About the Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee serves in an advisory role in support of the SEAONC Board of Directors and Membership. The SEAONC organization and operations are generally conducted in accordance with the Association’s Bylaws and Canons of Ethics which the Bylaws Committee oversees at the request of the Board of Directors.

Articles of the Bylaws outline the detailed organization and operations of the Association, such as, statement of purpose, membership, as well as, the nomination and election of officers and directors. Amendments to the Bylaws are initiated by the Board of Directors, or by the Membership through petition, as issues arise. Most changes require a two-thirds majority vote for adoption into the SEAONC Bylaws.

In its execution of conducting Association business operations including membership and committee activities, the Board further supplements Bylaws provisions with Board policies and procedures, balanced with Board near-term and long-term Strategic Plan initiatives. In this context, the Bylaws Committee provides support at the direction of the Board.

Committee Mission and Charges

The Bylaws Committee serves at the request of the Board of Directors to answer questions on and provide interpretations of meanings and procedures allowed in the SEAONC Bylaws. Additionally, the Committee serves to compose additions or amendments to the Bylaws as directed by the Board. The Committee provides similar interpretations and input to the Board of Directors for the SEAONC Canons of Ethics for Engineers.

Overview

The Bylaws

SEAONC was founded in 1930. With the incorporation of the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California (SEAONC) in 1949, the current Bylaws was first amended in 1959. Since that time, the Bylaws have been maintained, revised and amended on twenty occasions in accordance with procedures contained therein. The Bylaws consist of thirteen articles addressing organization and operations of the Association including statement of purpose of the Association; membership grades and procedures; dues, assessments and contributions; officers and directors; nominations and elections of officers and directors; powers and duties of officers and board of directors; meetings; amendments; delegates to SEAOC; standing committees; student chapters; and, policy on discrimination and harassment. Amendments shall be adopted only upon qualifying vote of the Voting Members as prescribed in Article IX. The last revision occurred in 2013 addressing the voting protocol for nominations and elections of officers and directors.

Canons of Ethics for Engineers

The Canons of Ethics for Engineers of the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California were adopted by resolution in 1962 and amended accordingly since using procedures similar to those used for the Bylaws. The Canons of Ethics prescribe guiding principles of professional conduct for engineers and their duty to practice the profession in accordance with these principles. The Canons of Ethics address areas of professional conduct, way of life and integrity including Professional Life, Relations with the Public, Relations with Clients and Employers, and, Relations with Engineers. The Canons were last amended in 2017 incorporating gender-neutral language and references.
Website Access to Bylaws and Canons of Ethics

Members may access a copy of the SEAONC Bylaws and Canons of Ethics documents at the Member login and following link: https://www.seaonc.org/group/Bylaws

And, the general public may gain access to these documents at the following link:


Bylaws Committee Membership

Peter Lee / Chair
Ed Goudie / Past-Chair (retired)
Ted Canon / Past-President
Grace Kang / Past-President
Taryn Williams / Past-President
Colin Blaney / Past-President

Board Contact(s)

Emily Guglielmo / Board President
Kevin Moore / Board Vice-President

Committee Meetings

Meets typically quarterly and additionally as required.

New Members

Interested SEAONC members are welcome to join the committee.

Please contact bylaws@seaonc.org for additional comments or questions.

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