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To: CSWEA Executive Committee & Members  
From: Eric R. Lecuyer, Executive Director  
RE: Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Amendments  
Date: May 13, 2007

In accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Article XIII of the By-Laws, the required notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws was provided by a mailing to all members. That mailing outlined the text of the proposed amendments to be voted on by the members present at the 2007 Annual Business Meeting, May 24, 2007. In addition, the proposed amendments have been reviewed by the WEF Constitution and By-Laws committee. Below are the proposed amendments.

## 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Election of Officers Notice and Notice of Proposed Constitution & By-Law Amendments

Greetings CSWEA Members!

With the publication of our first edition of “Central States Water” the magazine successor to WISILLMINN scheduled for mid April, and as required by the Constitution and By-laws, this special mailing will serve as the required introduction of Nominees for CSWEA Officer Elections and proposed Constitution and By-laws amendments.

The purpose of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws are to: 1. Amend the membership classifications to provide for group membership categories, 2. Update these documents to reflect recent WEF Governance Changes that renamed our WEF Directors to WEF Delegates, and 3. To update the name of our official publication from WISILLMINN to “Central States Water”, as previously approved by the Executive Committee. The full text of the proposed Constitution and By-laws can be viewed at our website, [www.CSWEA.org](http://www.CSWEA.org). Following are excerpts of those sections that are proposed to be amended.

**CENTRAL STATES WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**CONSTITUTION**

**Approved May 13, 1993**

**Amended May 18, 2004**

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## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Officers**

#### **SECTION 1.**

All Officers shall be ACTIVE or PROFESSIONAL WASTEWATER OPERATOR (PWO) members in good standing of the Association. The Officers shall be President, Vice President (the number provided in the Bylaws), the latest living Past President, a Treasurer, the Delegates to the Water Environment Federation, the PWO Representative, and elected Trustees of each Section. These Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Manner of Election**

At least TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY (270) days before the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a NOMINATING COMMITTEE consisting of one Active or PWO member from each constituent state.

Nominations for each elective office about to become vacant for the following year shall be received and considered by the Nominating Committee. The Committee, through its chair, shall report to the President and Executive Director at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting of the Association its selection of one or more nominees for each office required to be filled. All nominees shall have signified their willingness to serve.

The Executive Director shall transmit the report of the Nominating Committee to the CENTRAL STATES WATER MAGAZINE Editor at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The CENTRAL STATES WATERMAGAZINE Editor will publish the name and a short biographical sketch of each nominee in the issue of the CENTRAL STATES WATER MAGAZINE immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

## **CENTRAL STATES WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION, INC**

### **BY-LAWS**

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#### **SECTION 1.**

The MEMBERSHIP of the Association shall consist of HONORARY ACTIVE, ACTIVE, PROFESSIONAL WASTEWATER OPERATOR (PWO), CORPORATE, LIFE, STUDENT, GROUP MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES and DUAL Members as defined in the following sections:

#### **SECTION 2.**

An Honorary Active Member shall be one whose accomplishments, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, entitle that member to special recognition by the Association. Honorary Active Members shall have the same privileges as Active Members but shall not be required to pay Association dues.

#### **SECTION 3.**

An Active Member shall be any person actively engaged or interested in one or more of the objectives of the Association as defined in the Constitution.

The privilege to vote or hold office is limited to Active and PWO Members in good standing and to other members having rights and privileges of Active Members as prescribed in these by-laws. In addition, individual Active Members shall have all of the rights and privileges granted by the WEF including the right to vote and to hold office as provided in the WEF Constitution and By-laws.

#### **SECTION 4.**

A PWO Member shall be a person who is actively employed by the responsible operating entity (or its agent) on the facilities site on a day to day basis in the operation and maintenance of wastewater collection facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, or wastewater laboratories provided for such treatment facilities, or is an off-site private laboratory technician who routinely performs wastewater analyses, or retired therefrom.

#### **SECTION 5.**

A Corporate Member shall be an organization engaged in the design, construction, manufacture, operation, or management of water environment systems, a government agency, an industrial organization, or any other corporate body or organization engaged in or interested in at least one of the objectives of the Water Environment Federation (Federation) and this Association.

A Corporate Member shall be entitled to ONE (1) representative whose name shall appear on the roll of members and who shall have all the rights and privileges of an Active Member. The representative may be changed at the convenience or pleasure of the Corporate Member on written notice to the Executive Director of the Association.

#### **SECTION 6.**

A Central States Life Member shall be an Active or PWO member of this Association who has been granted Life Membership by the Federation.

A Life Member shall have the same privileges as Active Members, but shall not be required to pay any Association dues.

#### SECTION 7.

A Student Member shall be any person who is enrolled as a regular student in a college, university or technical institution, and who spends at least ONE HALF (1/2) time on academic course work or the equivalent. Student Membership shall terminate on the anniversary date following the time in which a member ceases to be a student as defined herein.

#### Section 8.

Group membership categories apply to specific members who select a "group membership" option as may be provided for Utilities, Corporations and Organizations as part of a WEF group membership model. Group membership members shall be entitled to those rights and privileges identified in the applicable section outlining dues and privileges of membership in the Statements of Policy. In addition, Group Members shall have all the rights and privileges granted by the WEF, including the right of its authorized representative to vote, as provided for in the WEF Constitution and Bylaws.