

Consortium Member Constitution

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Constitution of the Technical Services Consortium (TSC) Senate

Technical Services Consortium

PREAMBLE

TSC Membership is the groundwork of the Consortium, providing the excellence in business structure, processes and service upon which the quality and reputation of the consortium is constructed. The welfare of the entire consortium endeavor is best served when the member's proficiency and skills are maintained through collaborative participation in the governance of the Consortium. Specifically, the TSC Members are the primary determining body on policy matters affecting TSC activities and the actions of affiliated locations.

Therefore, the TSC members hereby establish this Constitution in order to provide for the organization and procedures that will ensure appropriate member participation at all levels of Consortium governance. This organization is based on the premise that it is desirable to have leading member direction through which the TSC as a whole can initiate recommendations for the advancement of the worldwide mission of the Consortium and the welfare of the Consortium cooperative.

It shall be the purpose of the directing members to:

- * Make recommendations on Consortium policy and governance issues of concern to TSC;
- * Advocate for member viewpoints on all issues in which members perceive themselves as stakeholders;
- * Solicit member perceptions, suggestions, and recommendations;
- * Seek accurate data for use in advocating positions taken by members;
- * Promote communication among members, and between members and other groups within the TSC community;
- * Protect member independence and improve member benefits and operational conditions; and
- * Assure the opportunity for member participation in viable planning and decision-making.

I. ORGANIZATION

A. Definitions

- 1. TSC members are those persons who hold rank as business owner or owner nominated authority.*
- 2. Member voters are those Consortium members who are considered representative of the member organization and have entered into confirmed agreement with the TSC group.*
- 3. Members of the Technical Services Consortium (TSC) Senate are Consortium voters.*

B. The Senate is a body of approximately six TSC owners or owner-appointed representatives to represent proportionally the members of each organization.

II. FUNCTIONS

- A. Governing laws apply as appropriate with each TSC member organization due to the diverse locations of member companies.
- B. The Senate shall keep minutes of Senate meetings and make them available to the Consortium in a timely manner.
- C. Vacancies

III. MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

- A. The Senate shall meet at the call of the leaders of the Senate or two or more of its members.
- B. The Senate must consider any written recommendations submitted by a Consortium member.
- C. Notice must be given to the Consortium at least forty-eight hours in advance of any meeting called, and the notice must include a statement of the issue to be considered.
- D. Voting - A simple majority shall be necessary to pass resolutions in the Senate or meetings called.

IV. AMENDMENT

- A. Amendments to this constitution shall be initiated by:

1. *The Consortium Senate or*
2. *Petition of ten percent of the voting members of the Consortium*

- B. Amendment procedures:

1. *Amendment proposals are considered at any time when the Consortium Senate receives a formal request and , by a two-thirds majority, approves amendment suggestions offered by one or more of its members. The petitioner may be required to appear before the Consortium Senate in an examination of the proposal for the purpose of effecting, with the consensus of the requester, language clarification or significant changes to the petitioners' proposed revision.*
2. *Regardless of the outcome the Consortium Senate will not refuse submission of any legitimate petition, and are obliged to grant official awareness of the proposed amendment in the final language in which it is offered by the petitioners.*
3. *Requests for amendment will be documented and distributed through the Consortium Senate at least seven days in advance of their consideration in an approval election that must take place not less than thirty days after distribution of the documented proposal.*
4. *An amendment to this Constitution is executed when at least two-fifths of the Consortium voters cast ballots and at least two-thirds of those casting ballots vote in favor of the proposal.*
5. *This Constitution shall be considered approved when at least one more than fifty percent of the voting membership elects to approve this Constitution.*