WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION ASSOCIATION
ALASKA MEMBER ASSOCIATION

Approved BYLAWS
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1. NAME AND AFFILIATION

The name of the Alaska Member Association of the Water Environment Federation shall be the Alaska Water/Wastewater Management Association, hereinafter designated as AWWMA, and shall participate in the activities of the Water Environment Federation, hereinafter designated as WEF.

The Constitution and Bylaws of AWWMA shall be in harmony with WEF Constitution and Bylaws.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of AWWMA are as follows and are in harmony with the objectives of WEF:

2.1. Advance the fundamental knowledge of the water environment, its basic qualities, and physical laws governing its interaction with other aspects of the environment and with the aesthetic, economic, and biological needs of Alaska’s inhabitants.

2.2. Advance the knowledge and technology in the design, construction, operation and management of water quality systems and facilities.

2.3. Increase the knowledge and understanding of Alaska’s water environment, and encourage and promote action necessary for its enhancement.

2.4. Develop and implement effective delivery mechanisms to rapidly disseminate knowledge concerning the water environment to members and to other interested parties.

2.5. Promote sound policy in matters relating to the water environment.

2.6. Improve the professional status of all personnel engaged in any aspect of protecting and improving Alaska’s water environment.

2.7. Strengthen and build alliances with organizations throughout the state incorporating members of all professions dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of water quality and water resources.

2.8. Stimulate public awareness of the relationship of water resources to the public welfare and the need for pollution prevention, resource recovery, preservation, conservation, and reuse of water resources.

2.9. Serve Alaska’s community of water environment professionals.

3. FRANCHISE

The exclusive service area of AWWMA shall consist of the state of Alaska.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of AWWMA shall consist of persons and organizations that reside in and/or conducts business in the state of Alaska and have an interest in any of the objectives of AWWMA.

Individual members, groups or organizations shall have all of the same rights and privileges at the same classes of membership that are granted by WEF, including the right to vote and hold office as provided for in WEF Constitution and Bylaws.
4.1. Classes and Categories of Membership
   4.1.1. Professional
   4.1.2. Operator
   4.1.3. Student
   4.1.4. Other membership categories as outlined by WEF

5. DUES

For each class and category of WEF membership, the WEF portion of the dues amount shall be determined by the WEF Board of Trustees and shall include the current dues for the AWWMA and for WEF. The AWWMA portion of the dues amount shall be determined by the AWWMA board, and shall be approved by the majority of the general membership as outlined in Article 8.2.1 of this document. The amount of the AWWMA dues portion shall be collected by WEF and distributed to AWWMA as per WEF policies and procedures.

6. MEETINGS

An Annual Meeting of the general membership of AWWMA shall be held at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors. Advance notice of all conferences and meetings of AWWMA shall be made available to all members.

6.1. Notices of all conferences and meetings of the Association shall be sent to all Members at least 30 days in advance.
6.2. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Article 13, WEF Constitution & Bylaws

7. MANAGEMENT

AWWMA shall be managed by a Board of Directors, herein designated as the Board. The affairs of AWWMA shall be managed under such rules as the Board may determine, in keeping with the intent of this document.

The Board shall consist of the following officers:

   7.1.1. President/Chair
   7.1.2. President/Chair-elect
   7.1.3. Immediate Past President/Chair
   7.1.4. WEF Delegate (or Delegates), who shall represent AWWMA in the conduct of all business by the WEF House of Delegates for a term of service as designated by the WEF Constitution and Bylaws.
   7.1.5. Trustees (five): one representing each of the three (3) geographical regions of AWWMA; one (1) trustee representing the membership committee; and one (1) trustee at large as deemed necessary for the proper functioning of AWWMA.
   7.1.6. Secretary and Treasurer (or a combined Secretary-Treasurer), who may be appointed by the governing board.

7.2. Eligibility to Serve on Section Board of Trustees

Any member of AWWMA in good standing, including a multi-WEF member association member, shall be eligible to hold elective office in the association.

Two or more offices may not be held by the same individual, with the exception of the offices of secretary and/or treasurer.

8. AMENDMENTS
8.1. Initiation

8.1.1. The AWWMA membership may amend this Constitution and Bylaws in any manner not inconsistent with this document at the annual meeting of the AWWMA membership.

8.1.2. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by a majority of the Board, or through it, on petition of a majority two thirds eligible voting members. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Board at least 30 days before the date of the board meeting that the amendment is to be considered for vote.

8.2. Adoption

8.2.1. Amendments to these Constitutions & Bylaws may be made by a majority two-thirds affirmative vote of the eligible voting Members present and voting at an Annual Meeting where a quorum of a minimum of 5% of the total membership has been declared in accordance with WEF Constitution and Bylaws Article 13.4.3.

8.2.2. An amendment approved by AWWMA shall take effect immediately.

9. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

A decision to dissolve AWWMA must be by a vote of the Members at a meeting convened for the purpose of dissolution. Notice shall be given to WEF within 10 days. In the event of dissolution of AWWMA, such portions of the funds of property thereof in the hands of the secretary-treasurer as may have been derived from the general funds of AWWMA shall be returned to AWWMA.

The balance of funds or property shall be disposed of by transfer and distribution to any one or more corporations, funds, or foundations with like purposes or goals that is organized and established in Alaska, hereinafter referred to as the "receiving organization." The following shall be characteristic of the receiving organization:

9.1. That it be operated exclusively for scientific or educational purposes;
9.2. That no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholders or individual;
9.3. That no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; and
9.4. That it does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The receiving organization must qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended. Any such receiving organization(s) shall be selected by vote of the majority of the members of the Section at a meeting called for this purpose. If for any reasons such disposition cannot be effected, then such funds shall be so distributed pursuant to the order, judgment or decree of a court having jurisdiction over the assets and property of AWWMA.