

# **SOCIETY OF RELIABILITY ENGINEERS**



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# **CONSTITUTION**

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## SOCIETY OF RELIABILITY ENGINEERS CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE 1: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

- Section 1 This organization shall be known as the SOCIETY OF RELIABILITY ENGINEERS. The organization shall also be known by the abbreviation, SRE. It shall be a non-profit, equal opportunity organization.
- Section 2 The major objectives of the SRE shall be to develop, communicate, and advance the state-of-the-art of Reliability techniques and to achieve greater effectiveness in the application of Reliability principles.
- Section 3 The following four working principles are established to aid in the attainment of these objectives:
1. To foster the philosophy and principles of Reliability.
  2. To encourage greater recognition of Reliability as a management engineering discipline.
  3. To foster the interchange of ideas and information on Reliability.
  4. To promote professionalism among individuals engaged in the Reliability discipline.

### ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Membership in the SRE shall be available to any person who by technical training, experience, personal interest, or occupation is qualified to participate in and contribute to the advancement of the Reliability discipline.
- Section 2 There shall be only one level of membership in the SRE, identified as **Member**. Members who have made distinguished contributions to the objectives of the SRE may receive the honorary designation of **Fellow**; however, such designation carries no additional membership benefits, privileges, duties, or responsibilities.

### ARTICLE III: FIELD OF INTEREST

- Section 1 The field of interest for the SRE shall be that of *Reliability Engineering* and shall include scientific, technical, industrial, or other activities that contribute to this field or utilize the techniques of Reliability Engineering. The field of interest will include commercial and industrial applications of Reliability principles as well as aerospace and military applications.
- Section 2 The field of interest of the SRE may be changed or enlarged as the role of Reliability Engineering changes to meet the needs of the future.



**ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION**

- Section 1      The SRE shall consist of local chapters governed by an Executive Board of Directors.
- Section 2      The duties of the Executive Board of Directors shall be to:
1. Establish such policies as are deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the SRE.
  2. Coordinate special activities of chapters (such as seminars) to prevent conflict.
  3. Supervise publication of the SRE Newsletter (*Lambda Notes*), either by the Executive Board of Directors or delegation to a chapter.
  4. Authorize the formation of new chapters and revoke the charter of chapters deemed inactive or whose policies are not consistent with this Constitution and/or the SRE By-Laws.
  5. Support other organizations whose goals are consistent with those of the SRE.
- Section 3      The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of one representative from each chapter. The chapter representative shall normally be the current chapter President or shall be appointed by the chapter President from among the chapter's Past Presidents or current members; however, to ensure chapter representation on the Executive Board of Directors, chapters may appoint a representative who is not necessarily a Past President. The immediate SRE Past President shall also be a member of the Executive Board of Directors.
- Section 4      The Executive Board of Directors shall meet not less than once annually. The regularly scheduled annual meeting shall be held in conjunction with the annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium (RAMS) at the RAMS location. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given not less than 45 days prior to the meeting.
- Section 5      Voting by the Executive Board of Directors shall be in accordance with the number of members represented. The Secretary to the Executive Board of Directors will certify (in accordance with the SRE By-Laws, paragraph 10.2.3) the number of votes allowable to each chapter.
- Section 6      The Executive Board of Directors shall elect four Executive Officers as follows:
1. President
  2. Vice President
  3. Secretary
  4. Treasurer



- Section 7 Chapter representatives shall serve on the Executive Board of Directors for a period of two consecutive years. The term of office for officers of the Executive Board of Directors shall be two years.
- Section 8 The duties and responsibilities of the SRE Executive Officers shall be as delineated in the SRE By-Laws.
- Section 9 A majority of votes cast (in person or by proxy) in accordance with Article IV, Section 5 shall be sufficient to conduct business; however, at least one-half of the total SRE votes must be represented to constitute a quorum. SRE business may also be conducted by mail ballot between the meetings of the Executive Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES**

- Section 1 The Executive Board of Directors may create such committees as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the society.
- Section 2 The President shall designate committee chairmen, subject to the approval of the Executive Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee chairmen will not be considered members of the Executive Board of Directors by sole virtue of their chairmanship.

**ARTICLE VI: CHAPTERS**

- Section 1 Ten or more members within a contiguous area may form a chapter of the SRE upon meeting the requirements of this Constitution, the SRE By-Laws, and any local laws that may apply and are not in conflict with the SRE; however, the SRE may desire to form one or more At-Large chapters to represent members who do not reside close to a local chapter. Also, Corporate Associate Chapters may consist of members of certain corporations wherever they reside.
- Section 2 Each chapter shall have By-Laws governing that chapter. No provision of the Chapter By-Laws shall be in conflict with this Constitution and the SRE By-Laws, unless local laws apply. Such differences shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Officers for their information and action.
- Section 3 Each chapter shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer in accordance with the chapter's By-Laws. These elected officers, together with the chapter's immediate Past President and the chapter representative to the SRE Executive Board of Directors, shall constitute the chapter Executive Board. Each chapter may appoint such committees as deemed necessary for the operation of the chapter.



## ARTICLE VII: FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Section 1      The individual SRE chapters shall be responsible for collecting the annual membership fee from its members in accordance with the Chapter By-Laws.
- Section 2      Each chapter shall submit annually to the SRE Treasurer a fee for each member as prescribed in the SRE By-Laws.
- Section 3      The SRE Executive Board of Directors and the SRE chapters may raise revenues by means such as advertising, shows, contributions, sponsors, and symposiums.
- Section 4      The Executive Board of Directors may financially support the activities of chapters by loans or grants.

## ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

- Section 1      Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a majority of Executive Board of Directors: by petition submitted by a minimum of ten SRE members; or by any SRE chapter. The proposed amendment shall be mailed to each SRE member together with a suitable ballot. The proposed amendment must be mailed not less than two weeks prior to the voting deadline. Approval by two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary for enactment.

## ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

- Section 1      Upon the dissolution of the SRE, the Executive Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the SRE, dispose of all the assets of the SRE exclusively for the purposes of the SRE to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 2      For the purpose of chapters located outside the USA, the individual local regulations shall apply regarding an Internal Revenue exempt organization.

