

**CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS
REGIONAL ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS OF CINCINNATI**

HISTORY

The Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati (ESC) was first organized April 28, 1888 as the “*Engineers Club of Cincinnati*” at a meeting called by Colonel William Merrill. The ESC was active from that time until 2008. At one time, the membership exceeded 1800. The ESC promoted many civic, educational, and social programs. The archives are presently at the Historical Society of Cincinnati, where they are available to the public for research.

The *Retired Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati* (RESC) was organized at a meeting of 33 individuals at the 1345 East McMillan Street ESC Headquarters on March 28 1966. Included in this group were Alfred Baumgertner, George Lockeman, Elmer Neuzel, John Pitzer, and Lester Zimmerman. At this meeting Edward J. Martin presented the results of a survey of retired ESC members. The ESC gave approval for RESC to operate as an autonomous group under their charter as a not for profit organization of the State of Ohio.

The first meeting of RESC was April 19, 1966. As ESC members retired they joined RESC. A bank account was opened on September 28, 1972 to support operation of the growing organization.

By 2000, ESC membership was declining which resulted in RESC membership decline. In 2005, ORC 4733.151 became law in Ohio requiring all licensed Engineers and Surveyors to complete fifteen credit hours of Continuing Education in 2007 to renew their registration for 2008. Beginning in 2007, RESC offered Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits for qualified meetings and tours to benefit and support the technical community. Since 2007 was the final year of operation for ESC, RESC began encouraging qualified non-retired individuals to become members. That effort resulted in a name change to the Regional Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati in May, 2010.

Article I Name

The name of the group shall be the Regional Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati (RESC).

Article II Purpose

The purpose is to establish an organization whereby non-retired and retired members of other technical and scientific societies and other qualified individuals may join and meet as a group to provide a technical interchange for the benefit of the regional tri-state community.

Article III Membership

A member shall be an engineer, scientist, or individual who qualifies by virtue of education, license, interest, or vocation.

Article IV General Meetings

Section A General Meetings shall include both a lunch and a program.

Section B Activities include:

1. technical presentations, plant tours, discussion groups, and recreation.
2. encouraging and enhancing interest in engineering, science, and math at all educational levels, but especially to the youth of the community to pursue education in engineering and science.
3. using member’s expertise to assist other community groups and projects.

Section C The place, time, and date of regular activities shall be approved by the Board and become part of the Operating Procedures.

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Article V Officers and Board

The elected officers of this group shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section A President The President shall serve one year, and become Immediate Past President the following year.

Section B Vice President He/She shall serve for one year, and become President the following year.

Section C Secretary Elected for two years.*

Section D Treasurer Elected for two years.*

* The election of Secretary and Treasurer shall take place in alternate years, so that one or the other is elected every year. The Secretary and/or Treasurer may, with approval of the Board, succeed himself/herself as a candidate for election.

Section E Board The board is to consist of the following:

1. The elected officers.
2. The most recent or available Past President.
3. Members appointed by the president as chairmen of a standing committee with approval of the board.

The new Board will assume office immediately following the regular May General Meeting

Section F Vacancies Vacancies may be filled by appointment by the President with approval of the Board.

Article VI Election of Officers

Nominating Committee

At the January Board meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee, consisting of the Immediate Past President and other members, to recommend candidates for officers for the coming year. The slate of candidates is to be submitted to the membership and voted on at the April General Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided permission has been obtained from the nominee.

Article VII Dues

Dues and assessments to finance operations of RESC may be levied by the Board as prescribed in the Operating Procedures.

Article VIII Operating Procedures

Operating Procedures may be enacted by the Board to cover questions of, or limits on, activities taken by the organization.

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Article IX Changes

Changes, updates, or revisions of the Constitution may be made, but only under the following procedure:

Section A Any proposed changes, after approval by the Board, must be presented to the membership in writing, along with the old wording, and the reason for the change. The next General Meeting must allow for questions and discussion.

Section B To pass a change in the Constitution, a 60 percent majority is required of the members present and voting at a regularly scheduled General Meeting.

Article X General Meeting Procedure

Any General Meeting involving the Constitution shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Constitution Revised in 1997, 2008, May 2010, November 16, 2010