

**STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
OF THE
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS**

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the Committee shall be The Structural Engineers Political Action Committee (hereinafter referred to as SEPAC), as a voluntary, non-profit, corporation of Structural Engineers and others.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SEPAC is an independent, bipartisan political organization dedicated to:

- (1) the protection of the public health, safety and welfare;
- (2) the promotion of the application of structural engineering;
- (3) the improvement of relevant government activities; and
- (4) the preservation and advancement of the structural engineering profession.

SEPAC shall not be affiliated with any political party. The purpose of the committee is to make contributions to candidates for State and local public office (without regard to political party affiliation) who have demonstrated interest in the advancement of the structural engineering profession.

ARTICLE III – ENABLING CLAUSE

The Committee is established pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois. The Committee is not affiliated with any political party, nor with any specific candidate for election and may, within the limits of the applicable law, do those things necessary or desirable for the attainment of its stated purpose.

ARTICLE IV – DURATION

The duration of the committee is perpetual, but it may be dissolved at any time by the majority votes of its Board Members.

ARTICLE V – ADMINISTRATION

The affairs of SEPAC are to be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, these By-Laws, and such other policies and practices as may be from time to time determined by the Board Members.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICE

The principle office of SEPAC shall be designated by the Board.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the committee shall be open to:

- A. All Grades of members of the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois. All SEPAC members must be minimum contributors to the Structural Engineers Political Action Fund. This minimum contribution amount shall be established annually by the Board of Trustees.
- B. Any licensed Structural Engineering Corporation or Partnership doing structural engineering work in the State of Illinois who has made a specified contribution to the Structural Engineers Political Action Fund (hereinafter referred to as Sustaining Organization). The amount of the specified contribution for Sustaining Organization status shall be established annually by the Board of Trustees. The rights and responsibilities of membership shall be exercised by a Sustaining Organization through a representative appointed for that purpose by the governing board of the Sustaining Organization.

ARTICLE VIII – SEPAC Board

The governing body of SEPAC is the Board. The members of the Board shall serve for a three-year term without pay, and the Board shall be limited to fifteen elected members. The President-Elect of The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois shall be an ex-officio member of the Board during his or her term of office as president. New Board Members to be elected shall be Members or Associated Members of SEAIOI. A majority of the SEPAC Board member votes cast shall be necessary for the election of new Board Members.

Board members who miss three consecutive meetings during the course of a year shall be removed from the Board.

ARTICLE IX – OFFICERS

The Officers of the Committee, elected from the Board, are the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and shall be elected tri-annually by the Board. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and shall be a member of all sub-committees. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Committee.

ARTICLE X – EMPLOYEES

The Board may appoint consultants or employees as necessary to properly carry out the purpose of SEPAC. Compensation for services is to be specified by the Board.

ARTICLE XI – STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS POLITICAL ACTION FUND

To assist in carrying out the operations of the Committee, there shall be established “The Structural Engineers Political Action Fund.” This fund shall be used to assist, by means of direct financial contribution, candidates for public office, other than federal offices, who support the Committee’s objectives; to pay a lobbyist or lobbyists; and to support tort reform and organizations that support tort reform, with a view toward supporting, protecting and maintaining the SE Practice Act in the best interest of structural engineers.

The Treasurer shall keep a record of the following information in addition to any information required by the statutes of Illinois or any other applicable laws.

- A. All contribution made to or for the Committee.
- B. The full name and mailing address (occupation and the principal place of business, if any) of every person making a contribution in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) and the date and amount thereof.
- C. All expenditures made by or on behalf of the Committee.
- D. The full name and mailing address (occupation and the principle place of business, if any) of every person to whom any expenditures is made, the date and amount thereof and the name and address of, and office sought by each candidate on whose behalf such expenditure is made.
- E. Receipted bill or canceled check, stating the particulars, for every expenditure made by or on behalf of the Committee in a lesser amount, if the aggregate amount of such expenditures to the same person during a calendar year exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

The Treasurer shall give a financial report annually at a Board Meeting, or upon written request signed by two or more Board Members.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be repealed or amended by two-thirds majority of the SEPAC Board member votes cast.