



ACEC Fellows Committee Guidance Manual And Rules Of Policy And Procedure For The Fellows Committee

I. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The primary responsibility of the Fellows Committee is to administer the election of individual members of ACEC to the grade of Fellow and Life Fellow, and to coordinate the programs of the College of Fellows.
- B. Other duties of the Fellows Committee are:
 - 1. Election of individuals to the Fellows Committee.
 - 2. Sponsorship of the Fellows and Life Fellows Breakfast Meetings.
 - 3. Selecting recipients and presenting the Fellows' Community Service Awards.
 - 4. Dissemination of information about the Fellows of ACEC.
 - 5. Administer the ACEC scholarship program.
 - 6. Such other functions as may be approved by the ACEC Board of Directors or ACEC Executive Committee.

II. FELLOWS COMMITTEE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- A. No later than the ACEC Fall Conference each year, the Fellows Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall communicate with the members of the College of Fellows, seeking suggestions for Fellows Committee candidates.
- B. No later than the following March 1, the Nominating Committee shall advise the Fellows Committee of a minimum of four candidates nominated to replace the Fellows Committee members retiring at the next ACEC Annual Convention, plus candidates for any other vacancies which have occurred.

III. ELECTION OF THE FELLOWS COMMITTEE

- A. The Fellows Committee shall consist of 12 Fellows.
- B. Election to the Fellows Committee shall be by ballots cast at a regular meeting of the Fellows Committee. The election shall include provisions for write-in candidates in addition to those proposed by the Nominating Committee. Each candidate must receive a majority vote for election. Each member shall serve for a three-year term.
- C. Vacancies occurring in the Fellows Committee may be filled by appointment of a member of the College of Fellows by the Fellows Committee. The interim appointee shall serve for the term of the vacancy, until the next annual election.



- D. Any member of the Fellows Committee who shall be absent without cause from two consecutive meetings, shall be deemed to have submitted his/her resignation as a member of the Fellows Committee and shall temporarily cease to be a member thereof. With the advice of the Fellows Committee, the Chair shall consider such cases and, if necessary, declare the position vacant, notify the delinquent member in writing, and request the Fellows Committee to appoint a replacement in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.
- E. The Fellows Committee, as required, shall act as the governing body for the College of Fellows of ACEC and any organization or activities thereof which might be established.

IV. ELECTION OF THE FELLOWS COMMITTEE OFFICERS

- A. Following the Fellows Committee Spring Meeting, the Vice Chair shall assume the duties of Chair; a Vice Chair shall be elected from those Fellows Committee members commencing their second year of service. The newly-elected Chair shall appoint the ACEC staff person responsible for Fellows activities to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Fellows Committee. The new Fellows Committee Chair and Vice Chair shall take office following the close of the ACEC Annual Convention and will serve one year.

V. MEETINGS OF THE FELLOWS COMMITTEE

- A. The Fellows Committee shall meet at times and places of its choosing, except that its Spring Meeting shall be held at the time and place of the ACEC Annual Convention and its Fall Meeting shall be held at the time and place of the ACEC Fall Conference.

VI. AWARDS

- A. Community Service Awards
 - 1. At its discretion, on behalf of the College of Fellows, the Fellows Committee may establish and grant Community Service Awards to distinguished consulting engineering, natural scientist, engineering educators, or public servants using such criteria as the Fellows Committee may determine.
- B. ACEC Young Professional of the Year Awards
 - 1. The ACEC Young Professional of the Year Awards strives to promote the accomplishments of our young engineers by highlighting their engineering contributions and the resulting impact on society.



2. The awards are designated to enhance and improve the image of engineering by:
 - a. Putting faces to what has often been referred to as the stealth profession;
 - b. Showing a group of young, diverse and talented engineers, thereby portraying engineering as an exciting profession open to everyone;

C. Scholarship Awards

1. ACEC scholarships are administered through the ACEC Research and Management Foundation (ACEC/RMF), under the auspices of ACEC's Fellows Committee.

Students must be entering their junior, senior, fifth, or master's degree year to qualify for the general scholarships. In addition, a student must be a U.S. citizen pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in engineering or in an accredited land-surveying program to qualify. ABET accreditation of engineering programs for scholarship applicants must conform to the following to the particular degree the student is pursuing:

- Bachelor's Degree**
Student must be in an ABET-accredited engineering program.
- Master's Degree**
Student must either be in an ABET-accredited Master of Science (MS) engineering program or have a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from an ABET-accredited engineering program.

D. Approval of Awards

1. All awards shall be approved by the ACEC Executive Committee.

VII. PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

- E. The primary responsibility of the Fellows Committee will be the election of Fellows and Life Fellows as directed by the ACEC Bylaws. Procedure for the nomination of Fellows and Life Fellows shall be in accordance with the ACEC Rules of Policy and Procedure. All proceedings of the Fellows Committee related to the consideration of candidates for admission to grade of Fellow or election of Life Fellows shall be privileged and confidential.

VIII. PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION OF FELLOW OF ACEC

- A. Initiation and submittal of an application for nomination to the grade of Fellow shall be made by either a) a candidate's Member Organization, or b) three (3) or more Fellows who are not members of either the ACEC Executive Committee or the Fellows Committee.



IX. PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF FELLOWS OF ACEC

- A. Individuals qualifying for nomination to Fellow of ACEC shall have academic and professional qualifications and accomplishments demonstrating notable contributions to the objectives of ACEC.
- B. Such accomplishments shall include service as a principal for not less than five (5) years of a firm(s) which has been a member of ACEC or an organization which has merged with an ACEC Member Organization for at least five (5) years.
- C. Accomplishments shall also include:
 1. Served ACEC with distinction as an officer, national director or active member of a national committee, Coalition, Forum, or trustee of an ACEC Trust; and served a Member Organization with distinction as an officer or director.
 2. The individual nominee for Fellow shall also demonstrate that he/she has made notable contributions to the objectives of ACEC in two or more of the following categories:
 - a. Administrative Leadership
 - b. Design
 - c. Science
 - d. Literature
 - e. Education
 - f. Service to the Profession
 - g. Outstanding Civic Leadership
- D. Approval by the Fellows Committee, with no more than one negative vote, constitutes election to Fellow status.
- E. The date of Fellows Committee approval shall constitute the date of election of a member to Fellow status unless the Fellows Committee, in its discretion, establishes an earlier date.
- F. Upon completion of his/her term as Chair of ACEC, the Past Chair shall be elevated and elected automatically to the status of Fellow, so long as the qualifications set forth in the ACEC Bylaws and Rules of Policy and Procedure are met. Fellow membership by a Past Chair shall be without payment of annual dues.
- G. Upon submitting an application to Fellow grade, present and past members of the ACEC Executive Committee shall be elevated and elected to the status of Fellow so long as the qualifications set forth in the ACEC Bylaws and Rules of Policy and Procedure are met. The annual dues for members currently serving on the ACEC Executive Committee shall be waived until the Fellow has completed his/her term. The Fellow will be charged annual dues once he/she has completed his/her term on the ACEC Executive Committee.



X. PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION TO LIFE FELLOW OF ACEC

- A. Life Fellow candidates shall have been a Fellow for not less than five years and shall be fully retired from the active private practice of consulting engineering and not engaged in activities which are in competition with consulting engineering.
- B. Application for election to the grade of Life Fellow of ACEC shall be initiated by the Fellow on the Application of Life Fellow Designation form provided by the Fellows Committee. All annual Fellow dues must be paid in full.
- C. Approval by the Fellows Committee, with no more than one negative vote, constitutes election of Life Fellow status.
- D. The Committee shall, upon approving an application for Life Fellow status, notify the individual of his new designation with an effective date of the next following July 1.
- E. Life Fellows may remain in this category, paying no dues, so long as they meet the other criteria of a Life Fellow.

XI. FINANCES

- A. The College of Fellows shall be self-sustaining. Annual dues shall be set by the Fellows Committee at a regular meeting of the Fellows Committee, sufficient to cover the following as minimum expenses.
 - 1. Cost of dues collection, bookkeeping, etc.
 - 2. Partial reimbursement of attending members of the Fellows Committee for travel costs and hotel expenses for one night for each meeting attended.
 - 3. Mailing of nominees lists, ballots, meeting and other notices.
 - 4. Expenses associated with the Fellows and Life Fellows Breakfast Meetings and Receptions.
 - 5. Expenses associated with the Community Service Awards program.
 - 6. Expenses associated with the ACEC Young Professional of the Year program.
 - 7. Expenses associated with the ACEC scholarship program.
 - 8. Fees shall be determined by the Fellows Committee at a regular meeting.
 - 9. All College of Fellows funds shall be received, disbursed, and managed by ACEC.
- B. A person elected as a Fellow in either the Winter or Spring Meeting of the Fellows Committee shall pay full dues for the following fiscal year; a person elected as a Fellow in either the Summer or Fall Meeting of the Fellows Committee shall pay half dues for that current fiscal year.



- C. Failure to pay dues in accordance with the ACEC bylaws by any member of the College of Fellows shall constitute resignation as a member of the college. Dues notices will be issued by ACEC staff at least once annually. Reinstatement to the status of fellow will result upon payment of past and current dues.

XII. REVIEW BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The action of the Fellows Committee – such as the selection of recipients of the Community Service Awards and the ACEC Young Professional of the Year Awards, the time and place of the awards and scholarship presentations, establishment of budget and dues, newsletter or other publications – shall be subject to review and approval by the ACEC Executive Committee.

XIII. MEETINGS OF THE ACEC COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

- A. The College of Fellows from a prescribed geographical area may organize and meet in any manner they deem appropriate, subject to the following:
1. No expense shall be incurred to ACEC or FACEC as a whole.
 2. All meeting releases, announcements, etc., shall identify the group as local Fellows, i.e., “Boston Area Fellows of ACEC.”
 3. All non-business meetings shall be open to all ACEC members.
- B. A Fellows and Life Fellows Breakfast Meeting of the College of Fellows shall be held during the ACEC Annual Convention and the Reception is held during the ACEC Fall Conference. The purpose of the meetings shall be to transact any appropriate business of the College of Fellows.