

XIII. SECTION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Northern New Mexico Section of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers International.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. All members of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers International who have indicated a "for mail" address in the counties of Colfax, Harding, Los Alamos, McKinley, Mora, Quay, Rio Arriba, San Juan, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, and Union in the state of New Mexico, shall be considered members of the Northern New Mexico Section.

Section 2. Student members permanently residing in this area shall be members of the Northern New Mexico Section without vote.

Section 3. The qualifications of voters at elections shall be the same as are prescribed by the Constitution of the Society.

ARTICLE III

Management

Section 1. A member to be eligible to work on committees or hold office in the Northern New Mexico Section must be a member of the Northern New Mexico Section.

Section 2. The Management of the Section shall be vested in a local Executive Committee made up of the officers of the Section and subcommittee chairs.

Section 3. The officers of the Section shall be chair, vice chair, a secretary, and a treasurer and shall be elected annually, to serve for one year.

Section 4. The officers are responsible for the operation of the Section and are entrusted with making business decisions for the Section. The officers report to the membership.

Section 5. New officers and subcommittee chair shall be elected by email or letter ballot in the month of March each year, and shall assume office on the first day of July following, in accordance with the uniform practice of all the sections.

Section 6. The local Executive Committee is empowered to appoint for special purposes temporary subcommittees. Non-members of the Society may serve in an advisory non-voting capacity.

Section 7. Any member of any committee, who for a period of three months (consecutively) does not take part in the management of the affairs of the Section, at the discretion of the executive committee, shall cease to be a member of the committee. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacancies in its own membership, such appointees to hold office until the next regular election.

ARTICLE IV

Nominations

Section 1. In the month of March each year the Section shall nominate

candidates to the executive committee, to serve for the ensuing year, beginning July 1st. The vote shall be by e-mail and/or a letter ballot, and the candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 2. An independent member shall prepare the ballot for the election of officers and/or executive committee members.

Section 3. The ballot thus prepared shall be submitted to the membership of the Section, to be canvassed before the end of March.

ARTICLE V:

Miscellaneous

Section 1.

(a) Propositions for amendments to these By-Laws may be submitted to the Executive Committee by any qualified member of the Section. If approved by the Executive Committee, they shall be submitted to the membership of the Section for consideration. Vote shall be by email and/or letter ballot, to close 14 days from the date of mailing. If approved by 60% of the votes cast, the amendment, or amendments, shall become part of these By-Laws.

Section 2. These By-Laws shall go into effect on September 1st, 2005.