

BY-LAWS

NEW MEXICO SECTION AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I. Name, territory, and location

Section 1. The name of this Section of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) shall be the New Mexico Section.

Section 2. The New Mexico Section shall include and be limited to the State of New Mexico except as provided in Article III, Section 1.

Section 3. The headquarters of the Section shall be the address as designated by the elected Secretary.

ARTICLE II. Objectives

Section 1. The objectives of the New Mexico Section shall be:

- a. To provide a common forum in which professionals and other members of the public interested in water resources and related areas can meet, discuss, and exchange ideas pertaining to all aspects of water resources.
- b. To encourage and assist in:
 - 1) Promoting research and technological, social, economic, and legislative advances in all aspects of water and related resources planning for its utilization, management, and development.
 - 2) Disseminating collected information, knowledge, and data related to all aspects of water and related resources through publications, symposia, program development, and other media.
 - 3) The coordination of efforts by water professionals, educational institutions, governmental agencies and others with interests in water resources in addressing water and environmental problems.
 - 4) Establish and maintain lines of communication between members of this Section and the public.

- c. To promote the rational and objective protection, development, utilization, and management of water resources.
- d. To cooperate with federal, state, and local agencies, private companies, and other local sections and chapters of organizations concerned with water resources.
- e. To comment and/or take a position on water resource policy matters that may affect a broad segment of society or a significant portion of the population of the State of New Mexico.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. Any person residing in New Mexico and adjacent areas interested in water resources shall be eligible for membership in the Section. Any person residing temporarily outside of the Section territory or residing in an area without an active Section may be a member of this Section.

There shall be two classes of Section membership, regular and student members, each with equal rights and privileges for all.

Section 2. Upon payment of Section dues, such persons who qualify under Section 1 above shall acquire membership in the Section.

Section 3. Membership in the national AWRA shall not be an eligibility requirement for Section membership, except for holding office (Section 4). New Mexico Section membership does not imply membership in the national AWRA.

Section 4. Only New Mexico Section members may vote, serve on committees, or hold office in this Section. Section officers (President, Vice President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer) must also be members of the national AWRA organization during their tenure of office.

Section 5. Membership in the Section will be terminated upon failure to pay Section dues, transfer to another Section, or resignation.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the New Mexico Section shall be President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. A combined office of Secretary/Treasurer may be filled in lieu of separate offices.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all Section meetings; shall, in consultation with the Board of Directors, appoint all committees, and shall perform other duties incident to the office. The President shall prepare, in

collaboration with the Secretary, an annual report of the Section's activities to be presented to the annual meeting of the Section and to be forwarded by the Secretary to the President of the national AWRA.

Section 3. The President-Elect shall assume the duties of President in the absence of the President and shall assist the President and Membership Chair in any way they deem necessary.

Section 4. The Vice President, in consultation with the Board of Directors, shall chair the Program Committee and, in consultation with the Board of Directors, be responsible for setting up the program for all the meetings. The Vice-President shall carry out other duties assigned by the President.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Section meetings, issues notices of meetings, and perform all duties incident to the office. The Secretary shall forward to the President of the national AWRA the Section's annual report.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the Section. The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited at the close of each calendar year. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report and financial statement for presentation at the annual meeting.

Section 7. The Membership Chair shall be responsible for encouraging and adding new members to the New Mexico Section, maintaining and updating membership files, and distributing information about national AWRA. The Membership Chair shall work closely with the President-Elect to accomplish membership goals of the Section.

Section 8. The terms of office shall be as follows:

President:	1 year, followed by 1 year as Immediate Past President.
Immediate Past President:	1 year
President-Elect	1 year, followed by 1 year as President
Vice President:	1 year
Secretary:	1 year but may not serve for more than 3 consecutive years.
Treasurer:	1 year but may not serve for more than 3 consecutive years.
Membership Chair:	1 year but may not serve for more than 3 consecutive years.

Section 9: Section officers shall be selected from the membership of the Section and must reside within the Section territory.

Section 10. Candidates for Section offices shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee or by written petition by a Section member(s) in good standing and delivered to the Section Secretary at least 15 days prior to the elections. To be elected, a candidate must receive a plurality of votes cast. In the event of a tie, the decision shall be made by the toss of a coin.

ARTICLE V. Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be the current officers and the two most recent Immediate Past Presidents.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Section, including administration, program development, and supervision of financial affairs. It shall meet at least annually and at the call of the President.

Section 3. If a Board of Directors vacancy develops, the remaining members of the Board are authorized to appoint an eligible Section member to fill the vacancy for the un-expired term.

Section 4. Members of the Board of Directors must reside within the Section territory.

ARTICLE VI. Committees

Section 1. The President in consultation with the Board of Directors shall appoint the following standing committees to fulfill committee duties:

- a) Auditing Committee - to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.
- b) Membership Committee - to promote the AWRA and to recruit new members. The Membership Chair shall be the chair of the Membership Committee.
- c) Nominating Committee – to nominate qualified candidates for the office of the Section in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.
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- e) Program Committee – to make arrangements for all meetings of the Section. The Vice-President shall be the chair of the Program Committee.
- f) Other standing committees shall be appointed as needed.

Section 2. Standing committees shall serve until the end of the officer's year and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Section 3. Special committees and their duties shall be determined by the Board of Directors and appointed by the President in consultation with the Board of Directors. Special committees shall serve until their duties are fulfilled but may be dissolved upon a majority vote at any Section meeting.

Section 4. No committee shall expend funds of the Section unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII. Meetings

Section 1. Annual Business Meeting. There shall be an annual business meeting of the Section held during the first quarterly meeting of each calendar year. The Annual Business Meeting shall include the presentation of the Annual Report, election of officers, and other Section business. The Secretary shall notify the Section's membership of the time and place (to be set by the Board of Directors) at least 15 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2. The Section shall hold a regular quarterly meeting on a date and place as set by the Board of Directors. At least 15 days prior to the quarterly meeting, the Secretary shall notify the Section's membership of the date, time and place of the quarterly meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Section shall be called upon written petition or may be called, when in the opinion of the President, there is business which should be brought before the membership for action prior to the next regular meeting. The Secretary or President shall notify the members of the special meeting at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

Section 4. Any business, which may properly come before the Section membership, may be discussed and acted upon at the Annual or regular Section meeting. Only that business may be discussed or acted upon at a special meeting which has been announced by written notice sent by the Secretary or the President to the members at least 5 days prior to such a special meeting.

Section 5. A quorum at any duly called Section meeting shall consist of the members present, but not fewer than 25 percent of the membership.

Section 6. The order of business and all parliamentary procedure at any meeting shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, except where this conflicts with the Constitution and By-laws of the Section.

ARTICLE VIII. Dues and Funds

Section 1. The Section's Board of Directors shall fix the membership's annual dues. Dues are payable on the first day of January to the Section's Treasurer.

Section 2. The funds of the Section shall be the responsibility of the Section's Treasurer. Funds shall be deposited to the credit of the Section in a bank approved by the Board of Directors. The bank's name should be known to all the Section's officers.

Section 3. The Section may raise additional funds, other than funds from dues, for educational and information purposes as the membership deems necessary or appropriate to meet the objectives of Article II.

ARTICLE IX. Dissolution

Section 1. The Section may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Section through mail balloting, or by the Board of Directors of AWRA for just cause, or if the Section become inactive.

Section 2. If dissolution is favorable acted upon, all just debts shall be paid out of the funds of the Section and all remaining Section funds and other assets, together with all Section records and files, shall be transferred to the national AWRA.

ARTICLE X. Amendment

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at the annual, a general meeting, or at any special meeting called for this purpose, provided that in every case, written notice of the proposed amendment shall be sent to each Section member at the time notice of the date of the meeting is announced.

Name
Secretary

Name
President