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BYLAWS

OF

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK

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30 **ARTICLE I: NAME & OBJECTIVES**

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32 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

33 A. NSPS: The National Society of Professional Surveyors

34 B. NSPS-YSN: The National Society of Professional Surveyors – Young Surveyors Network

35 C. ‘The Society’: in this document will strictly be used to make reference to The National Society
36 of Professional Surveyors – Young Surveyors Network or ‘NSPS YSN’.

37 D. Board or “Board of Directors”: The Board of Directors and the Officers of the Society

38 E. Officers: The current President, Vice President, Secretary, and NSPS Delegate of the Society.

39 F. Member in good standing: member who is currently meeting all financial obligations due to the
40 Society and activity requirements for the class of membership named.

41 G. Chapter: designates a group of Society members operating under an agreement between themselves
42 and the Society, with the same objectives that the Society has nationwide.

43 H. Calendar Year: January 1, 12:00AM EST – December 31, 11:59PM EST

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45 **SECTION 2. NAME & LOCATION.**

46 A. The name of this organization will be: National Society of Professional Surveyors – Young
47 Surveyors Network, also known as ‘NSPS YSN,’ hereinafter referred to as the Society.

48 B. The NSPS-YSN operates as a program of NSPS under its Bylaws and policies, and is not separately
49 incorporated.

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52 **SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES.**

53 The Society subscribes to and supports the Creed and Canons of NSPS. In addition, the Society will be
54 enacted with the following four objectives:

55 A. PROMOTE - Ensure young surveyors are working together with NSPS to promote the surveying
56 profession to the public by sharing materials, ideas and opportunities.

57 B. CONNECT - Ensure young surveyors are connected with local and national surveying organizations
58 and associations.

59 C. REPRESENT - Ensure young surveyors are present and represented at local and national surveying
60 organizations and associations.

61 D. PARTICIPATE - Ensure young surveyors are engaged, active and have the opportunity to get a voice at
62 local and national surveying organizations and associations.

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64 **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

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66 **SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION.**

67 Membership to the Society will be of three types: Regular Members, Supporting Members, and Life
68 Members.

69 A. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP must be 35 years or younger, a current student, or within 10 years of
70 graduation from a course of study in land surveying or a related field. Regular members will have
71 full voting rights within the society. A regular member will not be required to be an active
72 member of NSPS in order to maintain good standing within the Society.

73 B. SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP will be open to any person interested in the support of the NSPS-YSN.
74 They will not have the right to vote in Society business but will be encouraged to contribute to
75 debate before the membership.

76 C. LIFE MEMBER any person who has rendered special service to the Society, its aims, and objectives
77 may be elected a Life member. Life members will be elected by a majority vote of the Board of
78 Directors and said membership for life or until revoked by the Board for just and sufficient cause.
79 No dues or assessments are required from Life members.

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81 **SECTION 2. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP.**

82 A. The term of membership can be as long as that member has interest and participates in Society events.

83 B. Any member of the Society may be expelled or suspended from the Society for professional
84 misconduct or due cause by a majority vote of the Board. Professional misconduct must include
85 violation of the Creed or Canons of NSPS, malpractice, unethical conduct, or any fraudulent or
86 dishonorable conduct, whether or not connected with the practice of surveying of the Society,
87 regardless of whether or not such act may constitute an offense under the Penal Code of the State

88 of Residence. The Board may request assistance of NSPS where, in the Board's judgement, the
89 circumstances warrant.

90 C. No Member or Member of the board will not receive a salary or compensation from the Society, except
91 for expenses incurred on behalf of the Society approved by the Board.

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93 **ARTICLE III: STATE CHAPTERS**

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95 **SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION**

96 A. The membership of the Society may be organized into Chapters (as determined by the Board). The
97 Board of Directors must authorize such chapters; defining boundaries as may best serve the
98 members of the Society. Each chapter thus formed shall have a minimum of 1 Chapter
99 Representative and 4 Regular Members.

100 B. Chapters may be organized or chartered outside of The Society, provided the chapter:

101 a. Applies for acceptance to The Board and is accepted.

102 b. Not organized in such a way as to conflict with or contravene the Bylaws of the Society.

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104 **SECTION 2. AUTHORITY**

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106 A. The Board of Directors will have the authority to make rules and regulations for and decisions
107 affecting the chartering, combining or dissolving of Chapters created by the Board.

108 B. The Board of Directors shall have authority to revoke the accepted status of Chapters.

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110 **SECTION 3. CHAPTER BYLAWS**

111 A. Each chapter chartered by the Society must adopt such bylaws for its operation as it may deem proper;
112 provided that nothing contained therein conflicts with or contravene the Bylaws of the Society.

113 Such bylaws and any changes thereto are subject to approval of the Board.

114 B. Each chapter accepted by the Society must adopt such bylaws for its operation as it may deem proper;
115 provided that nothing contained therein conflicts with or contravene the Bylaws of the Society.

116 C. The chapters are internal to NSPS-YSN and shall not supersede or conflict with State Affiliate
117 Institutions recognized under Article VII of the NSPS Bylaws

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119 **SECTION 4. AUTONOMY**

120 A. In all matters of local concern not covered by these Bylaws, chapters will retain full autonomy, but
121 may call upon the Society and NSPS for advice, counsel and assistance.

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123 **SECTION 5. CHAPTER DEBT**

124 A. Chapters must not contract any debt or obligation on behalf of the Society unless expressly authorized
125 by the Board.

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127 **SECTION 6. FISCAL YEAR**

128 A. The fiscal and administrative years of the chapters must be concurrent with those of the Society

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130 **SECTION 7. CHAPTER DUES**

131 A. The annual chapter dues will be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Society Board of
132 Directors.

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134 **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS & EVENTS**

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136 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETINGS.**

137 A. Two (2) meetings will be held each year, to be known as the “Spring Annual Meeting” and the “Fall
138 Annual Meeting.” These meetings will be for the transaction of such business as may properly be
139 brought before the membership meeting. At such Annual Meetings, written fiscal reports and
140 reports of the work of The Society for the past year will be given by the President or President’s
141 designee.

142 B. The Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the NSPS Spring Meeting, notwithstanding the
143 provisions set forth in Article IV Section 3 (A).

144 C. The Fall Meeting will be held at such a time and place decided by The Board in the interest of The
145 Society.

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147 **SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

148 A. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, upon a majority vote of the Board,
149 upon a majority vote of the State Chapter Presidents, or by vote of 10 percent of Society
150 membership. The notice for the special meeting will state the reason for the meeting, and no other
151 business will be considered at such special meeting.

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153 **SECTION 3: REMOTE MEETINGS.**

154 A. The Board of Directors, may when in the interest of The Society vote to hold one or both of the
155 “Annual Meetings” remotely. Notice must be given within Seven (7) days of the decision by The
156 Board.

157 B. A conference telephone call, or other conference among directors by any means of communication
158 through which the members may simultaneously hear each other during the conference, will
159 constitute an “Annual Meeting”, provided that any notice requirements for a meeting are met and
160 that the number of attendees participating at the conference are sufficient to constitute a quorum
161 at a meeting. Participation in such a conference must constitute presence in person at the meeting.
162 If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the
163 meeting from time to time without further notice other than an announcement at the meeting, until
164 a quorum can be present.

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166 **SECTION 4. QUORUM**

167 A. Those Representative present at any Annual or Special meeting consisting of not fewer than ten (10)
168 percent of the Representatives must constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each
169 Representative present shall be entitled to one vote and there will be no voting by proxy. The vote
170 of a majority of the votes cast must be necessary and sufficient for the adoption of any matter
171 voted upon by the Representatives.

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173 **SECTION 5. NOTICE.**

174 A. Notices of annual and special meetings of this Society shall be given by the Board of this Society by
175 email at least ten (10) day, and not more than ninety (90) days, prior to the day on which such
176 meeting is to be held.

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178 **SECTION 6. ABSENTEE VOTING**

179 A. Any Regular Member who is entitled to vote at any meeting of the Members may vote electronically
180 should there be a meeting held remotely pursuant to Article IV Section 3 (A). In such an event,
181 the Board of Directors will be allowed to exercise, in the best interest of The Society, an
182 electronic balloting platform to perform the voting necessary to continue the business of The
183 Society.

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185 **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

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187 **SECTION 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

188 A. The Board of Directors will consist of The President, The Vice President, The Secretary, and The
189 NSPS Delegate. Non-voting Officers-elect must attend board meetings; however, will not be
190 considered members of the board for the purposes of these bylaws. The allowance of additional
191 Board members will be allowed at the discretion of the Board of Directors if in the interest of The
192 Society. Their duties will be to protect the mission and vision of the NSPS-YSN. The business
193 and affairs of the Society will be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

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195 **SECTION 2. ELECTION**

196 A. The Board of Directors must call for nominations from among members of The Society at the “Fall
197 Meeting” to elect a Vice President and Secretary.

198 B. The election will run from the adjournment of the “Fall Meeting” through the end of the calendar year.
199 Votes will be tabulated after the end of the election period.

- 200 C. Upon tabulation the candidates with the highest number of votes will be declared Officers-elect
201 pursuant to these bylaws. Notification of results will be released no later than Ten (10) days
202 following the beginning of the Calendar Year.
- 203 D. In the event of a tie, a new vote over the course of Seven (7) days will be taken consisting of only
204 members of The Board and State Chapter Representatives to determine the winner. Should the
205 result of such a vote result in a tie once more, a vote of the majority of the Board will be the
206 determining factor. If a candidate is a current member of The Board, they will be recused from
207 such a vote.
- 208 E. The Board may also appoint such other officers and agents as it may deem necessary for the transaction
209 of the business of The Society, whose term shall run concurrently with The Board unless removed
210 by a vote of The Board.

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212 **SECTION 3. VOTING**

- 213 A. The Board of Directors may use an electronic balloting platform approved by a majority vote of The
214 Board to perform the voting necessary to elect Officers.
- 215 B. Any voting member of The Society is eligible to vote in an election.

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217 **SECTION 4. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

- 218 A. A conference telephone call, or other conference among directors by any means of communication
219 through which the directors may simultaneously hear each other during the conference, will
220 constitute a meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that any notice requirements for a
221 meeting are met and that the number of directors participating at the conference are sufficient to
222 constitute a quorum at a meeting. Participation in such a conference must constitute presence in
223 person at the meeting. A majority of the directors will constitute a quorum for the transaction of
224 business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, and the vote of a majority of the directors
225 present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of
226 Directors. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may
227 adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice other than an announcement at the
228 meeting, until a quorum can be present.

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230 **SECTION 5. TERM OF OFFICE**

231 A. The term of office of all Officers will be one year, from installment at ‘Spring Meeting’ or until their
232 respective successors are chosen, but any officer may be removed from office at any meeting of
233 the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office,
234 whenever in its judgment the business interests of The Society will be served thereby. The Board
235 of Directors will have power to fill any vacancies in any offices occurring for any reason.

236 B. Officers will be installed as the first order of business at the ‘Spring Meeting.’

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238 **SECTION 6. SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS.**

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240 A. The normal succession of officers will be from Vice President to President and President to NSPS
241 Delegate.

242 B. In the event of the President’s inability to serve the remainder of a term of office, the Vice President
243 will automatically become President. The Board of Directors will decide whether the office of
244 Vice President will remain vacant.

245 C. In the event of the Vice President’s inability to serve the remainder of a term of office, the Board of
246 Directors will decide whether the office of Vice President will remain vacant until the next
247 regularly scheduled election or whether a special election shall be held to elect a new Vice
248 President.

249 D. If the NSPS Delegate is unable to serve the remainder of a term of office, the Board of Directors will
250 appoint another previous president of The Society to fill the vacancy. The person appointed will
251 carry the title “NSPS Delegate,” serve as a member on the Board of Directors, and fulfill the
252 normal responsibilities of the Past President.

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254 **SECTION 7. THE PRESIDENT**

255 A. The President will preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. In the
256 event of an absence, The President may appoint a temporary Chairman at any special meeting or
257 part of such meeting. The President will be the principal officer of The Society and guide its

258 functions. The President will provide the Secretary with a copy of all official correspondence,
259 which they may conduct for the permanent records of The Society.

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261 **SECTION 8. THE VICE PRESIDENT**

262 A. The Vice President, in the order designated by the Board of Directors or, lacking such designation, by
263 the President, shall in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise
264 the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors will
265 prescribe.

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267 **SECTION 9. THE SECRETARY**

268 A. The Secretary is the custodian of the records and the books of The Society. They will conduct the
269 official correspondence of The Society under the direction of the Board of Directors and maintain
270 a file of all such correspondence. They will prepare reports of all meetings of The Society or its
271 Directors and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may direct. In the absence of
272 the Secretary, an acting Secretary must be appointed by the Board of Directors.

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274 **SECTION 10. NSPS DELEGATE**

275 A. The NSPS Delegate will serve as the point of contact between The Society and the NSPS Liaison, to
276 be selected by the NSPS Board of Directors. If no NSPS Liaison is appointed, the NSPS Delegate
277 will report to an appropriate member of the NSPS Board of Directors. The NSPS Delegate will
278 attend all NSPS Board of Directors meetings to receive and provide input on behalf of The
279 Society. The NSPS Delegate will be responsible to make timely reports to the Society and its
280 membership regarding all communications conducted at NSPS Board meetings or other NSPS
281 events. The NSPS Delegate will serve as the YSN's representative to the NSPS Board of Directors
282 as a Voting Director. In accordance with the NSPS Bylaws, the NSPS Delegate must be a Voting
283 Member of NSPS. If the NSPS Delegate is not a Voting Member of NSPS, a NSPS-YSN member
284 that is also a Voting Member of NSPS will be selected in such special event to attend the NSPS
285 Board of Directors as a Voting Director. This Voting Director will only vote at NSPS Board of
286 Directors meetings and not have a vote on the Board of Directors of the NSPS-YSN as set forth in
287 Section 1(A) as set forth in this Article.

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291 **SECTION 11. OFFICERS-ELECT**

292 A. Officers-elect are not Officers of The Society and nothing in these bylaws should be construed as
293 providing for them having a vote on The Board. Officers-elect must attend Board Meetings in
294 preparation for their installment as Officers of The Society.

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296 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

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298 **SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

299 A. The Board of Directors shall determine the standing and special committees of The Society which will
300 be constituted and will define the powers and duties of same, and it may at any time abolish any
301 standing or special committee so constituted.

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303 **SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

304 A. The President will appoint the members of all committees and designate the Chairman of each and
305 instruct such committees in their duties. Meetings of committees may be called at any time by the
306 President or the Chairman of the Committee.

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308 **ARTICLE VII: FUNDS AND LEGAL**

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310 **SECTION 1. FUNDS AND LEGAL**

311 A. The NSPS YSN will not incur financial or legal obligations on behalf of NSPS unless expressly
312 authorized to the NSPS Board of Directors.

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314 **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

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316 **SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

317 A. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by: (a) a majority vote of the entire Board; or (b) a
318 petition signed by not less than 20 percent of the members of this Society.

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320 **SECTION 2. TIMEFRAME**

321 A. A minimum of 15 days must pass between the presentation of the amendment proposal to the Board
322 and the vote to approve or disapprove the amendment proposal.

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324 **SECTION 3. APPROVAL**

325 A. Any amendments made to these bylaws must be passed in a vote of the attendees of an “Annual
326 Meeting” provided that any notice requirements for a meeting are met and that the number of
327 attendees participating at the conference are sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting.

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329 **ARTICLE IX: SAVINGS CLAUSE**

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331 **SECTION 1. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

332 A. Any article or section of the Bylaws found to be in conflict with the NSPS Bylaws will be
333 null and void. However, this will not invalidate the remaining articles and sections of the Society
334 Bylaws.

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335 **ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION**

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337 **SECTION 1. DISSOLUTION**

338 A. The Society will use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these
339 Bylaws, and no part of said funds will inure, or be distributed, to the members of the Society. On
340 dissolution of the Society, any funds remaining will be distributed to one or more regularly
341 organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific or philanthropic organizations to be
342 selected by the Board. Any residual will be contributed to NSPS.