

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
FLORIDA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**
(Revisions approved April 2026)

1. NAME

The name of this Corporation is the Florida Water Environment Association, Inc., hereinafter designated as the Association.

2. AFFILIATION

2.1 The Association shall be a member of the Water Environment Federation (WEF), hereinafter designated as the Federation, and shall participate in the activities of that organization. It is the intent that the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association shall be in harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Federation.

3. OBJECTIVES

3.1 Advance the fundamental knowledge of the water environment, its basic qualities, and physical laws governing its interaction with other aspects of the environment and with the aesthetic, economic, and biological needs of the earth's inhabitants.

3.2 Advance the knowledge and technology in the design, construction, operation and management of water quality systems and facilities.

3.3 Increase the knowledge and understanding of the earth's water environment. and encourage and promote action necessary for its enhancement.

3.4 Develop and implement effective delivery mechanisms to rapidly disseminate knowledge concerning the water environment to members and other interested parties.

3.5 Promote sound policy in matters relating to the water environment.

3.6 Improve the professional status of all personnel engaged in any aspect of protection and improving the earth's water environment.

3.7 Strengthen and build alliances with organizations throughout the world, incorporating members of all professions dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of water quality and water resources.

3.8 Stimulate public awareness of the relationship of water resources to the public welfare and the need for pollution prevention, resource recovery, preservation, conservation and reuse of water resources.

3.9 Serve the international community of water environment professionals.

4. FRANCHISE

4.1 The exclusive service area of the Association shall consist of the State of Florida.

4.2 No revision to divide the exclusive service area shall be made until the following conditions are met:

a) A petition requesting such division is presented to the Board of Directors through the President. The petition shall be signed by not less than 100 members of the Association.

b) A ballot (mailed, e-mailed, or electronic), on the question of division of the Association, is submitted to the entire membership, and two-thirds of the eligible voting members approve the division of the Association.

c) The division is approved by the Water Environment Federation.

4.3 No revision to expand the exclusive service area by joining with another member association of the Water Environment Federation shall be made until the following conditions are met:

a) A petition requesting such joining is presented to the Board of Directors through the President. The petition shall be signed by not less than 100 members of the Association.

b) A ballot (mailed, e-mailed, or electronic), on the question of joining another member association is submitted to the entire membership; and two-thirds of the eligible voting members approve the joining of the Association with another member association.

c) The joining is approved by the Water Environment Federation.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The membership of the Association shall consist of persons and organizations interested in any of the objectives of the Association, and having such qualifications as are prescribed in the Bylaws for the various grades of membership, and persons and organizations having the qualifications as prescribed in the Bylaws.

5.2 The term "eligible voting member", as used in this Constitution, shall include all persons having the rights and privileges as prescribed in the Bylaws.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors (hereinafter designated as the "Board") under such rules as the Board may determine, subject to the specific conditions of this Constitution & Bylaws.

6.2 The Board shall consist of the President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Executive Director of Operations, Federation Delegate or Delegates, the Operations Council Representative, Utility Council Chair, a number of Directors-At-Large as approved by the Board, and the most recent Past President who is willing and able to serve as an eligible voting member. No member of the Board may hold more than one Board position at the same time.

7. OFFICERS

7.1 The officers of the Association shall be a President, a President Elect, a Vice President, , Secretary/Treasurer, an Executive Director of Operations and the most recent Past President who is willing and able to serve. These officers comprise the Executive Committee (ExComm).

7.2 All officers shall be eligible voting members and shall be members in good standing of WEF.

8. AMENDMENTS

8.1 Initiation

8.1.1 Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or by a petition of ten (10) percent of the eligible voting members. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.

8.1.2 The Secretary/Treasurer shall give notice of a proposed amendment, upon instruction of the Board of Directors, to each member at least fourteen (14) days before it is to be voted upon. Notice shall be by direct mail, email, or published in any publication distributed to the membership.

8.2 Adoption

8.2.1 An amendment to the Constitution shall be adopted by acclamation of a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voting members present and voting at an Annual Meeting.

8.2.2 Alternatively, a proposed amendment may be mailed, emailed, or an electronic ballot by the secretary to each eligible voting member. The letter, email, or electronic

ballot shall be returned not later than fourteen (14) days following the mailing, emailing, or electronic ballot of the proposed amendment. A minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the ballots cast must vote affirmatively for adoption.

8.2.3 An amendment approved by the Association membership shall take effect immediately.

9. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

9.1 In the event of dissolution of the Association, the property assets thereof, after providing for all obligations and liabilities of the Association, shall then be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

10. MEETINGS

10.1 A regular annual meeting of the Association shall be held at such place and on such date as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.