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Orange County Chapter
California State University, Fullerton

**STUDENT SECTION
BYLAWS**

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BYLAWS
American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP)
Student Section, Orange County Chapter
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ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. Hereinafter, the California State University, Fullerton Section shall be referred to as the Section, the American Society of Safety Professionals shall be referred to as the Society. The Orange County Chapter shall be referred to as the Chapter, the Area Operating Committee shall be referred to as the AOC, the Regional Operating Committee shall be referred to as the ROC, and California State University, Fullerton shall be referred to as the School.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

- Section 2. In fulfilling its purposes, the Section shall have the following objectives:
- a) To further the professional preparation of the members by sponsoring programs for the advancement of safety and acquisition of technical knowledge.
 - b) To improve scholarship and the general quality of work in the Safety Profession by fostering a concern for progress in all areas of safety, among safety educators and practitioners.
 - c) To encourage greater professional and social cooperation and interaction among students of safety and allied fields and disciplines.
 - d) To unite the resources and skills of students and faculty in programs to benefit Section members, California State University, Fullerton and its community.
 - e) To assist the Society in the development of effective and relevant educational programs for the preparation of future safety professionals.
 - f) To provide encouragement and support to society student activities and foster student member development and retention at California State University, Fullerton.
 - g) To promote participation and entrance into safety/health careers by California State University, Fullerton Section members and students.

Section 3. Nothing in these Bylaws is intended to substitute for, or supersede, rules or procedures established by the school that impact upon the Student Section.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Section membership is open to all Student Members of the Society, who are enrolled in the safety or related curricula at the school identified in the Section's name (California State University, Fullerton). To be eligible as a Society Student Member, an individual shall be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree course intended to prepare the individual for practice in the safety profession or one of its relevant specialties, shall pay an annual renewal fee as designated by the Society Board of Directors, and shall declare in writing the intention to enter the Safety Profession upon graduation.

Section 2. Student Member status may be retained up to one year following graduation, or until the individual is employed in the field of safety, whichever comes first.

Section membership is personal and non-transferable.

Section 3. Section members are eligible to vote on all matters brought before them. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for action unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws. On Chapter and Society issues, Student Members are eligible to vote only on the election of officers.

ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Section is a subdivision of the Chapter, formed and operated by ASSP Student Members attending California State University, Fullerton.

Section 2. The Section shall have and maintain a minimum of ten (10) members in order to maintain its charter.

Section 3. In order to maintain its charter, the Section shall identify an advisor (defined in Article VI of the Constitution) and shall provide the Chapter and Society annually with information on the advisor's name, address and telephone number.

Section 4. Formation and maintenance of the Section charter is based on requirements and guidelines set forth in the Chapter Administration Guide, and is subject to the approval of the Chapter and the appropriate AOC (ROC).

Section 5. The Section may be dissolved by the Chapter and/or the AOC (ROC), if such action is deemed to be in the best interests of the Chapter and Society. Voluntary dissolution of the Section shall be by two-thirds of Section members after a 30-day advance written notice by the Section Executive Committee. Voluntary

dissolution is subject to the approval of the Chapter and AOC (ROC). Upon dissolution, all Section funds and assets shall be returned to the Chapter, school, ASSP Foundation or other ASSP entity, depending on the funding source.

Section 6. The Section fiscal year shall begin on July 1 and end June 30. The Section activity year shall begin on July 25th and end May 25th.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Section officers shall be:

- a) President or Co-Presidents
- b) Vice President
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) Other officers as necessary

The term of office will be one year **beginning** August 22.

Section 2. **Powers and Duties of Officers:**

- a) The President (Chairperson) shall call, set agendas for, and preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, and preside and set agendas for meetings of the Section membership; shall set goals and objectives for the Section and provide leadership, guidance and direction to officers, committees and members to see that they are met; shall appoint members of the Nominating Committee; shall serve as chief spokesman and representative of the Section to the Chapter, Society and allied groups; and shall submit an annual report of Section activities to the Chapter and Student Member Activity Task Force.
- b) The Vice President (Vice Chairperson or President-Elect) shall succeed to the office of the President if the President is unable to serve; shall act for the President when requested to do so by the Executive Committee or members; and shall in general prepare to ascend to the Section Presidency in the following year.
- c) The Secretary shall record, transcribe and distribute minutes of all Section meetings, prepare and distribute meeting notices, maintain all Section records and conduct Section membership development and retention activities under the supervision of the Executive Committee.
- d) The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all Section funds, maintain Section financial records including all income and expense activities, collect Section-generated membership fees and dues, handle all Section liaison with

financial institutions, submit an annual report of all Section financial activities to the Executive Committee, and keep the Section and Chapter regularly informed as to the Section's financial status.

ARTICLE VI – ADVISORS

Section 1. There shall be a Section Advisor who:

- a) Is an ASSP member or a professional affiliated with ASSP who is a faculty member of California State University, Fullerton.
- b) The advisor shall approve Section activity and financial reports, fund-raising activities, and be consulted on all matters relating to Section dues, fees and Bylaws. The advisor shall ensure that Section activities do not violate School rules and regulations governing on-campus clubs, groups and activities.

Section 2: There shall be a Section Liaison who:

- a) A formally designated member of the Orange County Chapter, the geographical area in which California State University, Fullerton is located.
- b) The Liaison shall be an ex-officio member of the Section Executive Committee, and shall maintain communication between the Section, appropriate school officials, and the Chapter.
- c) Shall work with Advisor to gain Chapter approval for Section activity and financial reports, fund-raising activities, and be consulted on all matters relating to Section dues, fees and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Elected Section officers and the Section Advisor shall make up the Executive Committee, which shall govern the Section according to these Bylaws and within the authority delegated to it by Section members.

Section 2. The Section shall have a Nominating Committee, appointed by the President (Chairperson), for the purpose of developing a slate of Section officers annually for member election. The committee shall consist of three Section members, one of whom shall be a current or past Section officer. The committee shall elect its own Chairperson.

Section 3. Other Section committees may be appointed by the Section President (Chairperson).

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION, ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President/Chairperson annually for the purpose of recommending a slate of one or more nominees for each Section elective office. Publication of the slate, including background and qualifying information on each nominee, shall be completed no less than *thirty (30) days* before the election is conducted. The election and installation of officers for the succeeding Section activity year shall be completed before the end of the current year.
- Section 2. Any *three (3)* California State University, Fullerton Section members may submit a signed petition nominating one or more members for elective office. The petition shall be accompanied by a written acceptance by the nominee(s) and shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chairperson no less than fifteen (15) days before the election is conducted. The names and qualifications of the petition nominees shall be distributed to all members within seven (7) days of their receipt.
- Section 3. All Section members shall be given the opportunity to vote on the election of officers, through written ballots distributed on campus and/or at a Section meeting.
- Section 4. Three Section members, who are neither candidates for elective office, nominating committee members, nor current Section officers, shall be appointed as Tellers to count ballots, confirm the propriety of election/nomination procedures, and announce election results.
- Section 5. Elected Section officers may be removed by majority vote of Section members at any regular or special meeting upon presentation of a signed petition from the Section Executive Committee or *three (3)* California State University, Fullerton Section members. Notification of such meeting shall be made to all members at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting. Appointed Section officers may be removed by the officer who appointed them, or by the Section Executive Committee.
- Section 6. Vacancies in elected Section offices occurring during the elected term shall be filled by the succession designated in Art. III, Sec. 4 of the Constitution. The resulting vacancy in the office of Treasurer shall be filled by affirmative vote of a majority of Section members upon a nominating slate of one or more candidates submitted by a special Nominating Committee appointed by the President. The election shall be held at a regular or special Section meeting, notice for which shall be published at least 15 days in advance.

ARTICLE IX – DUES AND FINANCES

- Section 1. Section members shall be assessed an annual student member renewal fee by the Society as determined by its Board of Directors. In addition, applicants for Student Membership may be assessed membership application fees which are \$15 as determined by the same Board. Fees shall be paid annually on the anniversary of the Student Member's election date.
- Section 2. The Section may assess its member's additional annual fees and dues, upon recommendation of the Section Executive Committee and approved by a majority of Section members voting at a meeting where a quorum is present.
- Section 3. The Section Executive Committee, through the Section Treasurer, is responsible for all Section financial activities, under guidelines established by the Society, Chapter, these Bylaws, and the Section Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Section shall provide an annual financial report to the Chapter, Area Operating Committee (Regional Operating Committee) and Student Member Activity Task Force, describing all Section income and expense activities for the preceding twelve (12) months. This report shall be reviewed and signed by the Section Advisor and submitted to the Chapter by no later than April 30.

ARTICLE X – DISBURSAL OF ORGANIZATION ASSETS

- Section 1. **In the event The American Society of Safety Professional Student Section should become defunct, all assets will be turned over** Chapter, Area Operating Committee (Regional Operating Committee) and Student Member Activity Task Force.

ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Section Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the President/Chairperson or upon a majority vote of its members.
- Section 2. **Regular meeting are scheduled** monthly during the academic year. However, The Section shall hold at least two (2) meetings of its members annually, to acquaint them with its activities and conduct necessary business. *Four (4)* California State University, Fullerton Section members at a meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 3. Special meetings of Section members may be called by the Section Executive Committee or by written petition of ten (10) members, submitted to the Section President/Chairperson.

Section 4. Section member meetings and a *2/3 vote requirement* shall be required to accomplish the following actions: amendment or these Bylaws, establishment of or change in Section dues or fees, removal of elected officers, and Section dissolution.

ARTICLE XII – METHOD TO AMEND THE BYLAWS

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Section Executive Committee or by written petition of at least seven (7) members. Amendments proposed by members shall be presented to the Section Executive Committee.

Section 2. Amendments shall be published at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting at which action will be taken on them.

Section 3. Amendments shall be voted on at a regular or special Section meeting where a quorum is present. A majority affirmative vote is required for approval.

Section 4. All amendments approved by Section members are subject to approval of the Chapter Executive Committee and Area Director (Regional Vice President).

Section 5. Proposed constitutional amendment or changes will be presented, in writing, to the organization one meeting before this amendment is voted on.

Section 6. A copy of this constitution/by-laws and/or amendments to this constitution must be filed in the Office of Student Life & Leadership at CSU Fullerton every 2 years or within 90 days after any substantive change or amendment.

ARTICLE XIII – STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION

Section 1. **This organization is affiliated with** The American Society of Safety Professionals.