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INDIANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I. Name

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Indiana Water Resources Association (IWRA).

ARTICLE II. Territory

Section 1. The IWRA shall include and be limited to the State of Indiana, except as provided in Article VI. Section 1.

ARTICLE III. Location

Section 1. The headquarters of the Section shall be the address designated by the elected Secretary.

ARTICLE IV. Affiliation

Section 1. The IWRA is an affiliate member of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA), 950 Herndon Parkway, Suite 300, Herndon, Virginia 22070, U.S.A.

ARTICLE V. Purpose and Objectives

Section 1. IWRA is organized exclusively for scientific and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the [Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law)] (the Code).

Section 2. The objectives of the IWRA shall be:

- a. To provide a common forum in which professionals in water resources and related areas can meet, discuss, and exchange ideas pertaining to all aspects of water resources research and management.
- b. To encourage and/or assist in:
 - (1) Promoting research and technological, social, economic, and legislative advances on all aspects of water and related resources planning, utilization, management, and development.
 - (2) Collecting and disseminating information concerning all aspects of water and related resources through publications, symposia, and other media.
 - (3) Relating the needs of management, educational institutions, and governmental agencies for specialized services and guidance to qualified

professionals and consultants in water and related resources and environmental problems.

- (4) Initiating and maintaining lines of communication between members of the IWRA and the public.
- c. To promote rational management of water resources.
- d. To cooperate with any organizations, both public and private, which are concerned with water resources.
- e. No substantial part of the activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- f. Not to participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- g. It shall not carry on other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE VI. Membership

- Section 1. There shall be a general class of full IWRA membership entitled "Member". An eligible person residing temporarily outside the State of Indiana or residing in an area without an active AWRA Section may be a member of the IWRA.
- Section 2. Eligibility for membership in the IWRA is subject to approval by the IWRA Board of Directors.
- Section 3. Upon payment of dues, such persons who qualify under Section 2 above shall acquire membership in the IWRA.
- Section 4. Any IWRA member may vote or serve on committees, and may hold office in the IWRA.
- Section 5. Membership in the IWRA may be terminated upon failure to pay IWRA dues, transfer to another Section, or resignation. Additionally, the Board of Directors may terminate membership for failing to promote the objectives of the IWRA.
- Section 6. A second membership category entitled "Member Emeritus" shall be conferred at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Nominations may be submitted by any member to the Board. This membership category is meant to honor those persons who have been members of IWRA, who have distinguished themselves in the field of water resources, and who have attained the age of retirement. Such designation entitles the honoree to lifetime IWRA membership and to a waiver of registration fees at all future IWRA conferences.

ARTICLE VII. Officers

- Section 1. The officers of the IWRA shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- Section 2. The President shall preside at meetings, shall, in consultation with the Board of Directors, appoint all committees, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office. The President shall prepare, in collaboration with the Secretary, an annual report of the Section's activities to present to the annual meeting of the IWRA and to be forwarded by the Secretary to the President of AWRA. A President's Award may be conferred at the discretion of the President. Nominations for the award may be submitted by any member. The award is meant to honor those persons who, in the judgment of the President, have provided exemplary service to the

IWRA.

- Section 3. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President when the latter is absent and perform other duties assigned by the President.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the IWRA meetings, issue notices of meetings, and perform all other duties incident to the office.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the IWRA. The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited at the close of each year. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report and financial statement for presentation at the annual IWRA meeting.
- Section 6. The President-Elect shall serve for a two-year term. The first year he shall perform the duties stated in Article VII, Section 3. The second year he shall assume the office of President and all duties thereof (Article VII, Section 2). The President-Elect may not succeed himself. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve one Year terms and may succeed themselves indefinitely.
- Section 7. The terms of all officers shall begin January 1st of the year following the fall meeting at which they were elected (Article X, Section 1) and terminate after one year on such later date as a successor is duly named and qualified.
- Section 8. IWRA officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. In addition, nominations may be made by any member in good standing and delivered to the IWRA Secretary within 60 days after the IWRA's regular spring meeting. When there is more than one candidate nominated for each office, a list of nominees shall be mailed to the IWRA membership along with IWRA's regular fall meeting announcement. To be elected, a candidate must receive a plurality of the votes cast.
- Section 9. IWRA officers shall be elected from the IWRA membership and must reside within the State of Indiana.
- Section 10. If a vacancy develops in an office, the remaining members of the Board of Directors are authorized to appoint an eligible IWRA member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VIII. Board of Directors

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be the current officers and the past three Presidents of the IWRA.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the IWRA, including but not limited to administration, program development, supervision of financial affairs, approval of applications, and termination of membership in the IWRA. It shall meet at least annually at the call of the President.
- Section 3. Members of the Board of Directors must reside within the State of Indiana and must be members in good standing of IWRA.

ARTICLE IX. Committees

- Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed, if needed, by the President in consultation with the Board of Directors. The duties of these committees shall be as indicated.
- a. Auditing Committee--to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.
 - b. Membership Committee--to promote the AWRA and to recruit new members in the IWRA.
 - c. Nominating Committee--to nominate qualified candidates for the offices of the IWRA in accordance with the provisions of Article VII.

- d. Program Committee--to make arrangements for all meetings of the IWRA.
- e. Other standing and special committees, if needed.

Section 2. A standing Bechert Award Committee shall be formed for the purpose of consideration of potential recipients of the Charles E. Bechert Award. The committee will accept nominations from the membership, or may independently select a qualified recipient. The Bechert Award Committee shall be composed of the President, the immediate past-President, and three IWRA members appointed to staggered three-year terms, with one representing water resource interests in the academic community, one representing water resource interests in the private sector, and one representing a governmental water resource agency. Initial appointments shall be made on or before July 1, 1987 as follows:

- 1. Academic representative for a three-year term ending June 30, 1990;
- 2. Private sector representative for a two-year term ending June 30, 1989;
- 3. Governmental agency representative for a one-year term ending June 30, 1988.

Successive appointments shall be made for a three-year period by the President holding office when initial appointments terminate.

Section 3. Special committees shall serve until their duties are accomplished, but may be dissolved upon a majority vote at any IWRA meeting. Members of standing committees shall serve until the end of the officer's year and shall be eligible for reappointment. The Board of Directors shall determine the committees to be appointed and recommend the scope of their functions.

Section 4. No committee shall expend funds of the IWRA unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X. Meetings

Section 1. There shall be two regular meetings of the IWRA - one in the fall and one in the spring of each year. The Secretary shall notify the IWRA's membership of the date and place (to be set by the Board of Directors) at least 30 days prior to regular meetings. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon written petition of not less than 20 percent of the IWRA members, or may be called when in the opinion of the President there is business which should be brought before the membership for action prior to the next regular meeting. At least 15 days advance notice shall be given of any special meeting.

Section 2. Only that business which has been announced by written notice sent by the Secretary or the President to the members at least 15 days prior to a regular or special meeting may be discussed or acted upon.

Section 3. A quorum at any duly called IWRA meeting, shall consist of the members present in good standing.

Section 4. The order of business and all parliamentary procedures at any meeting shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, except where this conflicts with the Bylaws of the IWRA.

ARTICLE XI. Dues and Funds

Section 1. Membership dues shall be established or changed, as needed, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for this purpose, provided that: in every case written notice of the proposed changes shall be sent to each IWRA member when the date of the meeting is announced. Dues are payable on or before January 1st of each year.

Section 2. The funds of the IWRA shall be the responsibility of the IWRA Treasurer. Funds shall be deposited to the credit of the IWRA in a bank approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII. Dissolution

Section 1. The IWRA may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the IWRA through mail balloting, or by the Board of Directors of the IWRA if the IWRA becomes inactive.

Section 2. If dissolution is favorably acted upon, all just debts shall be paid out of the funds of the IWRA, and all remaining IWRA funds and other assets, together with all chapter records and files, shall be transferred to the AWRA or other non-profit organizations promoting the objectives of the IWRA that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII. Student Scholarship

Section 1. There shall be a Student Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing economic incentive and assistance to students at Indiana colleges and universities who desire to present a paper at the biennial IWRA Spring Symposium.

Section 2. The Student Scholarship Fund shall be established by the investment of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) from the IWRA checking account in an interest-bearing Certificate of Deposit. The annual accrued interest shall be used to finance up to three (3) student scholarships every other year at the Spring Symposium.

Section 3. Student scholarships may be sponsored by private individuals or companies, who will be recognized by name. The IWRA may solicit sponsors for such scholarships.

Section 4. The value of each scholarship shall be a maximum of \$200.00, subject to change by the Board of Directors. The IWRA shall provide the scholarships to the recipients to help defray the cost of attending the biennial Spring Symposium.

Section 5. The IWRA Student Scholarships shall be awarded on a competitive basis for high quality papers presented at the Symposium. A call for abstracts announcing the Symposium and scholarships shall be circulated to colleges and universities in Indiana. To help solicit abstracts, a special mailing may be made to faculty members. If an abstract is accepted, the student must submit a paper to the Scholarship Selection Committee, and the paper must be accepted by the Committee in order for the student to qualify for a scholarship.

Section 6. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors to establish criteria for papers and procedures for the review of papers submitted for scholarships and to select recipients for the scholarships.

Section 7. The first Student Scholarships shall be considered for award at the 1996 Spring Symposium.

Section 8. In the event that the Board of Directors decides that adequate money is not available, the Board may limit or modify the amount of scholarship, as appropriate.

ARTICLE XIV. Amendment

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for this purpose, provided that: in every case written notice of the proposed amendment shall be sent to each IWRA member when the date of the meeting is announced.