

# **By-Laws for Student Chapter of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA)**

## **ARTICLE I: Name**

1. The name of the student chapter shall be the Student Chapter of the National Capital Region Section of the AWRA (NCR-AWRA), Environmental Sustainability Leadership (ESL) located at the University of the District of Columbia.

## **ARTICLE II. Membership and Dues**

1. Any registered student in the University or College system of the National Capital Region Section is eligible for membership.
2. A membership fee of \$10 per year is required.

## **ARTICLE III. Objectives**

The objectives of the Chapter are:

1. Collecting, organizing, and disseminating ideas and information in the field of water resources.
2. Providing a means of interaction within the water resources community.
3. Representation of membership in the campus community.
4. Providing information about the Chapter to incoming students.
5. Promote regionally and locally the objectives of the Association.
6. Encourage membership in the Association.
7. Arrange such regional local conferences or seminars as deemed valuable.
8. Make recommendations to the Board of Directors on the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IV. Meetings**

A business meeting will be held within the first two weeks of each (semester or quarter) of the academic year (except summer). Additional meetings will be held if needed.

## **ARTICLE V. Officers**

1. There will be four elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The officers will constitute the Executive Committee, with duties defined in Article VI.
3. There will be two advisors, both members of AWRA and at least one faculty/staff member of the University of the District of Columbia.
4. All Chapter officers must be student members of the National AWRA.

## **ARTICLE VI. Responsibilities**

1. The President is the official representative of the Chapter and is responsible for organizing and presiding over meetings.
2. The Vice President will perform the duties of the President when the latter is absent.
3. The Secretary administers correspondence and records minutes of the meetings and keeps the National AWRA informed about the Student Chapter activities.
4. The Treasurer administers, with the approval of the Executive Committee, all monetary transactions of the Chapter and will perform the duties of the Secretary when the latter is absent.
5. The Executive Committee, by a majority vote:
  - a. designs the policy of the Chapter;
  - b. initiates the activities of the Chapter;
  - c. appoints committees, contingent upon acceptance of the appointees.
  - d. informs the Chapter on policy intentions at each business meeting. Authority to implement policy is contingent upon majority approval by Chapter members present at the business meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII. Elections**

1. The outgoing Executive Committee (or the advisors if no Executive Committee at the time) will conduct secret ballot elections the fall (semester or quarter) before September 28.
2. The term of all officers is one year beginning on September 1.
3. The remaining officers will conduct special elections for vacated offices.

## **ARTICLE VIII. Dissolution**

1. The Chapter may be dissolved by a majority vote of the total membership or by the Board of Directors of the National AWRA for just causes or if the Chapter becomes inactive.
2. If dissolution is favorably acted upon, all just debts shall be paid out of funds of the Chapter, and all remaining Chapter funds and other assets, together with all Chapter records and files, shall be transferred to the National AWRA.

## **ARTICLE IX. Amendments**

The By-Laws may be amended at any business meeting with at least 51% present of the total membership present by a two-thirds majority vote.