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3 **BYLAWS OF THE B005, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SECTION**
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5 **OF**
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7 **THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS**
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10 **ARTICLE I – NAME AND OBJECTIVES****

11 Section 1. Name

12 The name of this organization shall be the B005, San Diego County Section (hereinafter
13 called “the section”) of the Society of Women Engineers (hereinafter called “the Society”
14 or “SWE”).

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16 Section 2. Objectives

17 The section is an organizational unit whose purpose is to further the objectives of the
18 Society.

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20 Section 3. Powers

21 The section is empowered by the Society to pursue the objectives of the Society under
22 these bylaws and in consonance with the Society bylaws.

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24 Section 4. Non-discrimination

25 In accordance with the Society’s policies and purposes, the section shall not
26 discriminate in connection with its membership and its services to the public at large.

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29 **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP****

30 Section 1. Members

31 Members of the section are those members of the Society assigned to the section. All
32 members of the section shall have the right to attend all in-person section and executive
33 council meetings.

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35 Section 2. Grades of Membership

36 Members shall have the same membership grade in the section as they have in the
37 Society and voting privileges as specified in the Society bylaws.

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39 Section 3. Business Meeting

40 A meeting of the general membership to conduct the business of the section may be
41 called by the president, the executive council, or by a group of five percent or five of the
42 voting members of the section, whichever is greater. At least thirty days written notice
43 shall be provided to all members prior to such a business meeting.

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45 Section 4. Quorum

46 Fifteen voting members or thirty percent of the voting members of the section,
47 whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of the
48 section.

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51 **ARTICLE III – OFFICERS**

52 Section 1. Officers**

53 The officers of the section are the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and
54 section representative(s) as designated in the Society bylaws.

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56 Section 2. Eligibility and Term of Office**

57 A. The officers must be voting members of the Society and assigned to the section.

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59 B. Section officers shall serve for a term of one fiscal year, to coincide with the
60 Society's fiscal year.

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62 C. Officers may hold more than one office provided that there is a minimum of three
63 elected officers of the section. No one may hold the office of president and treasurer
64 at the same time.

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66 Section 3. Duties**

67 A. The president shall:

- 68 1. Represent the section before the public and preside at meetings of the section
69 and its executive council;
- 70 2. Appoint the chairs of all committees, with the approval of the executive council,
71 except the chair of the nominating committee;
- 72 3. Approve the appointment of all committee members, except the members of the
73 nominating committee;
- 74 4. Authorize the disbursement of section funds within the budget approved by the
75 executive council;
- 76 5. Be an authorized signatory on all section accounts;
- 77 6. Coordinate activities and execute the business and policies of the section
78 between meetings;
- 79 7. Review and approve the year-end section financial report;
- 80 8. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned, and
81 9. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of president or as may
82 be assigned by the executive council or the governance documents.

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84 B. The vice president shall:

- 85 1. Assume the duties of the president if the president is temporarily unable to serve;
- 86 2. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
- 87 3. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the president, the executive
88 council, or the governance documents.

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90 C. The secretary shall:

- 91 1. Maintain the records of the section;
92 2. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
93 3. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of secretary or as may
94 be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance
95 documents.

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97 D. The treasurer shall:

- 98 1. Be responsible for the collection, distribution, and safekeeping of section funds;
99 2. Prepare, maintain, and report as directed on the financial position of the section
100 in relation to the approved budget;
101 3. Submit a financial report to the Society in accordance with established
102 procedures;
103 4. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
104 5. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of treasurer or as may
105 be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance
106 documents.

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108 E. The section representative(s) shall

- 109 1. Perform those duties expected of them as described in the region governance
110 documents; and
111 2. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of section representative
112 or as may be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance
113 documents.

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115 Section 4. Nomination and Election

116 A. The executive council shall elect at least three members to serve on the nominating
117 committee. The nominating committee shall select its own chair, who must be a
118 voting member of the Society but does not need to have been elected to the
119 committee by the executive council.

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121 B. Members of the nominating committee may not become candidates during their
122 tenure of service on the nominating committee.

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124 C. The nominating committee shall propose at least one qualified candidate for each of
125 the officer positions. The slate shall be presented to the members of the section by
126 mail, electronic mail, or posting on the section web site by April 15 of each year.

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128 D. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition, provided that:

- 129 1. The member is eligible for the position;
130 2. The member has given written consent to being placed on the ballot;
131 3. A minimum of two percent or five of the voting members of the section,
132 whichever is greater, have signed a petition or endorsed an email to place the
133 candidate's name on the ballot; and

- 134 4. The petition, together with the written consent, is submitted to the chair of the
135 nominating committee by April 30 or fifteen days after the slate is announced to
136 the members of the section, whichever is later.
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- 138 E. The chair of the nominating committee shall arrange for the distribution of ballots to
139 occur at least twenty-one days prior to the required return date for the vote. Voting
140 may be by mail, electronic mail or web-based provided that mail ballots are sent to
141 those without electronic access. The chair of the nominating committee shall select
142 a tellers committee to receive and count the votes, and to report the results to the
143 president.
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- 145 F. The voting members of the section shall elect the section officers.
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- 147 G. A plurality shall elect for each office. Write-in votes for eligible candidates shall be
148 allowed. In the event of a tie, the election for that position shall be determined by lot,
149 conducted by the chair of the nominating committee.
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151 Section 5. Alternate Section Representative(s)**

- 152 A. Alternate section representatives may be elected during the officer election process.
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- 154 B. The executive council may elect alternate(s) for the purpose of attending a region
155 council meeting if the section representative(s) or alternate(s) cannot attend.
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- 157 C. All alternates shall be designated in the order in which they will be called to serve,
158 with alternates elected by the membership serving before those selected in any
159 other manner.
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- 161 D. Alternate section representatives must meet the same eligibility requirements as
162 section representatives.
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164 Section 6. Vacancies

- 165 A. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the vice president for the
166 remainder of the term.
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- 168 B. A vacancy in the office of vice president, secretary, or treasurer shall be filled by
169 election by the executive council.
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- 171 C. A vacancy in the office of section representative shall be filled by the next available
172 alternate section representative. If there is no available alternate section
173 representative, the executive council may elect an alternate to fill the vacancy.
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175 **ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

176 Section 1 Composition

177 The governing body of the section shall be the executive council. The officers of the
178 section shall constitute the executive council. Committee chairs shall be non-voting

179 members of the council. An individual holding more than one position on the executive
180 council has only one vote and counts as a single person for the purpose of a quorum.

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182 Section 2. Duties

183 The executive council shall:

- 184 1. Transact the business of the section;
- 185 2. Implement section policies as determined by the membership;
- 186 3. Elect the members of the nominating committee;
- 187 4. Approve the appointment of all committee chairs, except the chair of the
188 nominating committee;
- 189 5. Ensure that the section is represented at region council meetings;
- 190 6. Approve the section budget and authorize expenditures not included in the
191 approved budget.

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193 Section 3. Conducting Business

- 194 A. The executive council shall meet regularly to conduct the business of the section
195 upon the call of the section president or by written petition of at least one-third of the
196 voting members of the executive council.
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198 B. Unless otherwise restricted by law or these bylaws, the executive council may also
199 conduct business by telephone, mail, electronic mail, fax, or other electronic devices.

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201 Section 4. Quorum

- 202 A. A quorum shall be a majority of the members of the executive council then in office,
203 but not less than three, one of whom is the president, vice president, or section
204 representative.
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206 B. No member of the executive council may vote by proxy.

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208 Section 5. Removal

209 Any officer may be removed for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of
210 the section responding to a recall ballot, provided that votes have been received from at
211 least the number of members required for a quorum. Such removal shall be effective
212 immediately upon the recording of such vote. Removal procedures not covered by law
213 or these bylaws shall be developed and approved by the executive council.

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215 **ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES**

- 216 A. The executive council may establish committees as the need arises.
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218 B. The chairs of the committees shall be appointed by the president with the approval
219 of the executive committee. The members of the committees shall be appointed by
220 the chair of the committee with the approval of the president.
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222 C. The executive council shall prepare a description of the duties and reporting
223 relationships of each committee.

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225 D. Each committee chair shall present a status report to the membership when
226 requested by the executive council contact. Each committee chair shall also prepare
227 an annual report providing input to the section representative for the section's final
228 report to the Society.

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230 **ARTICLE VI – DISSOLUTION****

231 In the event of dissolution, the assets of the section shall be first used to pay any
232 remaining debts, after which any remaining funds shall be disbursed to SWE regions,
233 SWE sections, the SWE members at large organization, the Society, or SWE
234 endowment funds as recommended by the section's executive council and approved by
235 the SWE board of directors.

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237 **ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY****

238 The rules contained in the Parliamentary authority specified in the Society bylaws shall
239 govern this section in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not
240 inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the section may adopt.

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242 **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT****

- 243 A. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and
244 voting at a meeting or of the ballots received prior to the stated deadline.
- 245 B. Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the executive council or five voting
246 members of the section. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the
247 secretary.
- 248 C. Written notice, delivered either by mail or electronically, must be given to all
249 members of the section at least thirty days prior to the date of the meeting or the
250 specified date for voting to be completed.
- 251 D. Amendments adopted by the section shall be sent to the Society secretary according
252 to established procedures, and shall become effective after approved by the Society
253 secretary.
- 254 E. Required sections are marked with a double asterisk (**) and conform to the
255 professional section bylaws template. Changes to these sections of the professional
256 section bylaws template shall become part of these bylaws upon approval of the
257 Society. The section secretary shall incorporate such changes into the section
258 bylaws and forward the updated bylaws to the Society secretary within six months of
259 notification of the change to the section bylaws template.

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