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FLORIDA CHAPTER
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

PREAMBLE

Chapter members realize that the present and potential future members of the American Public Works Association (APWA) need education to provide service to the citizens of the United States and particularly Florida. Therefore, realizing this educational need, the Florida APWA Chapter pledges themselves to the promotion and support of a Scholarship Foundation to fund this need. The Foundation will provide funds for scholarships to individuals who qualify with Foundation rules and regulations.

BYLAWS OF THE FOUNDATION

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of the Foundation shall be Florida Chapter – American Public Works Association Scholarship Foundation, hereinafter called the “Foundation”.

ARTICLE 2 – GOALS

1. To provide funds for scholarships for individuals pursuing a Public Works career, and who meet requirements established by the Foundation.
2. To provide funds for educational programs that will benefit and assist members and potential members of the Florida Chapter APWA to better serve the citizens in their communities.

ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

1. The governing and the management of the funds, assets and any other properties of the Foundation shall be vested in the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, President Elect, Executive Vice President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) Directors. The Board shall have the authority to promulgate administrative policies, rules, regulations and guidelines necessary to carry out the goals of the Foundation. The Board shall have the power to interpret the intent of these Bylaws.

2. Each member of the Board shall have one vote and must be present to vote unless submitted in writing prior to the meeting of the Board.
3. The Board shall have a quorum when at least five (5) members are present.
4. The term of all officers shall be one year except for the Secretary, Treasurer and the two (2) Directors.
5. No Board of Trustee member shall receive a salary or compensation for expenses except those approved by the Board.
6. The immediate Past President of the Florida Chapter shall automatically be the President of the Board. The President of the Florida Chapter shall automatically be the President Elect of the Board. The President Elect of the Florida Chapter shall automatically be the Executive Vice President of the Board. The Vice President of the Florida Chapter shall automatically be the Vice President of the Board. The Secretary of the Florida Chapter shall automatically be the Secretary of the Board. The Treasurer of the Florida Chapter shall automatically be the Treasurer of the Board. The House Delegates Representative for the Florida Chapter shall automatically be a Director on the Board. The appointed Chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Florida Chapter shall automatically be a Director on the Board.
7. The fiscal year for the Foundation shall be concurrent with the Florida Chapter APWA.
8. The Board shall meet at least once per year to transact any business of the Foundation. The Board may meet any time it needs to transact business as long as the President notifies each officer by mail at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
9. The Board may acquire or authorize an individual, financial consultant or financial institution to assist or directly invest the funds of the Foundation to yield a high return with low risk.
10. Any vacancies on the Board shall be filled as officers of the Florida Chapter offices are replaced and shall fill unexpired terms accordingly.
11. The President may appoint special committees with the approval of the Board for the purpose of carrying out the goals of the Foundation.
12. The scholarship distribution, not to exceed four percent (4%) of the Foundation balance, shall be available for scholarships and/or education programs for the Florida Chapter APWA so long as the balance does not fall below \$250,000.00. The amount, how many, and to whom the funds to be disbursed will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

ARTICLE 4 – BYLAWS

1. The Bylaws of the Foundation must be approved by the Florida Chapter APWA Executive Committee. Any amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by the Florida Chapter APWA Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

1. The Foundation and its Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Florida Chapter APWA Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 6 – DISSOLUTION OF FOUNDATION

1. The Foundation and its Bylaws can be dissolved by a majority vote of the Florida Chapter APWA Executive Committee at a special meeting called by the President of the Chapter for the purpose of dissolution of the Foundation.
2. If the Foundation is dissolved, all the assets, property, etc., shall automatically be transferred to the assets of the Florida Chapter APWA or as an alternate, funds held by the Chapter in a scholarship fund as defined by the IRS in Code Section 501(c)(3) may, at the discretion of the Chapter, be moved to another 501(c)(3) scholarship fund of the Chapter's choice.