

CONSTITUTION

PRAIRIE NORTHERN REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY NORTH AMERICA

Article I: Name

The name of this organization is the Prairie Northern Regional Chapter of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America (SNA). This chapter is an independent non-profit scientific and professional organization which is affiliated with SNA.

Article II: Purpose and Objectives

1. To promote research, education, communication and training in environmental toxicology and chemistry.
2. To encourage the application of interdisciplinary environmental sciences, collaboration and cooperation in managing chemicals and other stressors in the environment.
3. To sponsor scientific and educational programs, and provide forums (e.g., workshops, meetings, courses) for communication and interactions among professionals in government, business, academia and other segments of the environmental science community involved in the use, protection, and management of the environment.
4. To promote the development of principles and practices for sustainable environments, considering appropriate scientific, economic and social aspects.

Article III: Membership

The membership of the chapter shall consist of Active (including members who are students), Emeritus, and Sustaining/Affiliate members.

1. Active members are qualified professionals who share the stated purpose of the chapter and who have education, research or applied experience in the environmental sciences, or who are students pursuing an education in the environmental sciences or related disciplines. Active members and Emeritus members constitute the voting membership of the chapter; only Active and Emeritus members may hold office.
2. Emeritus members are those qualified voting members selected and so honoured in recognition of their contribution to the environmental sciences and the chapter.
3. Sustaining members are selected in recognition of their financial contribution in support of the chapter. Sustaining members may be corporations, institutions, associations, foundations or individuals. Affiliate members are those individuals or non-profit

organizations, institutions, foundations or associations concerned with the affairs and purpose of the Society.

4. Membership to all of the above membership classes requires the payment of dues as determined by the chapter. Requirements and benefits for each class of membership are defined in the Bylaws.

Article IV: Management and Elections.

1. The affairs of the chapter are managed by the membership through a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.
2. The Board of Directors consists of nine voting members. The immediate past president of the chapter serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.
3. The members of the Board of Directors each serve for a three-year term to be staggered so that typically no more than one third of the terms expire in any one year. A maximum of three Board Members will be eligible for a three-year renewal in any given election, not including student Board members.
4. The Board of Directors is elected from the voting membership by the voting membership. The Board of Directors elects officers from the members of the Board. A maximum of two members of the Board of Directors shall be students. The student Board members are elected by the student members of the chapter.
5. The officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
6. The vice-president is elected for a single term of one year at the conclusion of which the vice-president shall serve as president for one year. The treasurer is elected for a term of three years, which may be extended. The secretary serves for a one year term, which may be extended. Student Board members should have a term of one year, which is renewable for a second year.
7. Members of the Board of Directors should strive for consensus on all matters.
8. All members of the chapter may attend any Board meeting, except executive sessions.
9. If a vacancy, except that of president, occurs between terms, the position shall either remain vacant until the next election or an interim election shall be held if deemed necessary. Should the post of president become vacant for any reason, the vice-president will assume the post of president and serve the remainder of the term as acting president and then will succeed to the presidency.

10. The Executive Committee consists of the president, as presiding officer, the vice-president, the treasurer, the immediate past president and one other voting member of the chapter appointed by the Board of Directors.
11. The Board of Directors determines the number, times and places of the Board and chapter meetings. One meeting, normally convened at the chapter Annual Meeting, is designated the Annual General Business Meeting.

Article V: Duties

1. The duties of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer are those customarily performed by such officers, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.
2. The duties of the Board of Directors are:
 - a. To manage the business, functions, programs, and activities of the chapter.
 - b. To establish annually the dues for Active (Regular and Student), Emeritus and Sustaining members.
 - c. To establish policy and take action as is appropriate to promote the purpose and objectives of the chapter and SNA.
 - d. To appoint/designate officers.
 - e. To appoint committees as necessary.
3. The duties of the Executive Committee are determined by the Board of Directors of the chapter.

Article VI: Quorum

Greater than 50% of the members of the Board of Directors constitutes a quorum; three voting members of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum.

Article VII: Amendments

The Board of Directors or the voting membership of the chapter may propose an amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws. An amendment to the Constitution requires a minimum of 30 days written notice and approval by the voting membership and the Board of Directors of SNA. The chapter Board of Directors approves amendments to the chapter Bylaws.

Article VIII: Relationship with SNA

The Prairie Northern chapter is an independent non-profit scientific and professional organization which is affiliated with SNA and SETAC. SNA has no legal, contractual, nor financial responsibility of any kind for the affairs of the chapter.

Before the chapter publishes technical information or otherwise publicly issues any statement upon a policy matter that purports to represent the opinion of SNA, it must obtain the consent of the Board of Directors SNA. The chapter also agrees that SNA may restrict, limit, or prohibit the use of its name by the chapter in certain publications, meetings or similar activities involving communication with the public.

The chapter will not conduct any meetings or conferences that knowingly conflict with the Annual Meeting of SNA or SETAC World Congress.

Article IX: Procedures

Procedures and other items not specified in this Constitution or in the Bylaws or by action of the Board of Directors will comply with the accepted norms of common courtesy and manners.

Article X: Dissolution

Dissolution of the chapter, for any cause, will follow the same procedures as Constitutional amendments and must be in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Province of incorporation.

All funds and other assets of the chapter, including any rights to funds, present or future, contingent or actual, shall be irrevocable, assigned and transferred to any successor organization which has among its principal purposes the encouragement, development and dissemination of knowledge in the environmental sciences, and has qualified as an exempt organization according to the regulations of the Province of incorporation.

The selection of the successor organization must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors of the chapter and a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors of SNA.