
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Object

The name of this organization is "The Portland Post, Society of American Military Engineers."

Purpose

1. To advance knowledge of the science of military engineering.
2. To promote efficiency in the military engineer service of the United States and maintain its best standards and traditions.
3. To preserve the memory of services rendered by the engineering profession throughout the wars in which the United States has been engaged.
4. To develop between the military engineers and other arms of the military service a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding.
5. To develop relations of helpful interest between the engineering profession in civil life and that in the military service.

ARTICLE II

Membership

1. All persons eligible for membership in any grade in the Society of American Military Engineers, as provided in Article III of the Constitution of the Society, shall be eligible for membership in this Post.
2. A candidate for membership in this Post shall be a member in good standing in the parent society, and if not a member of the parent society, shall forward to the local Post Secretary his written application for National membership therein upon the form prepared for that purpose. This application shall be accompanied by a remittance of current annual dues for the parent society. A candidate for membership in this Post shall submit his application for local membership either verbally or in writing to the Secretary of the local Post, such application to be accompanied by a remittance of this Post's current annual dues. Sole authority to reject or accept applications for local membership is in the Board of Directors of the Post.

ARTICLE III

Local Government

All executive, legislative, and judicial power vested in this post by its Constitution shall be exercised by the officers and directors constituting the Board of Directors, duly elected from time to time in the manner and for the terms of office as provided in this Constitution. The said Board of Directors shall have power to adopt and change Bylaws for the Government of the Post, not however, in conflict with the provisions of the Parent Society's Constitution and Bylaws, and shall have power to make contracts and perform such other duties as may be necessary to carry out effectually the purpose of this Post.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Duties

1. The officers of the Post shall be a President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Junior Vice President for Youth, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past President who is an active member of the Post.
2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers and not less than four directors elected from the membership, appointed Engineers and Architects Council of Oregon (EACO) delegates and standing committee chairmen.
3. The term of office the officers of the Post shall be 1 year. The term of office of the elected directors shall be 2 years, provided that at the first election of directors two shall be elected for 1 year and two shall be elected for 2 years.
4. A vacancy in any office or on the Board of Directors will be promptly filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors.
5. All officers and directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Post; shall take office immediately after the meeting at which elected; and shall hold office until such time as their successors are duly elected.
6. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be its Chief Executive with full power to appoint all special and standing committees, and shall be a member ex officio of all such committees. In the absence of the President, duties shall be performed by the Vice President.
7. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and records of all correspondence and proceedings of the Post. The secretary shall promptly submit after each meeting the reports to the National Headquarters. The Secretary shall also assist in the preparation of the Distinguished Post Award.
8. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all money belonging to this Post and shall keep books of account, which shall at all times be open to inspection by any member of the Board of Directors. Also, the Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors in January and report the financial conditions of this post to the Board of Directors each month.

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ARTICLE V

Meetings

1. The annual meeting of this Post shall be held between May 1 and June 30 of each year and all members shall receive written notice of this meeting.
2. By resolution, the Board of Directors may fix the time and place for holding regular or special meetings at which any and all post business, other than elections as otherwise provided for, may be transacted and giving notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meetings.

ARTICLE VI

1. Prior to the last regular meeting preceding the annual meeting, a nominating committee previously appointed by the Board of Directors shall submit nominations to the membership for each vacancy to be voted on at the annual meeting. Additional nominations for any office may be made with the nominee's prior concurrence at the last meeting prior to the annual meeting from the floor.
2. Election of officers and directors at the annual meeting shall be by a majority vote of members present at this meeting.

ARTICLE VII

1. This Constitution shall be effective when approved by the Board of Directors of the Parent Society and a two-thirds majority of all members present at regular meeting.
2. This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of all members voting, whether in person or in writing, provided that a copy of the proposed amendments be filed with the Secretary at least 20 days before submission, and provided further that the Secretary shall give due notice in writing of the proposed amendments to all members of the Post at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting at which the amendments are to be voted upon.

_____/signed/
Andrew Spiak, President

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Curtis A. Loop. Past President

Date: 1997