

**MONTGOMERY BRANCH, ALABAMA SECTION  
YOUNGER MEMBER GROUP  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS**

**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I - Name and Objectives**

- Sec. 1. *Name.* The name of this organization shall be the Younger Member Group (YMG), of the Montgomery Branch, Alabama Section, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), hereinafter referred to as the YMG.
- Sec. 2. *Objective.* The objective of the YMG shall be the advancement of the profession of engineering in a manner consistent with the purpose of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The YMG shall strive to achieve the following goals:
- Encourage professionalism in Younger Members
  - Provide a forum to Younger Members for discussing civil engineering related subjects and issues
  - Create and grow social ties and fellowship among Younger Members
  - Promote opportunities for professional development for the future leaders of ASCE and the civil engineering profession
- Sec. 3. *Authority.* The activities and actions of the YMG shall be consistent with the provisions as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Montgomery Branch.

**ARTICLE II - Membership**

- Sec. 1. *Younger Members.* As used in the Bylaws of the YMG, the term "Younger Member" shall include any Associate Member, Member, or Affiliate Member of ASCE that is thirty-five (35) years of age or younger.
- Sec. 2. *Subscribing Members.* Only Younger Members who are current members with dues paid in full to the Montgomery Branch of ASCE shall be entitled to vote, to hold office, to serve on committees, or to represent the YMG officially.

**ARTICLE III - Dues**

- Sec. 1. *Member Dues.* There shall be no entrance fees or annual dues for the YMG.

## **ARTICLE IV – Management**

- Sec. 1. *Chair / Co-Chairs.* The Montgomery Branch Board of Directors shall appoint a Chair or Co-Chairs. This person or persons shall be designated the YMG Chair / Co-Chairs.
- Sec. 2. *President / Executive Board.* If warranted by future participation, the chairperson structure may be replaced by a President / Executive Board structure, if approved by the Branch. The officers of the Executive Board shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary - Treasurer, and a Past President (Chair). The Executive Board shall revise these bylaws to reflect the amended management structure during its first year of operation in such a manner.

## **ARTICLE V - Duties**

- Sec. 1. *Chair(s).* It shall be the duty of the Chair(s) to coordinate and oversee all YMG activities, to preside at all meetings of the YMG, to keep the Montgomery Branch informed of the YMG's activities, to represent the YMG at Montgomery Branch meetings, ensure the completion and submittal of the YMG Annual Report, and such other duties as are customary and proper for such office. The Chair(s) shall keep administrative and budgetary records for the YMG and report to the Branch annually. The Chair(s) or duly appointed representative shall be a voting member of the Montgomery Branch Board.
- Sec. 2. *Terms.* The Chair(s) serve one (1) year, renewable terms, commencing at the end of the Younger Member Group Annual Meeting, coinciding with the Montgomery Branch Annual Meeting, on October 1.
- Sec. 3. *Vacancies.* A vacancy by previous Chair(s) shall be filled by order of the Branch Board, as necessary, and the individual so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

## **ARTICLE VI - Activities and Meetings**

- Sec.1. *General Meetings and Annual Meeting* General Meetings shall be held at regular intervals for the purposes of promoting active participation. The Annual Meeting shall be held on such date and at such place as the Executive Board shall designate, in coordination with the Montgomery Branch. The Chair(s) shall distribute meeting announcements.
- Sec. 2. *Other Activities.* Special meetings, field trips, and activities of the YMG shall be held at such times and places as designated.
- Sec. 3. *Minimum Meetings.* A minimum number of five (5) meetings or activities shall be sponsored by the YMG each year.
- Sec. 4. *Quorum.* At all membership meetings where business is transacted, five (5) Subscribing Members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VII – Committees

- Sec. 1. *Task Committees.* The Chair(s) may establish other committees as needed. Examples of such include: outreach, social, technical, tours, PE review, etc.
- Sec. 3. *Limitations.* No individual may serve on more than three YMG committees concurrently except for the Chair(s), who will serve as *ex officio* member(s) of all YMG committees.

## ARTICLE VII – Administrative Provisions

- Sec. 1. No part of the net earnings of the YMG shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual and no substantial part of the activities of the YMG shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The YMG shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- Sec. 2. Upon dissolution of the YMG, the assets remaining after the payment of the debts of the YMG shall be distributed to the Montgomery Branch.

## ARTICLE IX - Amendments

- Sec. 1. *Proposal.* An amendment to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Chair(s), any member of the Executive Board, or by a written petition submitted to the YMG Chairperson, containing the text of the amendment, signed by a majority of Subscribing Members of the YMG. Proposed Bylaws changes shall be reviewed and approved by the Montgomery Branch and discussed with the Society's legal counsel.
- Sec. 2. *Process.* These Bylaws may be amended only by an affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds of the Subscribing Members present and eligible to vote at a duly constituted meeting of the YMG membership where a quorum is present, provided that written notice containing the text of the proposed amendment(s) is published to the YMG membership at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting; or by an affirmative mail or email ballot of no less than two-thirds the number of ballots returned.
- Sec. 3. *Approval.* Following any amendment of the Bylaws, the revised Bylaws shall be immediately forwarded to the Committee on Younger Members.

## ARTICLE X – Ratifications

Authored and approved by Montgomery Younger Member Group on \_\_\_\_; approved by Montgomery Branch on \_\_\_\_