

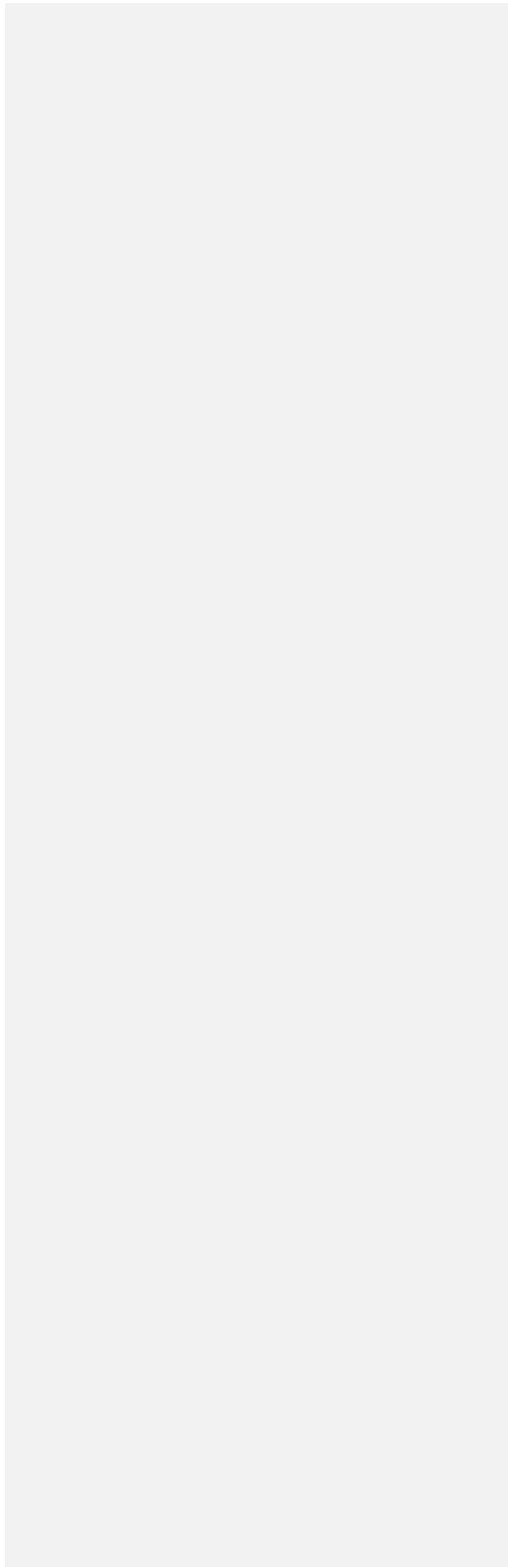
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BYLAWS

OF

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK



31 **ARTICLE 4: NAME & OBJECTIVES**

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33 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

- 34 A. NSPS: The National Society of Professional Surveyors
- 35 B. NSPS-YSN: The National Society of Professional Surveyors – Young Surveyors Network
- 36 C. ‘The Society’: in this document will strictly be used to make reference to The National Society
- 37 of Professional Surveyors – Young Surveyors Network or ‘NSPS YSN’.
- 38 D. Board or “Board of Directors”: The Board of Directors and the Officers of the Society
- 39 E. Officers: The current President, Vice President, Secretary, and NSPS Delegate of the Society.
- 40 F. Member in good standing: member who is currently meeting all financial obligations due to the
- 41 Society and activity requirements for the class of membership named.
- 42 G. State Chapter: designates a group of Society members residing in a single state and operating
- 43 under a Charter from the Society, with the same objectives at the state lever that the Society has
- 44 nationwide.

45 **SECTION 2. NAME & LOCATION.**

- 46 A. The name of this ~~Organization~~organization shall be: National Society of Professional Surveyors –
- 47 Young Surveyors Network, also known as ‘NSPS-YSN’ YSN,’ hereinafter referred to as the
- 48 Society.
- 49 B. The Society is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the state of _____.

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51 **SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES.**

52 The Society subscribes to and supports the Creed and Canons of NSPS. In addition, the Society shall be

53 enacted with the following four objectives:

- 54 ~~A.~~ **PROMOTE** - Ensure young surveyors are working together with NSPS to
- 55 promote the surveying profession to the public by sharing materials, ideas
- 56 ~~A.~~ and opportunities.
- 57 ~~B.~~ **CONNECT** - Ensure young surveyors are connected with local and national
- 58 ~~B.~~ surveying organizations and associations.
- 59 ~~C.~~ **REPRESENT** - Ensure young surveyors are present and represented at local
- 60 ~~C.~~ and national surveying organizations and associations.
- 61 D. **PARTICIPATE** - Ensure young surveyors are engaged, active and have the opportunity to get a
- 62 voice at local and national surveying organizations and associations.

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63 opportunity to get a voice at local and national surveying organizations and
64 associations.

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66 **SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS**

67 A. ~~NSPS: The National Society of Professional Surveyors~~

68 B. ~~A. NSPS-YSN: The National Society of Professional Surveyors Young Surveyors~~
69 ~~Network~~

70 C. ~~'The Society': in this document will strictly be used to make reference to The National~~
71 ~~Society of Professional Surveyors Young Surveyors Network or 'NSPS-YSN'.~~

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74 **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

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76 **SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION.**

77 Membership to the ~~Council~~Society shall be of two types: Regular Members and Supporting Members.

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78 A. **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** shall be 35 years or younger, a current student, or within 10 years
79 of graduation from a course of study in land surveying or a related field. Regular members will
80 have full voting rights within the society. A regular member shall not be required to be an active
81 member of NSPS in order to maintain good standing within the Society.

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83 B. **SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP** shall be open to any person interested in the support of the
84 NSPS-YSN. They will not have the right to vote in Society business but shall be encouraged to
85 contribute to debate before the membership.

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87 C. **LIFE MEMBER** any person who has rendered special service to the Society, its aims, and
88 objectives may be elected a Life member. Life members shall be elected by a majority vote of the
89 Board of Directors and said membership for life or until revoked by the Board for just and
90 sufficient cause. No dues or assessments are required from Life members.

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92 **SECTION 2. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP.**

93 A. The term of membership shall be as long as that member has interest and participates in ~~NSPS-~~
94 ~~YSNSociety~~ events.
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98 B. Any member of the Society may be expelled or suspended from the Society for professional
99 misconduct or due cause by a majority vote of the Board. Professional misconduct shall include
100 violation of the Creed or Canons of NSPS, malpractice, unethical conduct, or any fraudulent or
101 dishonorable conduct, whether or not connected with the practice of surveying of the Society,
102 regardless of whether or not such act may constitute an offense under the Penal Code of the State
103 of Residence. The Board may request assistance of NSPS where, in the Board's judgement, the
104 circumstances warrant.
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106 C. No Member or Member of the board shall receive a salary or compensation from the Society,
107 except for expenses incurred on behalf of the Society approved by the Board.
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109 **ARTICLE III: STATE CHAPTERS**

110 **SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION**

111 A. The membership of the Society may be organized into State Chapters (as determined by the
112 Board). The Board of Directors shall authorize and charter such chapters; defining boundaries as
113 may best serve the members of the Society. Each chapter thus formed shall have a minimum of 1
114 Chapter Representative and 4 Regular Members.
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116 **SECTION 2. AUTHORITY**

117 A. The Board of Directors shall have authority to make rules and regulations for and decisions
118 affecting the chartering, combining or dissolving of State Chapters.
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120 **SECTION 3. CHAPTER BYLAWS**

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122 A. Each chapter chartered by the Society shall adopt such bylaws for its operation as it may deem
123 proper; provided that nothing contained therein shall conflict with or contravene the Bylaws of
124 the Society. Such bylaws and any changes thereto are subject to approval of the Board.

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126 **SECTION 4. AUTONOMY**

127 A. In all matters of local concern not covered by these Bylaws, chapters shall retain full autonomy,
128 but may call upon the Society and NSPS for advice, counsel and assistance

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130 **SECTION 5. CHAPTER DEBT**

131 A. Chapters shall not contract any debt or obligation on behalf of the Society unless expressly
132 authorized by the Board.

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134 **SECTION 6. FISCAL YEAR**

135 A. The fiscal and administrative years of the chapters shall be concurrent with those of the Society

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137 **SECTION 7. CHAPTER DUES**

138 A. The annual chapter dues shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Society Board of
139 Directors.

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141 **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS & EVENTS**

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143 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING.**

144 A. An annual meeting to be known as the "Annual Meeting" shall be held each year and shall be for
145 the transaction of such business as may properly be brought before the membership meeting. At
146 such Annual Meeting, written fiscal reports and reports of the work of The Society for the past
147 year will be given by the President or President's designee.

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149 **SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

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150 A. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President ~~or Vice President or Secretary,~~
151 upon a majority vote of the Board, upon a majority vote of the State Chapter Presidents, or by
152 vote of 10 percent of Society membership. The notice for the special meeting will state the reason
153 for the meeting, and no other business shall be called by the President, Vice President or
154 Secretary considered at the direction of the Board of Directors such special meeting.

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157 **SECTION 3. NOTICE.**

158 A. Notices of annual and special meetings of this Society shall be given by the Board of this Society
159 by email at least ten (10) day, and not more than fifty (50) days, prior to the day on which such
160 meeting is to be held.

161 **SECTION 4. QUORUM**

162 A. Those State Representative present at any Annual or Special meeting consisting of not fewer than
163 ten (10) percent of the State Representatives shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
164 business. Each State Representative present shall be entitled to one vote and there shall be no
165 voting by proxy. The vote of a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary and sufficient for the
166 adoption of any matter voted upon by the State Representatives.

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168 **ARTICLE ~~IV~~V: OFFICERS**

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170 **SECTION 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

171 A. The Board of Directors shall consist of The President, The Vice President, The Secretary, ~~The~~
172 ~~Past President,~~ and The NSPS Delegate. The allowance of additional Board members will be
173 allowed at the discretion of the Board of Directors if in the interest of The Society. Their duties
174 will be to protect the mission and vision of the NSPS-YSN. ~~The business and affairs of the~~
175 ~~Society shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.~~

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177 **SECTION 2. ELECTION-**

178 A. The Board of Directors shall hold elections at the 'Annual Meeting' each year to elect a
179 ~~President,~~ Vice President, and Secretary ~~and Delegate.~~ The Board may also appoint such other
180 officers and agents as it may deem necessary for the transaction of the business of The Society.

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182 **SECTION 3. ABSENTEE VOTING.**

183 A. Any Regular Member who is entitled to vote at any meeting of the Members may vote with an
184 absentee ballot if said Member is unable to attend the meeting. The absentee ballot shall set forth
185 the exact text of the election, motion, resolution or amendment to be voted upon at the ~~meeting of~~
186 ~~the Members.~~Annual Meeting. Such ballots properly completed by the Member and received by
187 The Society before the ~~meeting of the Members~~Annual Meeting is called to order, shall be
188 counted as a vote of such absent Member. In the event, the Board of Directors deem necessary
189 for an immediate vote, they will be allowed to exercise, in the best interest of The Society, an
190 electronic balloting platform to perform the voting necessary to continue the business of The
191 Society.

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193 **SECTION 4. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS.**

194 A. A conference telephone call, or other conference among directors by any means of
195 communication through which the directors may simultaneously hear each other during the
196 conference, shall constitute a meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that any notice
197 requirements for a meeting are met and that the number of directors participating at the
198 conference are sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting. Participation in such a conference
199 shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. A majority of the directors shall constitute a
200 quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, and the vote of a
201 majority of the directors present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the
202 act of the Board of Directors. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of the
203 directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice other than an
204 announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

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206 **SECTION 5. TERM OF OFFICE.**

207 A. The term of office of all ~~officers~~Officers shall be one year, from election at 'Annual Meeting' or
208 until their respective successors are chosen, but any officer may be removed from office at any
209 meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in
210 office, whenever in its judgment the business interests of The Society will be served thereby. The
211 Board of Directors shall have power to fill any vacancies in any offices occurring for any reason.

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SECTION 6. SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS.

- A. The normal succession of officers shall be from Vice President to President and President to NSPS Delegate.
- B. In the event of the President’s inability to serve the remainder of a term of office, the Vice President shall automatically become President. The Board of Directors shall decide whether the office of Vice President shall remain vacant
- C. In the event of the Vice President’s inability to serve the remainder of a term of office, the Board of Directors shall decide whether the office of Vice President shall remain vacant until the next regularly scheduled election or whether a special election shall be held to elect a new Vice President.
- D. If the NSPS Delegate is unable to serve the remainder of a term of office, the Board of Directors shall appoint another previous president of The Society to fill the vacancy. The person appointed shall carry the title “NSPS Delegate.” serve as a member on the Board of Directors, and fulfill the normal responsibilities of the Past President.

SECTION 7. THE PRESIDENT.

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. In the event of an absence, The President may appoint a temporary Chairman at any special meeting or part of such meeting. The President shall be the principal officer of The Society and guide its functions. The President shall provide the Secretary with a copy of all official correspondence, which they may conduct for the permanent records of The Society.

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SECTION 78. THE VICE- PRESIDENT.

A. The Vice President, in the order designated by the Board of Directors or, lacking such designation, by the President, shall in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

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SECTION 89. THE SECRETARY.

243 A. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the records and the books of The Society. They shall
244 conduct the official correspondence of The Society under the direction of the Board of Directors
245 and maintain a file of all such correspondence. They shall prepare reports of all meetings of The
246 Society or its Directors and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may direct. In the
247 absence of the Secretary, an acting Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
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249 ~~**SECTION 9. THE PAST PRESIDENT.** The Past President will serve their contribution to the Board of
250 Directors as an advising member. They shall assume the role of the President only in the event of The
251 Vice President is unable to perform their duties.~~

252 ~~**SECTION 10. NSPS DELEGATE**~~

253 ~~**SECTION 8. NSPS DELEGATE.**~~ The NSPS Delegate will serve as the point of contact
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255 between ~~the NSPS YSN~~The Society and the NSPS Liaison, to be selected by the NSPS Board of
256 Directors. If no NSPS Liaison is appointed, the NSPS Delegate will report to an appropriate
257 member of the NSPS Board of Directors. The NSPS Delegate will attend all NSPS Board of
258 Directors meetings to receive and provide input ~~to the BOD from the NSPS YSN~~on behalf of
259 The Society. The NSPS Delegate will be responsible to make timely reports to the Society and its
260 membership ~~of NSPS YSN~~regarding the businessall communications conducted at ~~the NSPS~~
261 ~~BOD~~Board meetings or other NSPS events. The NSPS Delegate shall not have the ability to vote
262 or hold office at any NSPS Meeting during their time in office unless approved by the NSPS
263 Board of Directors.
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265 **ARTICLE ~~V~~VI: COMMITTEES**

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269 ~~**SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**~~

270 A. The Board of Directors shall determine the standing and special committees of The Society which
271 shall be constituted and shall define the powers and duties of same, and it may at any time abolish
272 any standing or special committee so constituted.

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274 ~~**SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.**~~

275 A. The President shall appoint the members of all committees and designate the Chairman of each
276 and instruct such committees in their duties. Meetings of committees may be called at any time
277 by the President or the Chairman of the Committee.

278 ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

279 SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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281 A. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by: (a) a majority vote of the entire Board; or (b)
282 a petition signed by not less than 20 percent of the members of this Society.
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284 SECTION 2. TIMEFRAME

285 A. A minimum of 15 days must pass between the presentation of the amendment proposal to the
286 Board and the vote to approve or disapprove the amendment proposal.
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288 ARTICLE VIII: SAVINGS CLAUSE

289 SECTION 1. SAVINGS CLAUSE

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291 A. Any article or section of the Bylaws found to be in conflict with the NSPS Bylaws shall be null
292 and void. However, this shall in no way invalidate the remaining articles and sections of the
293 Society Bylaws.
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295 ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION

296 SECTION 1. DISSOLUTION

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298 A. The Society shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these
299 Bylaws, and no part of said funds shall inure, or be distributed, to the members of the Society. On
300 dissolution of the Society, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly
301 organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific or philanthropic organizations to be
302 selected by the Board. Any residual shall be contributed to NSPS.
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