

**University of Utah Constitution for the Student Chapter of the
Water Environment Federation and the American Water Resources Association
(WEF-AWRA)**

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I. University of Utah Student Chapter of Water Environment Federation and the American Water Resources Association (WEF-AWRA).

II. Membership

1. Any registered student of the University of Utah is eligible for membership.
2. Membership is free to all students and faculty.

III. Objectives

The objectives of the Chapter are:

1. Collecting, organizing, and disseminating ideas and information in the field of water resources.
2. Providing a means of interaction within the water resources community.
3. Representation of membership in the campus community.
4. Providing information about the Chapter to incoming students.
5. Promote regionally and locally the objectives of the Association.
6. Encourage membership in the Association.
7. Arrange such regional local conferences or seminars as deemed valuable.
8. Make recommendations to the Board of Directors on the conduct of the affairs
9. of the Association.

IV. Meetings

10. A business meeting will be held within the first two weeks of each semester of the academic year except summer. Additional meetings will be held if needed.

11. Meetings will be called through email to the entire club or also by phone call. The secretary will be responsible for all communication with members, but may call on other officers to assist in contacting the club

V. Officers

1. There will be four elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The officers will constitute the Executive Committee, with duties defined in
3. There will be two advisors, both members of AWRA and at least one faculty member of the University of Utah.
4. All Chapter officers must be student members of the National AWRA.

VI. Responsibilities

1. The President is the official representative of the Chapter and is responsible for organizing and presiding over meetings.
2. The Vice President will perform the duties of the President when the latter is absent.
3. The Secretary administers correspondence and records minutes of the meetings and keeps the National AWRA informed about the Student Chapter activities.
4. The Treasurer administers, with the approval of the Executive Committee, all monetary transactions of the Chapter and will perform the duties of the Secretary when the latter is absent.
5. The Executive Committee, by a majority vote:
 - a. designs the policy of the Chapter;
 - b. initiates the activities of the Chapter;
 - c. appoints committees, contingent upon acceptance of the appointees;
 - d. informs the Chapter on policy intentions at each business meeting.

Authority to implement policy is contingent upon majority approval by chapter members present at the business meeting.

VII. Elections

1. The outgoing Executive Committee (or the advisors if no Executive Committee at the time) will conduct secret ballot elections the spring semester before May 1st. The term of all officers is one year beginning on August 1.
2. The remaining officers will conduct special elections for vacated offices. If a runoff is required, the decision will then be made by the executive body of the previous year, or by the faculty advisor if the latter is absent.

VIII. Funds

1. The treasurer, with the approval and administration of the executive board will handle all funds for the chapter.
2. The treasure is responsible for submitting three pre-season budgets, developed by the executive board, to the Utah Chapters of WEAU (the Utah affiliate of WEF) and AWRA and to ASUU for Financial support.
3. Each year, a fund raiser will be held in order to demonstrate efforts to our funding sources that we are contributing our part to the cause.

XI. Committees

1. Committees will be created and assigned to certain projects under the direction of the executive board.
2. Members of the chapter will be asked and called upon by the executive board, to carry out any responsibilities designated to them.

X. Affiliations

1. The student chapter is directly affiliated with the national organization, Water Environment Federation, as well as with the local professional chapter, Water Environment Association of Utah (WEAU).
2. The student chapter is also directly affiliated with the national organization, American Water Resources Association (AWRA), as well as with the local (Utah) professional chapter of the same.

3. The student chapter is likewise affiliated with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, in the College of Engineering, at the University of Utah; but is not exclusive to this department.

XI. Advisor

1. The primary faculty advisor to the chapter will act as our liaison to the professional chapters.
2. Other faculty may be assigned as advisors as the Executive board sees necessary.
3. Faculty advisors are selected on the basis of professional experience, affiliation with local and/or national organization, and research interest. One advisor is selected for each local professional chapter affiliation.
4. Our current advisors as of August 2010 are:

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XII. Ratification

1. In January of every year this constitution will be presented for ratification and proposed amendments.
2. All members will be notified of the scheduled ratification.
3. A two thirds majority of the attendance at the annual ratification meeting is needed for ratification of the constitution.
4. In the event of a rejected constitution, the executive board will convene to revise and adjust the constitution to the needs and wants of the chapter, continually adhering, regardless of disagreement, to the policies and procedures set forth by the national chapter.

XIII. Dissolution

1. The Chapter may be dissolved by a majority vote of the total membership, or by the Board of Directors of the National AWRA for just cause or if the Chapter becomes inactive.

2. If dissolution is favorably acted upon, all just debts shall be paid out of funds of the Chapter, and all remaining Chapter funds and other assets, together with all Chapter records and files shall be transferred to the National AWRA.

IX. Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting with at least 60% present of the total membership present by a two thirds majority vote.

Adopted

December 1, 2010
Date

Approved by the President of the
University of Utah Student Chapter of the
Water Environment Federation/ American Water Resources Association

Bryan Mansell
Signature

December 1, 2010
Date