

RULES OF PROCEDURE AND OPERATIONS

NAME

The name of the section shall be "Florida Engineers in Construction, a practice section of the Florida Engineering Society," hereinafter referred to as "the section" or "FECON."

OBJECTIVES

The overall objectives of the section shall be:

- a. To provide an effective forum for discussion and action on problems of common interest to engineers employed or engaged in construction or in design construction.
- b. To strengthen the role of the engineer in construction.
- c. To promote better engineer-construction management relationships.
- d. To provide means of communication and liaison with engineers in other practice sections of FES or NSPE and with other similar state sections.

ORGANIZATION

The section is organized under the provisions of the Charter of the Florida Engineering Society. Nothing shall be construed herein as being in conflict with the Charter and Bylaws of the Society and the applicable provisions of said Charter and Bylaws shall be followed in all activities of the section.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership and participation in the section shall be available on the following basis:

- a. An individual member of the section shall be a member of FES who is engaged in construction or design/construction, or an FES member whose interest is primarily in the construction field.
- b. Any member of FES may participate, subject to the rules of government and operation, in the activities of the section.
- c. The right to vote or hold office shall be limited to individual members of the section.
- d. Sustaining Firm Member. This class of membership shall be limited to construction-oriented firms in Florida who have professional interests within the scope of the section. Applications for membership as a Sustaining Firm member shall be subject to the approval of the Administrative Committee.

ADMINISTRATION

- a. The affairs of the section shall be governed by an Administrative Committee consisting of the officers of the section and the immediate past chair.
- b. The administration and fiscal years of the section shall coincide with those of FES.
- c. Any action taken by FECON shall be compatible with the established policies of FES, or in the absence of an FES Policy Statement, shall be in harmony with the policies of NSPE. In the event a contemplated action does not fall within the scope of established policies, it will be referred to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee of FES for review and approval prior to implementation.
- d. The records and finances of the section shall be administered by the FES Executive Director under the general control of the Section Administrative Committee.
- e. The Administrative Committee shall establish and appoint such committees as it deems appropriate to assist in carrying out the affairs of the section.

OFFICERS

- a. There shall be as officers of FECON; a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- b. The terms of all elected officers shall be for one year and shall begin at the start of the administrative year for which they were elected.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a. The Chair shall represent the section at the meetings of the FES Board of Directors and shall report the activities of FECON to the FES Board of Directors at each meeting.
- b. The officers shall perform the duties usually assigned officers in like positions, subject to the rules which may be adopted by FECON and approved by the Board of Directors of FES.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Nominations for officers shall be made by a Nominating Committee consisting of the immediate Past Chair and two additional members appointed by the current Chair. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Secretary at least 60 days prior to the date of the annual meeting the name of one candidate for each office to be filled. A list of the nominations shall be sent to all individual members or published in the *FES Journal* publication, allowing 30 days in which to file additional nominations. Additional nominations may be made by letter addressed to the Secretary containing the name of the nominee and the signatures of any five members in good standing.
- b. If there are no additional nominees, the list of nominees as submitted by the Nominating Committee shall be declared the new officers by acclamation. If there are additional nominees, letter ballots containing the names of the official nominees and the additional nominees shall then be sent by the Secretary to all qualified voters at least 30 days before the date of the annual meeting.
- c. Each ballot shall be returned to the Secretary enclosed in a single envelope endorsed on the back with the member's signature. The chair shall appoint not less than two tellers who shall canvass all ballots, and the results shall be announced at the annual meeting. The candidate for any office having the largest number of votes by letter ballot for each office shall be elected. The names of the elected officers, together with vote tabulations and ballots, shall be transmitted to the Secretary before the annual meeting.

DUES

- a. Annual dues for section individual members and sustaining firm members may be established by the Section Administrative Committee.
- b. Section annual dues shall be due and payable in full on October 1.
- c. A delinquent member is one whose dues for the preceding year have not been paid by July 1.
- d. A member shall be defined as in arrears if their current year's dues are unpaid.
- e. A member in good standing shall be defined as a member who is not delinquent.

MEETINGS

The section shall hold an annual business meeting at the time and place established for

the annual meeting of FES. Additional business meetings may be called by the Administrative Committee or by written request of five percent of the members in good standing, stating the purpose of such meeting.

REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Changes or additions to these rules may be made by the Executive Board of the section subject to approval by a majority vote of the individual membership voting in the Practice Section and approval of the FES Board of Directors.

Adopted by the FES Board of Directors,

Amended October 14, 1972

Amended August 4, 1983

Amended April 4, 1985

Amended November 7, 2003

FLORIDA ENGINEERS IN CONSTRUCTION CHAPTER LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES

David D. Martinez, PE Broward

Kenneth A. Vander Jagt, PE Central Florida

Thomas J. Moore, PE Emerald Coast

John W. Bolton Jr, PE Miami

Christopher S. Wert, PE Nature Coast

David D. Boree, PE Northeast Florida

Paul A. McLeod Jr, PE Northwest Florida

H. Richard Howarth, PE Pinellas

William C. Thomas, PhD, PE Ridge

Robert S. Ivy, PE Tampa

The duties of this assignment shall include the following:

1. Study and make recommendations to the FECON Administrative Committee with respect to activities, programs, and procedures that are of interest or concern to engineers in construction.
2. Provide guidance, assistance, and leadership to chapter officers and members in establishing and conducting activities, programs, and projects to serve the needs of chapter members in construction.
3. Coordinate activities and communications between state headquarters, the FECON Administrative Committee, and FECON members at the chapter level.
4. In coordination with the Chapter Membership Committee, develop and implement membership promotional objectives to bring the aims, objectives, and accomplishments of FECON to the attention of all engineers in construction to enlist endorsement, support, and affiliation.
5. Encourage FECON members and engineers in construction to participate in FECON, FES, NSPE-PEC, and chapter activities and meetings.
6. At the request of state headquarters, conduct fact-finding investigations of alleged professional misconduct or violations of the Code of Ethics involving FECON members in their chapter area and prepare and submit reports on the findings of such

investigations.

7. Monitor, investigate, and study activities, policies, conditions, and procedures in their chapter area which affect or concern the public or engineers in construction and initiate such action as may be appropriate to ensure that the interests of the public, the engineering profession, and engineers in construction are advanced and protected.

8. Keep the FECON Administrative Committee informed of their activities.

9. Prepare and present a written summary report at the FECON annual meeting covering their activities during the year.

Appointments to this assignment shall be as follows:

1. All appointments shall be made and approved by the Practice Section's Administrative Committee.

2. There shall be one member appointed from each chapter.

3. The term of the appointment shall be for one administrative year.

4. Subject to the approval of the Practice Section's Administrative Committee, representatives may be reappointed annually.

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FECON SUSTAINING FIRMS

Ajax Paving Industries, Inc of Florida

Better Roads, Inc

C&M Road Builders

Construction Technology

Danis Environmental

Denis J. Roza & Associates, Inc

Eisman & Russo, Inc

Forsberg Construction, Inc

Frederick Derr & Co.

Gigliotti Contracting, Inc

Guerra Development Corporation

Guymann Construction

Harper Brothers, Inc

Hole Montes, Inc

Hubbard Construction Company

Insituform Southeast, Inc

J. B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc

J. P. Murphy, Inc

John N. Puder, Inc

Johnson Engineering, Inc

Law Engineering, Inc

O-A-K/Florida

Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services, Inc

Pavex Corporation
Smith & Company, Inc
TBEGroup
The Crom Corporation
The Haskell Company
The Stellar Group
Wharton-Smith, Inc
Williams Earth Sciences, Inc
Wilson Excavators, Inc
Woodruff & Sons
Zep Construction Company

FLORIDA ENGINEERS IN CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Florida Engineers in Construction Professional Development Award is presented to the nominated construction employer of engineering personnel who has made the most outstanding contribution to the advancement and improvement of the engineering profession through its employment policies and practices in accord with established professional practices as outlined in Guidelines to Professional Employment for Engineers and Scientists.

The award is presented by the FECON Chair at the Florida Engineering Society Annual Meeting to an official of the organization.

The final selection for the state award will be made by the FECON Administrative Committee on the basis of both current and longtime reputation of the organizations under consideration with particular emphasis on the preceding twelve months. The factors considered are those outlined on our Web site.

FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN CONSTRUCTION SCHOLARSHIP

The Florida Professional Engineers in Construction offer a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded each school year. An applicant must be currently enrolled or accepted into a Florida university engineering program; be in or entering his/her junior or senior year; have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale; be recommended by an engineering faculty member; and be interested in pursuing a career in the field of construction. The selection of the scholarship recipient is made by the FECON Administrative Committee

and is final.

The 2004 FECON scholarship was awarded to Carlos R. Fernandez of Orlando. Carlos is a senior at the University of Central Florida and is pursuing a bachelor's of science in civil engineering.

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