standing of the Committee.

The President-Elect of PENC shall serve ex officio as a member. The President-Elect of ACEC/NC shall serve ex officio as a member. The President of PENC shall designate one member of PENC to serve a term contemporaneous with the term of the President. The President of ACEC/NC shall designate a member of ACEC/NC to serve a term contemporaneous with the term of the President.

The Executive Directors of both PENC and ACEC/NC shall serve ex officio as members of the Trustees in a non-voting capacity.

A total of five elected Trustees will come from the membership of Professional Engineers of North Carolina, and a total of five elected Trustees will come from the membership of American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina. These Trustees shall be elected as provided under Article XII of these Bylaws.

The chairmanship of the Committee will alternate two-year terms from PENC and ACEC/NC representation.

Section 3 - Term:

The term of office of the elected Trustees is three years and coincides with the Committee administrative year. The terms are staggered so that at least two Trustee positions are opened for election each year. An elected Trustee shall not serve more than two consecutive full terms. Vacancies in the position of elected Trustee shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by appointment of the remaining Trustees. Vacancies in the position of ex-officio Trustee shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by appointment of the appropriate President of PENC or ACEC/NC.

ARTICLE VIII- OFFICERS

Only the elected Trustees of the Committee shall be eligible to be officers of the Committee. The officers of the Committee are the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom are to be elected annually by the Board of Trustees. Each officer shall be a Professional Engineer and serve until a successor is named. An officer shall execute the duties required by the laws of the State of North Carolina and other duties as are normally associated with the office.

ARTICLE IX - ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Trustees may appoint advisory committees on a local, regional or state basis, to serve at the pleasure of the Trustees.

ARTICLE X - EMPLOYEES

The Trustees may appoint employees necessary to properly carry out the purpose of the Committee. Employees are to serve at the pleasure of the Trustees. Compensation of employee is to be determined by the Trustees.

ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

The Trustees shall hold meetings not less than once a year at such time and place as may be determined by the Chairman. The Trustees may act by mail/fax/teleconference/e-mail between meetings.

ARTICLE XII - MEMBERS

Membership shall be open to all individuals who wish to make financial contribution to the Committee. All contributors to the Committee shall be considered members of The Committee during the calendar year in which their contributions are made. Contributors of \$25 or more shall be granted voting privileges during the remainder of the calendar year in which their contributions are made and the subsequent full calendar year for the election of Trustees and for amendments to these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII- ELECTIONS

The Trustees shall appoint a Nominating Committee from among the members of the Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President-Elect of ACEC/NC (Ex Officio member), the President-Elect of PENC (Ex Officio member) and the Past-Chair of the Board of Trustees. These representatives shall seek input from their respective Boards of Directors in seeking nominations for elected trustees of the Committee. The Nominating Committee shall present their recommendations to the Trustees for inclusion of the official ballot. Those nominated shall be members in good standing with the Committee.

The Nominating Committee may not nominate one of its own members as a Trustee. Upon the written petition of twenty-five (25) or more members of the Committee, the name of an additional nominee for Trustee is to be placed on the official ballot. The official ballot is to be distributed to the membership by the most convenient means possible to all voting members of the Committee not later than May 1 of each year in which Trustees are to be elected and must be returned by May 31 for counting. Election shall be by plurality vote.

The Nominating Committee shall also prepare and submit recommendations for Officers of the Committee's Board of Trustees. Election of Officers shall be as outlined in ARTICLE VIII-OFFICERS.

ARTICLE XIV - FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATION YEAR

The fiscal year of the Committee is to be the calendar year. The administrative year of the Committee is to be July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members eligible to vote and voting. Amendments may be proposed by the Trustees or by a petition of twenty-five (25) or more members of the Committee.

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