

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS, INC

Founded January 9, 1926

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& JUNE 2011

## **PREAMBLE**

The members of this Association, to uphold and advance the honor and dignity of the Transportation Engineering profession and in keeping with the highest standard of ethical conduct, shall:

- I. Be honest and impartial, and will serve with devotion the transportation profession and the public;
- II. Strive to increase the competence of the Engineering profession;
- III. Use their knowledge and skill for the advancement of human welfare.

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Name**

The name of this organization shall be the “NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS, INC.”, (hereafter referenced as the Association.)

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Objects**

The object of this Association shall be the advancement of the science and profession of engineering and related fields as they pertain to Transportation.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Membership**

#### **SECTION 1:**

This Association shall consist of Active Members, Associate Members, and Life Members. Members shall have the rights and privileges as provided in this Article. Questions of eligibility for Membership shall be judged by the State Board of Directors.

SECTION 2:

Active Members shall be designated as follows:

All public sector employees who work within the State of New York, and whose duties are directly involved in the planning, design, acquisition, construction, or maintenance operations of transportation facilities and related projects.

SECTION 3:

Associate members shall be designated as follows:

All private sector employees whose duties are directly involved in the planning, design, acquisition, construction, or maintenance operations of transportation facilities and related projects, or who are interested in furthering the objects of this Association.

SECTION 4:

Life Members shall be designated as follows:

Upon retirement, an Active or Associate Member that has remained in good standing for the previous ten (10) consecutive years is eligible for Life Membership.

SECTION 5:

Military Service:

All members in good standing who are called up for military service, for a period in excess of five (5) months, shall retain their membership status for the duration of their service without payment of per capita dues.

SECTION 6:

Membership Rights and Privileges

All members in good standing shall share all the rights and privileges of this Association, except as outlined below:

- (a) The voting power of this Association shall be all Active and Associate Members in good standing, unless otherwise restricted by the Local Sections, and approved by the State Board.
- (b) Only Active Members may hold the office of State Director.
- (c) Life Members may hold office within the Local Section.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### Organization

#### SECTION 1:

The Association shall consist of Local Sections and a State Board of Directors as defined in this Constitution and By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE V**

### Government

The government of the Association shall be vested in the State Board. The State Board shall consist of one State Director from each Local Section as further defined in this Constitution and By-Laws. The State Board has vested power to establish policy and By-Laws of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### State Board of Directors

#### SECTION 1: Election

- (a) The odd-numbered Local Sections shall elect a State Director in odd-numbered years and the even-numbered Local Sections shall elect a State Director in the even-numbered years.
- (b) State Directors shall be elected by ballot of the membership of each Local Section.
- (c) Not later than the Annual Meeting, the Local Section Secretary shall submit a detailed report of the election to the State Board.

#### SECTION 2: Term of Office

State Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and shall assume their duties on the first day of January following their election.

#### SECTION 3: Alternates

If the sitting State Director is unable to attend a State Board meeting, an Alternate may be named and written notice sent to the State Board Chair.

One of the following, in the order named, shall act as Alternate State Director whenever the State Director is unable to attend a meeting of the State Board of Directors: (a) A duly-elected alternate; (b) Local President; (c) Local Vice-President or (d) Local Secretary.

#### SECTION 4: Voting Powers

- (a) Seven (7) State Directors shall constitute a quorum of the State Board.
- (b) Each State Director shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote.
- (c) All decisions of the State Board shall be by at least a 2/3 majority unless otherwise specified in this Constitution and/or By-Laws.
- (d) A State Director may call for a “weighted” vote of the State Board based on the number of Active and Associate Members in their Local Section who were in good standing on the last day of the preceding quarter. This voting also requires at least a 2/3 majority of the total Active and Associate Members for an affirmative vote.
- (e) As a member of a committee appointed by the State Board, a Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote within the committee.

#### SECTION 5: Officers

- (a) The State Board of Directors shall elect a President, a Vice President, a Financial Secretary-Treasurer, and an Assistant Financial Secretary-Treasurer. The duties of such officers are as described in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### By-Laws

#### SECTION 1:

The State Board shall establish By-Laws necessary for administering the Association in accordance with the Constitution.

#### SECTION 2:

Proposed By-Laws and By-Law amendments shall require a unanimous vote of the State Board for adoption, and shall become effective upon adoption or on the date specified by the State Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Amendments**

#### **SECTION 1:**

This Constitution may be amended by a ballot by a majority of votes cast by Active and Associate Members in good standing.

#### **SECTION 2:**

Amendments shall be submitted to the Membership on ballots prepared by the State Board of Directors upon:

- (a) Recommendations of the State Board of Directors or;
- (b) Petitions signed by at least a 2/3 majority of the Active and Associate members in good standing of a Local Section.

#### **SECTION 3:**

An official ballot shall be furnished each member at least one month prior to the date the vote is to be counted. All expenses incurred in the preparation, distribution and collection of such ballots shall be borne by the Association.

#### **SECTION 4:**

When a Ballot of the statewide membership on the Amendment has been taken; this matter or concern cannot be submitted by petition for period of five (5) years after the certification of this vote.