

**CAROLINAS REGIONAL CHAPTER
OF THE
SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY

BYLAWS**

Bylaw I: Membership

- I. Application for Active Member, Student Member or Regional Member shall be made on an application authorized by the Board of Directors of the Chapter. An Emeritus Member is selected and so honored by the Board of Directors of the Chapter in recognition of contribution to the field and to the Chapter. Membership status will be determined by one's status in the national organization.

Qualifications and benefits are as follows:

A. Active Member

1. Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated purpose of the Chapter
- b) have applied experience, education or conducted research in environmental toxicology and/or chemistry
- c) pay member dues
- d) be a current member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

2. Benefits

May:

- a) vote on Chapter affairs
- b) hold office and/or serve on the Board of Directors
- c) participate in Chapter functions, programs, and activities

B. Student Member

1. Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated purpose of the Chapter
- b) be a student and show promise of being qualified for Active or Regional Member status at a later date
- c) pay Student Member dues

2. Benefits

May:

- a) apply for Active Member status when qualified
- b) participate in Chapter functions, programs, and activities
- c) serve on the Board of Directors if the student is also a member of the National Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

C. Emeritus Member

1. Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated purpose of the Chapter
- b) be a Regional Member in good standing for 3 years
- c) be elected by the Board of Directors of the Chapter
- d) be recognized for service to the Chapter and the field
- e) pay Emeritus member dues
- f) be a current member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

2. Benefits

May:

- a) vote in Chapter affairs
- b) participate in Chapter functions, programs and activities
- c) hold office and/or serve on the Board of Directors

D. Regional Member

1. Qualifications

Must:

- a) share the stated purpose of the Chapter
- b) have applied experience, education or conducted research in environmental toxicology and/or chemistry
- c) pay member dues

2. Benefits

May:

- a) vote in Chapter affairs
- b) participate in Chapter functions, programs and activities

Bylaw II: Dues and Finances

1. All dues shall be established annually by the Board of Directors.
2. Any Active, Emeritus, Regional or Student Member in arrears in dues for two years will lose membership in the Chapter. Delinquent members may be reinstated by the Board of Directors provided all indebtedness to the Chapter is liquidated.
3. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall correspond to the calendar year. A member who joins the Chapter prior to October of any year shall be assessed dues for that calendar year, and if elected after October 1 of any year shall be exempt from dues for the calendar year.
4. The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name or behalf of the Chapter and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
5. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money in the name of the Chapter shall be signed by the Treasurer.
6. All funds of the Chapter, not otherwise employed, shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Chapter in such banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.
7. The annual budget shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Bylaw III: Elections and Formation of Committee(s)

1. A Board of Directors shall consist of at least seven (7), and no more than twelve (12) voting Members with an approximate equal representation from government, academia, business, and advocate groups.
2. The terms of the Officers and Board members shall be established according to the constitution.
3. The President will appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than two (2) Board members. Nominations for the Board of Directors will be made by the Nominating Committee, and by membership petition. A nomination is considered valid if the person fulfills the qualifications of Board membership and has been named by three (3) or more voting members. The list of nominees prepared by the Nominating committee will be submitted to the Board for approval. The Secretary shall submit the nominees for the Board to the membership for election.
4. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the formation and dissolution of all standing committees.
5. The President may form ad hoc committees which serve at his/her discretion or term of office.

Bylaw IV: Meetings

1. The Board of Directors shall determine the number, times and places of the regular meetings of the Chapter.
2. At least four (4) weeks before a regular meeting, the Secretary shall send to each member a notice of the time and place of the meeting.
3. One meeting shall be designated the Annual Meeting. There shall be no more than one Annual Meeting per fiscal year. At this meeting, there shall be an executive session for the reports of officers, for a report on the election of officers and Board of Directors, and other items of business.
4. The Board of Directors shall determine rules relative to the conduct of scientific sessions and presentation of scientific papers at all meetings.
5. There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the Board of Directors in each year.
6. The President shall convene the Board of Directors at a special meeting whenever the affairs of the Chapter require it.
7. A request to the President, made in writing, signed and approved by three (3) members of the Board of Directors shall render the convocation of the Board obligatory.

Bylaw V: Relationship with the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

The relationship with the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry shall be established in the Constitution.

Bylaw VI: Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be conducted according to the Constitution.

Bylaw VII: General Prohibitions

Notwithstanding any provision of the Constitution and Bylaws which might be susceptible to a contrary construction:

1. The Chapter shall be organized for scientific and educational purposes.
2. The Chapter shall be operated for scientific and educational purposes.
3. No part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall or may, under any circumstance, inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or any individual.
4. The Chapter shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statement) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
5. The Chapter shall not be organized or operated for profit.
6. The Chapter shall not:
 - a) Lend any part of its income or corpus, without the receipt of adequate security and reasonable rate of interest to;

- b) Pay any compensation in excess of a reasonable allowance for salary or other compensation for personal services actually rendered to;
- c) Make any part of its services available on a preferential basis to;
- d) Make any purchase of securities or any other property, for more than adequate consideration in money or monies worth from;
- e) Sell any securities or other property for less than adequate consideration for money or monies worth to;
- f) Engage in any other transactions which result in substantial diversions of its income or corpus, to any officer, member of the Board, or contributor of the Chapter.

The prohibitions contained in Item 6 do not mean to imply that the Chapter may make such loans, payments, sales or purchases, to anyone else, unless such authority be given or implied by other provisions of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Bylaw VIII: Distribution on Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Carolinas Regional Chapter, the Board of Directors shall distribute the assets and incurred income to one (1) or more organizations as determined by the Board of Directors of the Chapter and the Board of Directors of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.