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**Constitution and By-Laws
MOBILE BRANCH**

(As Amended April 30, 1973)

American Society of Civil Engineers

CONSTITUTION OF MOBILE BRANCH,
ALABAMA SECTION, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

April 30, 1973

ARTICLE I - Name, Location and Object

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the MOBILE BRANCH, ALABAMA SECTION, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

Section 2. The geographical location shall be the area within Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama, and its address shall be that of its Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. Its object shall be the advancement of engineering knowledge and practice; fellowship; the maintenance of high professional standing and exemplary citizenship among its members; professional encouragement of students and engineers-in-training; assumption of its proper concern in local enterprise and civic problems; service in behalf of its members; and cooperation with other engineering societies and organizations within the area, with a view toward promoting the general welfare of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the engineering profession.

Section 4. The Branch shall seek to accomplish its objectives through the energetic leadership of its officers under the guidance of the Alabama Section, American Society of Civil Engineers; meetings for the presentation and discussion of professional topics, local engineering or civic subjects, and general matters emanating from the Branch, Section, or Society; the encouragement of engineering students and engineers-in-training; the cooperation with other engineering societies and organizations for fellowship and common goals relating to engineering; and the enhancement of the professional status of its members.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1. Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers who reside or work in either Mobile or Baldwin County, Alabama, and who subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mobile Branch as evidenced by the payment of the dues of the Branch shall be members of the Branch. Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers of all grades whose addresses are within either Mobile or Baldwin County, Alabama, shall be allocated members of the Branch.

ARTICLE III - Dues

Section 1. There shall be no entrance fee.

Section 2. The annual dues payable by members of the Branch shall be determined by the membership and shall be payable annually in advance on the first day of February and in arrears after the thirty-first of December. Such dues shall be cumulative for one year, and any member whose dues are more than one year in arrears shall cease to have the rights and privileges of subscribing members of the Branch.

Section 3. Members exempt from the payment of dues in the Society as Life Members shall be exempt from the payment of dues in the Branch and shall exercise all rights and privileges of subscribing members of the Branch.

ARTICLE - Officers

Section 1. Any subscribing member of the Branch may be elected as an officer of the Branch.

Section 2. The officers of the Branch shall be a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. The terms of office of each officer shall begin on the first day of October following the annual meeting at which such officer is elected and except as hereinafter provided, shall continue for a period of one year or until a successor is elected and installed. An officer filling a vacancy in office shall continue for the unexpired term of that office.

Section 4. Without prejudice to resignations, natural causes or other normal reasons for vacancy, a vacancy for the unexpired term of any office shall be determined to exist when the officer moves his residence out of the Branch Area or ceases to be a subscribing member of the Branch. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President. A vacancy in the office of Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by provisional appointment of the President, effective only until such vacancy has been filled by election at a regular business meeting of the Branch.

Section 5. Except as noted above, the officers of the Branch shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting at which the officers are elected shall be held as near the 15th of May of each year as meeting arrangements permit.

Section 2. Regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as decided by the officers. Not less than four meetings shall be held each year. Appropriate advance notice of all meetings shall be given to each member of the Mobile Branch and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Alabama Section. At these meetings, the business of the Branch shall be transacted, visiting new and potential members shall be welcomed and programs presented.

Section 3. A meeting at which any official action is taken shall have present a quorum, which shall consist of at least ten subscribing members, one of whom shall be an officer.

Section 4. Meeting places shall be chosen by the officers.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended only by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting when the vote is taken, provided the total number of voters shall be not less than a majority of the whole subscribing membership and provided that such amendment shall have previously or subsequently received the approval of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Section, American Society of Civil Engineers. Furthermore, such amendment must have been submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - Meetings

Section 1. Meeting agendas shall be approved by a Program Committee which will have been appointed by the President.

Section 2. Oral discussions during business meetings shall be limited to a maximum of five minutes for each person, except by special permission of the presiding officer.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings.

ARTICLE II - Guests

Section 1. - Any subscribing member may invite guests to the Branch dinners or meetings.

ARTICLE III - Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. The President shall appoint a nominating committee which shall present its recommended slate of officers at the annual meeting. The presiding officer shall also offer the opportunity for nominations from the floor.

Section 2. Officers shall be ineligible to succeed themselves, except in case of those filling unexpired terms.

Section 3. In making nominations of members for election to offices of the Branch, the nominating committee shall strive to provide representation for all segments of the subscribing membership.

ARTICLE IV - Committees

Section 1. The President shall appoint such committees as are deemed necessary and charge these committees with specific duties.

ARTICLE V - Amendments

Section 1. Changes in these By-Laws may be made by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Branch, provided a quorum is present and provided the proposed change shall have been submitted at least thirty days in advance to the membership.

ARTICLE VI - Dues

Section 1. The annual dues shall be ⁵~~\$2.00~~ ^{4.00} per year, payable as noted in the constitution. Special assessments must have the approval of a majority of the membership at a regular meeting, provided a quorum is present and provided that notice of the proposal has been given at least 30 days in advance to the membership.

TO: Board of Directors, Alabama Section
American Society of Civil Engineers

We, the undersigned, do hereby petition for the establishment of a local branch of the Alabama Section, American Society of Civil Engineers. Said branch shall be located within the confines of Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama, and shall be designated as the Mobile Branch.

The purposes for establishing a local branch are as follows:

- To promote professionalism and enhance the public image of the "Civil Engineer".
- To provide a forum for the discussion of matters affecting the civil engineering profession.
- To provide reciprocal contact between the Society and the local membership for the promotion of their aims and activities.
- To support and promote the establishment of an ECPD accredited civil engineering curriculum at the University of South Alabama.
- To provide an opportunity for regular contact between the civil engineering students at the University of South Alabama and the Society.
- To promote interest in civil engineering among local high school students.
- To become involved in community engineering issues and to provide assistance, as is deemed appropriate.

Name

ASCE Grade

<i>T. D. M. [Signature]</i>	MEMBER
<i>Carl D. Barringer</i>	Associate Member
<i>Ray A. Males</i>	Associate Member
<i>Walter Williams Jr</i>	Fellow
<i>Jackson Granade Jr.</i>	Associate Member
<i>Richard H. Keeling</i>	Member
<i>Ray Eustis</i>	Member
<i>D. Winter</i>	Associate Member
<i>W. Buddin</i>	Fellow
<i>R. Folive</i>	Member