

SAN DIEGO SECTION OF THE  
MARINE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY  
BY-LAWS

Article I

NAME AND PURPOSE

A. Name

The name of this organization shall be the San Diego Section (hereinafter referred to as the Section) of the Marine Technology Society (hereinafter referred to as the Society).

B. Purpose, Objectives and Scope of Activities

Purpose

The purpose of the Section is to promote broader understanding among the Society's members and the general public of marine science and related technologies. The Section's membership consists of engineers, scientists, lawyers, economists and members of related professions.

Objectives

The objectives of the Section are those of the Society, which are to:

1. Disseminate marine science and technical knowledge.
2. Promote and aid education of marine scientists, engineers and technicians.
3. Advance the development of the tools to explore, study, and wisely utilize the resources of the oceans.
4. Provide services, which create a broader understanding of the relevance of marine sciences to other technologies, arts and human affairs.
5. Provide local representation with regulators and legislators on behalf of the ocean science and technologies.

## Article II

### TERRITORY

The territory of the Section shall cover the greater San Diego County & Imperial Counties in California.

## Article III

### MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

#### A. Eligibility

Membership will consist of persons residing or having regular business within the Section territory. Applicants must have an active interest in the Section objectives.

#### B. Classes of Membership

Membership classifications of the Section will be the same as those of the Society. A Section may be composed of both members and affiliates. Members must be members in good standing of the Society and shall have the rights and privileges provided them by the Bylaws of the Society. Affiliates may participate in the Section's activities but may not vote or hold office.

## Article IV

### ORGANIZATION

#### A. Officers

The Section shall elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### B. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Section, the immediate past Chairperson, and seven additional elected councilors. The elected committee members will be selected such that the Executive committee represents a cross section of the marine technical and academic community. All of these positions are to be held by members in good standing with our Section and the Society.

#### C. Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors shall be comprised of up to 6 persons appointed by the Chairperson for a one-year term. The executive committee shall preside over this Board, which will serve strictly in an advisory capacity for the Section. All of these positions are to be held by members in good standing with our Section and the Society.

#### D. Election of Officers

Elected officers of the Section shall serve for a term of one year beginning on July 1 and continuing through June 30. The Vice Chairperson shall, upon completion of his term of office succeed to the office of Chairperson. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson for the unexpired term thereby vacating the office of Vice-Chairperson. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee by interim appointment for the period up to the next annual election, at which time the Section shall choose a member to fill out the unexpired term, if any. In the event the office of Vice-Chairperson is filled by such interim appointment, the Section shall elect both a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at its annual election.

The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of one Committee and two Section members not later than May of each year. Not more than one member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more persons for each elective position for which a vacancy will occur, and shall make a report at a regular meeting of the Section. The incumbent of any elective position may be renominated. Nominations from the floor or by petition are in order, following the report of the Committee. No nominee's name shall be placed on the ballot unless he has stated his willingness to serve if elected.

The election shall be by electronic, facsimile or mailed ballots. Ballots shall be delivered to all Section members within ten days following the regular meeting at which nominations were presented. The ballots shall state the date and place they are to be opened and counted. Election results shall be certified to the Executive Secretary of the Society by July 15.

#### E. Duties of Officers and Executive Committee

The duties of the officers shall be those customarily performed by such officers, together with those responsibilities prescribed by the Bylaws of the Society and by these Bylaws and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Section, and, as such, shall have full power to conduct, manage and direct the business and affairs of the Section in accordance with the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Society and these Bylaws.

Specific duties of the officers are summarized as follows:

Chairperson - The Chairperson is responsible for the overall administration and leadership of the Section, coordinates all efforts between the Section and the Society, and shall preside at all meetings of the Section and Executive

Committee. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Chairperson shall appoint all Standing and Special Committees of the Section.

Immediate Past Chairperson - The immediate past Chairperson will serve on the Executive Committee.

Vice Chairperson - The Vice-Chairperson shall be responsible to the Chairperson and shall exercise such authority as may be delegated by the Chairperson. Upon completion of his/her normal term of office, he/she shall succeed to the office of Chairperson.

Secretary - The Section Secretary shall maintain the official records, including membership roster, maintain meeting minutes of the Section, document control (both hard and electronic), and shall supervise the procedures for election of Officers.

Treasurer – The treasurer shall also be responsible for collection and disbursement of all Section funds, and shall have custody of all Section funds on deposit in banks. He/she shall be responsible for financial reporting to the Executive Committee and the Society at such frequency and in such format as the Committee shall demand.

Councilors - The Councilors shall attend the Executive Committee meetings and advise the officers in the operation of the Section. Each councilor is required to chair one or more of the Section's committees or activities.

#### Article V

#### CALENDAR

#### Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Section will be from 1 July to 30 June.

#### Article VI

#### COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee shall establish committees as necessary for the proper operation of the Section.

#### Article VII

#### MEETINGS

The Section shall hold regular meetings at places and times designated by the Executive Committee.

The Section may hold special meetings at the call of the Executive Committee Chairperson or at the written request of fifteen members of the Section. The

notices of special meetings shall state the exact nature of the business to be considered and no other business shall be transacted at such meetings.

Due notice of all general and special meetings shall be sent to each member and affiliate of the Section. A quorum for transaction of business at a Section meeting shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the Section. No business shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum.

The Executive Committee shall meet monthly or at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee. Six present members of the Executive Committee or their written proxies constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, called meetings of the Executive Committee shall continue with action items rescheduled to a later date.

#### Article VIII

#### FINANCES

No Section dues will be assessed to members. Voluntary solicitations for funds from members can be made under rules prescribed by the Section or Society. The Section may organize and/or participate in special events (conferences, workshops, parties, etc) to gather funds for the Section operation. Voluntary contributions may be solicited and accepted to defray Section expenses.

#### Article IX

#### AMENDMENTS

A proposed amendment to these Bylaws must first be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. If it is approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, the Secretary shall furnish all members of the Section with copies of the proposed amendment at the time when notice of the next meeting of the Section is given.

At the second regular meeting of the Section after notice of the proposed amendment is given, the amendment will be approved if it receives an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members present.

Any proposed amendment not approved by the Executive Committee within 60 days from the time it is submitted thereto, may be brought to a vote of the membership by a petition signed by no less than fifteen members of the Section.

Amendments to these Bylaws, after approval by the Section, shall be submitted to the Membership and Section's Committee of the Society. The amendment shall not be adopted or become effective until it is approved by the Society.

#### Article X

#### DISSOLUTION OF SECTION

Upon the dissolution of the Section, any assets of the Section remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to such organization then existent, within or without the territory of the Section, dedicated to the perpetuation of the objects similar to those of the Society, or to the Society so lone; as whichever organization is selected by the governing body of the Section at the time of dissolution shall be exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect at the time of the Section's dissolution.