BYLAWS

OF

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK
ARTICLE I: NAME & OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

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

SECTION 2. NAME & LOCATION.

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

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES.

The Society subscribes to and supports the Creed and Canons of NSPS. In addition, the Society shall be enacted with the following four objectives:

A. PROMOTE - Ensure young surveyors are working together with NSPS to promote the surveying profession to the public by sharing materials, ideas and opportunities.
B. CONNECT - Ensure young surveyors are connected with local and national surveying organizations and associations.
C. REPRESENT - Ensure young surveyors are present and represented at local and national surveying organizations and associations.
D. PARTICIPATE - Ensure young surveyors are engaged, active and have the opportunity to get a voice at local and national surveying organizations and associations.
ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION.
Membership to the Society shall be of two types: Regular Members and Supporting Members.

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

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

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

SECTION 2. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP.

A. The term of membership shall be as long as that member has interest and participates in Society events.

B. Any member of the Society may be expelled or suspended from the Society for professional misconduct or due cause by a majority vote of the Board. Professional misconduct shall include violation of the Creed or Canons of NSPS, malpractice, unethical conduct, or any fraudulent or dishonorable conduct, whether or not connected with the practice of surveying of the Society, regardless of whether or not such act may constitute an offense under the Penal Code of the State of Residence. The Board may request assistance of NSPS where, in the Board’s judgement, the circumstances warrant.

C. No Member or Member of the board shall receive a salary or compensation from the Society, except for expenses incurred on behalf of the Society approved by the Board.
ARTICLE III: STATE CHAPTERS

SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION

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

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

A. The Board of Directors shall have authority to make rules and regulations for and decisions affecting the chartering, combining or dissolving of State Chapters.

SECTION 3. CHAPTER BYLAWS

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

SECTION 4. AUTONOMY

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

SECTION 5. CHAPTER DEBT

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

SECTION 6. FISCAL YEAR

A. The fiscal and administrative years of the chapters shall be concurrent with those of the Society
SECTION 7. CHAPTER DUES

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

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS & EVENTS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING

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

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

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

SECTION 3. NOTICE

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

SECTION 4. QUORUM

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

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
A. The Board of Directors shall consist of The President, The Vice President, The Secretary, and
The NSPS Delegate. The allowance of additional Board members will be allowed at the
discretion of the Board of Directors if in the interest of The Society. Their duties will be to
protect the mission and vision of the NSPS-YSN. The business and affairs of the Society shall be
managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. ELECTION

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

SECTION 3. ABSENTEE VOTING

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

SECTION 4. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

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

SECTION 5. TERM OF OFFICE

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

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.
SECTION 8. 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.

SECTION 9. THE SECRETARY

A. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the records and the books of The Society. They shall conduct the official correspondence of The Society under the direction of the Board of Directors and maintain a file of all such correspondence. They shall prepare reports of all meetings of The Society or its Directors and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may direct. In the absence of the Secretary, an acting Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 10. NSPS DELEGATE

A. The NSPS Delegate will serve as the point of contact between The Society and the NSPS Liaison, to be selected by the NSPS Board of Directors. If no NSPS Liaison is appointed, the NSPS Delegate will report to an appropriate member of the NSPS Board of Directors. The NSPS Delegate will attend all NSPS Board of Directors meetings to receive and provide input on behalf of The Society. The NSPS Delegate will be responsible to make timely reports to the Society and its membership regarding all communications conducted at NSPS Board meetings or other NSPS events. The NSPS Delegate shall not have the ability to vote or hold office at any NSPS Meeting during their time in office unless approved by the NSPS Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

SECTION 2. TIMEFRAME

A. A minimum of 15 days must pass between the presentation of the amendment proposal to the Board and the vote to approve or disapprove the amendment proposal.

ARTICLE VIII: SAVINGS CLAUSE

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A. Any article or section of the Bylaws found to be in conflict with the NSPS Bylaws shall be null and void. However, this shall in no way invalidate the remaining articles and sections of the Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION

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