

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE CHAPTER**

Modified from the Constitution and Bylaws of the
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
of the
**AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR
PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING**
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ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION

Section 1. Name and Definition

The name of the organization shall be the RIO GRANDE CHAPTER of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING, hereinafter in these Bylaws called the Chapter. Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Information Systems form the science, technology, and art of obtaining useful information about the Earth and natural and cultural features through the processes of recording, measuring, and interpreting spatial imagery and digital representations of the Earth's surface. The Chapter is devoted to the exchange of ideas and information about the applications and public benefits of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Information Systems.

Section 2. Chapter Boundaries

The area to be included in the boundaries of this Chapter, established in accordance with ASPRS Bylaws, shall be the State of New Mexico.

Section 3. Office Location

The principal office of the Chapter shall be located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Chapter shall be to advance knowledge in the sciences of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Information Systems. The Chapter will also serve to distribute information pertaining to those sciences; to exert its influence toward the betterment of standards and ethics; to foster a spirit of cooperation and understanding with other engineering, scientific, and technical societies; to provide a means for friendly exchange of ideas and intercourse among those interested in the science and art; to hold meetings for the presentation and discussion of papers; and to promote the general welfare of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The membership of this Chapter shall include and be restricted to members of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Chapter.

Section 2.

Any member may resign at any time from the Chapter by tendering written resignation to the Chapter Secretary.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Elective Offices

The elected officers of the Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and five Chapter Directors. All current-term Chapter officers may vote at Chapter Board meetings.

a) The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter and shall preside over all Chapter Board and General meetings. The President can convene a Board meeting when half of the elected officers are available.

b) The Vice President shall be the assistant chief executive officer of the Chapter, and shall preside over all Chapter Board and General meetings if the President is not available.

c) The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of all funds received and disbursed on behalf of the Chapter, and shall arrange for a periodic audit of those funds. The Treasurer shall collaborate with the Rocky Mountain Region Board of Directors for jointly sponsored activities and events.

d) The Secretary shall keep written minutes of the Chapter Board and General meetings, certify Chapter elections, update Chapter membership information, and perform other supportive administrative duties.

e) The Chapter Directors shall serve on the Program Committee, and act as Chapter representatives to affiliated meetings, conferences, and symposia. The Board of Directors shall designate one (1) Chapter Director to serve on the Executive Committee, and one (1) Chapter Director to serve as Communications Officer in the Program Committee.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of all of the elected officers of the Chapter, including the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, and five Chapter Directors. The Board is the Chapter's chief management body and shall have control and direction of the Chapter, and shall determine its policies in accordance with the Chapter, Region, and Society Bylaws. Five voting Directors from the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Immediate Past President shall not be a voting Director unless that position is necessary to satisfy requirements for a quorum.

Section 3. Term of Office

The term of each officer shall be one year. The term shall begin with the Chapter Annual Meeting at which the election results are announced, and shall continue for the period until the following Annual Meeting or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. Vacancy

Vacancy shall be defined as one of the following: a.) voluntary resignation of a board member, or b.) lack of participation in board meetings or functions, whereby a board member misses four or more consecutive meetings. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall succeed to that office. Vacancy of other offices shall be filled by nomination from the Executive Committee and with the Board of Directors approval until filled by the next general election by the Chapter membership.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1.

The Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be held as stated in the Bylaws, but not later than the fourth Friday in April of each year. There shall be two (2) General meetings during a calendar year, including the Annual Meeting, with the time and place to be designated by the President of the Chapter. Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Committee of the Chapter at its discretion or upon a written request signed by ten members of the Chapter.

Section 2.

A minimum of four (4) scheduled Board of Directors meetings will be held each year. The Board of Directors or Executive Committee may designate times and places for other meetings.

Section 3.

Members of the Chapter shall be notified of meetings by mail not less than one week prior to the date of the meeting. All meetings shall be open to all members of the Chapter. For this Constitution and Bylaws, mail is defined as electronic mail or mail via postal service.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and Board-designated Director, and shall act for the Board of Directors in the interim between meetings to carry on the business and financial affairs of the Chapter. The Committee shall submit reports of the interim actions for consideration by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting.

b) The Program Committee, chaired by the President, shall consist of the Chapter Directors and shall be responsible for the planning and management of Chapter

technical programs and meetings, and for the support of other Society meetings held within the Chapter boundaries. Within the Committee, the Communications Officer shall be responsible for providing the Regional Publications Committee with Chapter news, activities, and articles. The Committee, with approval from the Board, may appoint sub-committees and at-large Chapter members for standing programs within the Chapter.

Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees

The Board of Directors shall create ad hoc committees as needed. The Board shall appoint the Chairs of the ad hoc committees, and shall approve the committee members appointed by those Chairs.

ARTICLE VII. AFFILIATION

Section 1.

The Chapter may, with the consent of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Region and the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, affiliate with other engineering, scientific, and technical organizations to further the interests in the sciences of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Information Systems.

Section 2.

Nothing in the Constitution or Bylaws of this Chapter shall be inconsistent with the Constitution or Bylaws of the Rocky Mountain Region or of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS

Election of officers shall be held so that terms begin with the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall select one or more candidates for each elective Chapter office and shall announce this slate at the last General meeting preceding the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made in writing by five or more members and filed with the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the election.

The election of officers shall be held by the board members whenever more than one candidate is nominated for any office. A majority vote of those ballots returned to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting shall constitute election to an office.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCES

Section 1.

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin the first day of January.

Section 2.

There shall be no Chapter annual dues. Admission fees may be exacted from non-members for Chapter-sponsored meetings, conferences, symposia, and other activities.

ARTICLE X. ORDER OF BUSINESS AT BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1.

The order of business shall be as follows:

Reading of minutes of preceding meeting;

Report of officers and committees;
Miscellaneous business;
Programs;
New business;
Adjournment.

Section 2.

The order of business may be changed at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any open membership meeting or by mail to the full membership, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all ballots cast by the members, provided that the total number of ballots cast shall equal or exceed the number required for a quorum of fifty percent of the membership in good standing; further provided that such amendment shall have been presented in writing two weeks preceding the meeting upon which it is to be acted. A non-response to any mailed ballot shall be recorded as a vote of approval.

Section 2.

Chapter affiliations with regional and local meetings, conferences, and symposia can be added, deleted, or changed by a vote of two-thirds of a quorum of the Board of Directors, so long as Rocky Mountain Region activities and priorities are not adversely affected. Chapter affiliations are also described in Article VII, Section 1.