

**CONSTITUTION OF THE OREGON CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Article 1 - Name

This organization shall be known as the Oregon Chapter of the American Meteorological Society, here-in-after referred to as society.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this society shall be to advance professional ideals in the science of meteorology and to promote the development, exchange, and application of meteorological knowledge.

Article III - Membership

The membership in this society shall be open to persons who are interested in the active support of the purpose as expressed in Article II, and who are approved by the Executive Council.

Article IV - Elective Officers

Section 1. The elective officers of the society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and two councilors.

Section 2. The President shall hold the category of Member (sometimes referred to as "full Member") with the American Meteorological Society. Other chapter officers, although encouraged to become full Members, are not required to hold such membership.

Section 3. Terms of all elective officers shall be for one year. Upon approval of the membership, elective officers shall be allowed to serve succeeding years up to a maximum of two years.

Section 4. The Treasurer may be bonded as the Executive Council shall determine.

Article V - Executive Council

The elective officers specified under Article IV and the last ex-president shall constitute (ex-officio) the Executive Council which shall have general charge of the affairs of the society.

Article VI - Committees

Section 1. The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Council the following standing committees: Program Committee, Membership Committee, Auditing Committee, Public Relations Committee, Long Range Planning committee, and Committee on Professional Ethics.

Section 2. Additional standing committees may be authorized by the Executive Council and appointed by the President, subject to Council approval.

Section 3. Term of office of members of standing committees shall be for one year. Committee members shall be allowed to serve succeeding years subject to approval of the Executive Council.

Section 4. A temporary nominating committee consisting of three or more full Members [professional members] of the American Meteorological Society shall be appointed by the President at least 90

days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 5. A temporary Election Committee shall be headed by the Secretary who, prior to every election, shall appoint at least two assistants.

Section 6. Additional temporary committees for emergency or non-recurring types of business may be appointed by the President.

Article VII - Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall select one or more names for each elective office to appear on the ballot. The committee nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary at least six weeks before the annual meeting.

Section 2. Other nominations may be made by the membership at large if endorsed in writing by at least five voting members and presented to the Secretary at least four weeks before the annual meeting. See part 15 of the By-Laws for definition of a voting member.

Section 3. The voting membership shall be sent written notification of the entire election slate at least two weeks in advance of the annual meeting.

Section 4. The election of officers shall be by written secret ballot submitted by voting members to the Secretary at or previous to the annual meeting. This ballot may also contain proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and other questions which the Council or any 12 members of the society may designate. The ballot must be signed by the voting member to ensure that only one ballot per voting member is counted.

Section 5. Officers shall be elected by a plurality vote. In case of a tie, the presiding officer shall cast an additional and deciding vote.

Section 6. Ballots shall be counted by the Election Committee, the results being subject to review by the Executive Council. Procedural discrepancies must be presented to the membership by the Council at the election meeting, and the Council shall then decide on the course of action they deem most fair, such action being subject to majority approval of the members present.

Section 7. The terms of officers and councilors shall commence at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which they are elected, and shall end when their successors take office.

Section 8. The Executive Council may lay down additional rules governing elections.

Article VIII - Amendments

Any proposed amendment must be initiated by the Executive Council or by written petition submitted to the Secretary by at least 25 percent of the voting members. The Secretary shall then mail a copy of the proposed amendment to the last known address of all members at least two weeks previous to the next general meeting. At that meeting time

shall be set aside for discussion of the amendment. The Secretary shall then mail a proper ballot form containing the amendment to the last know address of all members at least two weeks previous to the following general meeting, at which time the amendment will be voted upon. The adoption of the proposed amendment shall require the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all members voting. Written ballots shall be submitted to the Secretary at or previous to the meeting at which the amendment is voted upon. Ballots shall be counted as in Article VII, Section 6.

BY-LAWS

1. Dues of the Oregon Chapter, AMS, shall be determined by the Executive Council.
2. Approximate meeting dates and places shall be scheduled by the Executive Council at least four months in advance. There shall be at least two general meetings yearly including the annual meeting which shall be held during the spring.
3. The rules contained in "Roberts Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws or any standing rules of the society.
4. The Executive Council may promulgate rules and regulations governing the sponsorship of groups of amateur weathermen or similar organizations.
5. The Executive Council may lay down additional rules for meetings.
6. Five members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum, and business may be conducted wholly or partly by mail or electronic mail.
7. The number of persons on each standing committee shall be set by the Executive Council.
8. The Treasurer's books shall be audited once a year by the Auditing Committee.
9. Special assessments may be levied by the Executive Council subject to the approval of the membership.
10. If an office becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Council for the remainder of the term.
11. The Code of Ethics of the American Meteorological Society shall be considered the Code of Ethics of this society.
12. Any officer of this society may be removed from office for due cause by five members of the Executive Council voting for his/her removal. Such removal action can be reversed by a majority vote of the membership present at the next regular meeting.
13. A committee member may be removed from the committee by majority

vote of the Executive Council.

14. A member renders himself liable to censure, suspension, or expulsion after a hearing by the Executive Council, if, in the unanimous opinion of the council, he/she infringes any of the Code Ethics specified in Article II of the Constitution or Section 11 of the By-Laws.

15. Only members whose dues are paid for the current calendar year shall have full membership privileges, including the right to vote and hold office.

16. Amendments to the By-Laws must be initiated by the Executive Council or by written petition of at least five members of the society. The proposal must be submitted to the Secretary in time that he/she may mail a ballot form containing the proposed amendment to each member at least two weeks previous to the next general meeting, at which time the ballots shall be counted as in Article VII. Section 6, and the results announced. The adoption of the amendment shall require the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all members voting.

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