

**CONSTITUTION FOR THE  
ASSOCIATION FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN  
NORTHEAST OHIO**

**ARTICLE I**

NAME, LOCATION, AND PURPOSE

1. The name organization is: Association for Bridge Construction and Design Northeast Ohio.
2. The location of the headquarters of this association shall be determined by the officers of the association as may be required by law.
3. The purpose of the association is:
  - A. Educate bridge designers, constructors, federal, state, and local officials, and the general public in the vital role of safe bridges in our society.
  - B. Improve and encourage the science of bridge design and reconstruction by providing a forum for members to exchange and develop new ideas and techniques.
  - C. Provide technical information and assistance to various public and private authorities for bridge programs.
  - D. Educate and encourage public and private authorities in new and improved techniques for the testing and reconstruction of bridge structures to promote the public welfare.
4. No portion of the income of the association, after the deduction of expenses, shall ever inure to the benefit of any person or a purpose other than charitable or educational.

**ARTICLE II**

CHAPTERS

1. The Executive Board, together with the Board of Directors, henceforth called the Association Officers, may authorize the formation of chapters by geographical region.
2. Subject to this constitution and the association's bylaws, each chapter shall be responsible for adopting its own constitution and bylaws consistent with those herein and in compliance with applicable local statutes.

**ARTICLE III**

MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership shall consist of all persons or parties of good character who have an interest in the design and construction of bridges.
2. Membership shall consist of a voting class and a non-voting class as defined by the bylaws, and each member shall subscribe to this constitution and bylaws.
3. Membership will not be contingent upon race, creed, color, sex or national origin, regardless of phraseology used in the constitution and bylaws.
4. Membership may be terminated for cause as defined in the bylaws.
5. For a member to maintain a vote and participate in the government of this association, they must remain in good standing by payment of their annual membership dues.

**Deleted:** No person or party shall become a member, however, until they have been approved by the Association Officers.

6. Membership applications for corporate members will be accepted. The corporate member is a non-voting membership; however, two individual voting members will be enrolled per corporate membership.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **DUES AND FINANCE**

1. Dues shall be defined in the bylaws.
2. Disbursements necessary for the functioning of the association shall have approval of the Association Officers as defined in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **MANAGEMENT**

1. The Association shall be governed by an Executive Board, together with a Board of Directors, who collectively shall be known as the Association Officers, subject to this constitution and the bylaws.
2. Bylaws consistent with this constitution shall be adopted for the guidance of the officers and members of the association.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### **EXECUTIVE BOARD, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND MEETINGS**

1. **At each annual meeting, the membership at large shall elect from its members:**
  - A. A vice-president, a secretary, and treasurer from the individual voting class. The term for vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall be for one year, or until a successor is elected or appointed. The secretary and treasurer shall not be the same person. The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall serve together in the capacity of an Executive Board, which Board shall manage day-to-day activities of the association.
  - B. A Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership at large. Each Director shall serve an elected term of three years.
2. The Executive Board, together with the Board of Directors, shall collectively be called the Association Officers and shall conduct business as often as it deems necessary; however, no business shall be conducted unless a quorum (simple majority) is present.
3. The Association Officers shall, at their discretion, establish any other committee to discharge such duties as they collectively delegate and deem necessary.
4. The Association Officers shall collectively manage the affairs of the association.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **AMENDMENTS**

1. **This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all ballots cast by the members of the association voting in person, by written proxies or by letter ballot, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been submitted previously to all members of the association not less than 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. The mailing of such proposed amendments to last known address of all voting members, or publication**

in the official correspondence organ of the association, shall be considered sufficient notice.