



STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Information for Applicants on reverse side.

Application type selection box with checkboxes for New Membership, Reinstatement, Grade Transfer, and various member categories like MEMBER SE, Associate, etc.

NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE

FIRM TITLE

BUSINESS ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP PHONE /

BUSINESS E-MAIL \* A Business or Residential e-mail address is required to access the password protected member portion of the SEAONC web site.

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PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: OFFICE HOME

BORN CITY STATE OR COUNTRY MONTH DAY YEAR

HIGHER EDUCATION FROM-TO (YRS) SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY DEGREE YEAR

ENGINEERING REGISTRATIONS CALIFORNIA TYPE No. YEAR OBTAINED OTHERS STATES

TECHNICAL, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

WORK EXPERIENCE FROM-TO (YRS) EMPLOYER TITLE, DUTIES

APPLICATION FEES: INITIATION FEE (as MEMBER SE, Associate), TRANSFER FEE. \* INITIATION FEE MUST BE PROVIDED WITH APPLICATION. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE

If paying by check make payment to SEAONC. If paying by credit card provide the following: (SEAONC accepts VISA, Mastercard, AMEX) Credit Card#, Expiration date, Name on card (if different than applicant):

# INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP (EXCERPTS FROM THE SEAONC BYLAWS)

## SEAONC COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

**Individuals applying for membership are encouraged to sign up for at least one SEAONC Committee.**

Our Committees' efforts contribute to the improvement of public safety and to the betterment of our profession. We need and want many committee workers, but please sign up only for committees you intend to devote significant time and effort to. Please indicate your choice(s):

Bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	01
Construction Quality Assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	02
Computer Applications	<input type="checkbox"/>	03
Continuing Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	04
Disaster Emergency Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	05
Existing Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	06
Legislative	<input type="checkbox"/>	07
Professional Practices	<input type="checkbox"/>	08
Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	09
Public Affairs and Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	10
Seismology/Structural Standards (limit of 2)		
Foundations	<input type="checkbox"/>	11
Materials: Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/>	12
Masonry	<input type="checkbox"/>	13
Steel	<input type="checkbox"/>	14
Wood	<input type="checkbox"/>	15
Non-Building Structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	16
Non-Structure Components	<input type="checkbox"/>	17
Sustainable Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	18
Transportation Structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	19
Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	20
Young Members Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	21

Dues to the SEAONC organization and SEAOC are not deductible as a charitable contribution but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. A portion of dues, however, is not deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense to the extent that SEAOC engages in lobbying activity. The non-deductible portion of dues for 2005-2006 is estimated to be 5%.

## ARTICLE II Membership

Membership in the Association shall consist of the following grades: MEMBER SE, MEMBER, ASSOCIATE MEMBER, AFFILIATE MEMBER, INDUSTRY MEMBER, STUDENT MEMBER, CORRESPONDING MEMBER, FELLOW, HONORARY MEMBER, and LIFE MEMBER. In addition, firms may be designated as BUSINESS FORUM MEMBERS.

Section 1. A MEMBER SE shall be a Civil Engineer registered in the State of California with authority to use the title Structural Engineer. A Member SE may vote, hold office, serve as a director, committee chair or committee member within the Association and may serve as director, officer, committee chair or committee member of the Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC).

Section 2. A MEMBER shall be one of the following:

- a. A Civil Engineer registered in the State of California regularly engaged in the practice of structural or related engineering,
- b. A person who conducts research and/or holds a teaching position at a university or college,
- c. A person who has attained eminence in the field of engineering which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, qualifies the person for the grade of Member.

A Member shall have all of the rights and privileges of a Member SE except that s/he may not hold the office of President or Vice President, may not serve on the Board of Directors of SEAOC, and may not chair the SEAOC Seismology, Code, Existing Buildings, Vision 2000 or Professional Activities committees except with the approval of the SEAOC Board of Directors.

Section 3. An ASSOCIATE MEMBER shall be a structural, civil, or architectural engineering graduate who is not eligible for the grade of Member or Member SE. An Associate Member shall have the rights and privileges of a Voting Member except that s/he may not vote or hold office.

Section 4. An AFFILIATE MEMBER shall be a person in an allied field cooperating with and/or working closely with structural engineers in the advancement and practice of the technical aspects of structural engineering. An Affiliate Member shall have the rights and privileges of a Voting Member except that s/he may not vote or hold office.

Section 5. An INDUSTRY MEMBER shall be a person in an industry cooperating with structural engineers. An Industry Member shall have the rights and privileges of a Voting Member except that s/he may not vote or hold office.

Section 6. A STUDENT MEMBER shall be an engineering student who is enrolled full time in an accredited engineering school or college. A Student Member shall have the rights and privileges of a Voting Member except that s/he may not vote or hold office.

Section 7. A CORRESPONDING MEMBER shall be a person interested in supporting the goals and purposes of the Association who does not qualify for other membership grades or who does not reside in California or Nevada. A Corresponding Member shall have the rights and privileges of a Voting Member except that s/he may not vote or hold office.

Section 12. Transfer from Associate Member to Member or from Affiliate Member to Member or from Member to Member SE shall be automatic when the qualifications have been attained and the transfer has the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 15. The qualifications of Members may be reviewed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE III Membership Admissions, Transfers, Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Expulsions

Section 1. Admission to the Association shall be in accordance with the following procedure:

- a. A completed application shall be submitted to the Board of Directors.
- b. Notice of the application shall be sent to the Membership, who shall have 30 days

from the date of mailing of the notice in which to file written objection to the election of the applicant.

c. The Board of Directors shall vote upon the application giving due consideration to any objections that might be received. The applicant shall be duly elected upon receipt of a majority vote of the full Board of Directors.

d. An application for student membership shall include payments for both the initiation fee and the first year's annual dues for student membership.

Section 2. An application for transfer from a Member in good standing of another member association of the Structural Engineers Association of California shall be considered as a new application for Membership except that initiation fee and the requirement of endorsement shall be waived. The appropriate grade of Membership shall be determined in accordance with this Association's Bylaws. An applicant shall furnish a statement from the former Association stating that the applicant is a member in good standing, that dues have been paid for their current fiscal year, citing the duration of time of membership and stating the present grade of Membership. If all of the above requirements have been met, the applicant will not be required to pay any dues to this Association until the start of the next fiscal year.

Section 3. Upon written request, the Board of Directors may grant a Member a leave of absence for the current fiscal year. Leave may be renewed with the suspension of dues at the discretion of the Board when requested in writing.

Section 4. If all dues have been paid, a Member may apply for resignation by written communication to the Board of Directors, which is empowered to accept the resignation. A Member having thus resigned may be reinstated by the Board without payment of the initiation fee.

Section 5. Any Member may prefer charges for disciplinary action against any other Member or Members upon the grounds of unprofessional conduct or conduct detrimental to the Association or in violation of its Canon of Ethics or these Bylaws. Such charges shall be made in writing specifically stating the conduct in question, and shall be addressed and sent to or delivered to the Secretary of the Association and be signed by the Member preferring the same. Such charges shall be treated as confidential by all concerned and they are not to be discussed or disseminated except as provided by this section. The Board of Directors shall consider the charges, and if disciplinary action appears to be warranted, the Secretary of the Association shall advise the Member in writing of the charges against the Member, the name of the person preferring such charges, the time and place of the hearing of such charges (which hearing shall be conducted by the Board of Directors), and of the member's right to present at such time a defense either in person or in writing. After considering the evidence presented at such hearing, the Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of the full Board, order such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, including, but not restricted to, censure, suspension from membership or expulsion. The suspension period shall not exceed one year and during the period of any suspension, the member's obligation to pay dues shall continue. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, notify the membership of the disciplinary action taken. Each member of the Association waives any claim for libel or slander which he may have against any Member of the Board of Directors, or any officer, agent, or employee of this Association by reason of any charges made or published or any other action taken pursuant to this section.

Section 6. Should a Member be expelled from this Association, s/he shall not again be entitled to Membership, unless the Board of Directors decide that extenuating circumstances and/or subsequent record may favor an applicant for readmission.

## ARTICLE IV Dues, Assessments and Contributions

Section 1. Initiation and transfer fees shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be published annually.

Section 2. Annual dues shall consist of Association dues and SEAOC dues. Association dues are those paid for support of, and use of, the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California and shall be set by the Board of Directors. SEAOC dues are those paid for the support of, and use of, the Structural Engineers Association of California and are set by the SEAOC Board of Directors. Payment of SEAOC dues is mandatory for all SEAOC Member grades assessed by SEAOC in the amounts so assessed.

Section 3. Annual dues shall be assessed at 100% for each grade of Membership except: Associate Members and Affiliate Members shall pay 50% of the annual dues, Student Members shall pay 25% of the Association dues (no SEAOC dues), Business Forum Members shall pay those dues assessed by the Association and by SEAOC, Life Members so designated before 1995 and Honorary Members shall pay no dues, and Life Members so designated after 1994 shall pay 25% of the annual dues.

Annual dues and the amounts applying to each grade of membership shall be published annually. Annual dues shall be payable upon billing and any Member more than six months in arrears shall, except as herein provided, cease to be a Member of the Association. Any such person who wishes to be reinstated in the Association shall pay the full initiation fee.

Section 4. The Board of Directors may increase or decrease initiation fees, transfer fees, and Association dues singly or collectively, by not more than 10% in any one year. Increases or decreases in excess of 10% must be approved by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of those voting by letter ballot in which balloting a majority of the Voting Members vote thereon.

Members changing grade within the Association shall not be required to pay any additional dues during the fiscal year of the change.

On application from any Member, the Board of Directors may, at its discretion and for cause, remit part or all current dues and/or assessments of the Member or extend the time of payment.

Section 5. Additional moneys required to carry on the activities of the Association may be raised through assessments which shall not exceed the annual dues for any one fiscal year. Any assessments proposed by the Board of Directors must be approved by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of those voting by letter ballot in which balloting a majority of the Voting Members vote thereon.

Section 6. The Board of Directors is empowered to receive contributions from any source, provided the funds so received are used to further the aims and objectives of the Association.

Section 7. The fiscal year of this Association shall be from the first day of July to the last day of June of the following year.