



SOUTHEAST ASIAN GEOTECHNICAL SOCIETIES

STATUTES

PREAMBLE

The Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society (SEAGS) was founded in April 1967, under the name Southeast Asian Society of Soil Engineering, to cater to the needs of geotechnical engineers in countries of Southeast Asia which did not themselves have similar national societies. The present name of the Society was adopted in February 1982 to reflect the broadened scope of the Society's activities.

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The objective of the Society shall be the promotion of cooperation among engineers, geologists and other scientists in Southeast Asia for the advancement of knowledge in geotechnical engineering. Geotechnical engineering shall imply the widest possible scope, including soil engineering, engineering geology, rock mechanics and applied geophysics.
- 1.2 In pursuance of this objective, the Society shall:
- (a) arrange for periodic local meetings within the region for the discussion of geotechnical engineering topics;
 - (b) arrange for geotechnical engineering conferences, symposia, seminars and lectures to be held in the region;
 - (c) publish a journal which shall contain papers of interest to geotechnical engineers;
 - (d) cooperate with the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), the International Association of Engineering Geology (IAEG), the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM), and other such bodies and societies as may be appropriate.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Any professional engaged or otherwise actively interested in geotechnical engineering or related fields shall be entitled to be a Member of the Society upon payment of the appropriate entrance fee and annual

subscription. Any Member can avail the option to be Life Member upon payment of appropriate fees stipulated in Section 3.4.

2.2 A person of eminence in geotechnical engineering or a related field who has made or may make a substantial contribution to the Society may be elected as Honorary Member of the Society by a simple majority vote of the General Committee upon nomination by two of the Committee Members. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Members without payment of subscriptions.

2.3 Any organization or company engaged or otherwise actively interested in geotechnical engineering or related fields are encouraged and shall be entitled to be an Institution Member of the Society upon payment of the appropriate entrance fee and annual subscription. Each Institution Member shall nominate one representative Institute Member in Society's business. Each Institution Member will be entitled to 5 sets of Journal and Newsletter publications.

3. ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER DUES

3.1 The entrance fee and annual subscriptions shall be determined by the General Committee from time to time.

3.2 Annual subscriptions are payable in January of each year. If a member falls into arrears with his subscription, he shall be informed by the Hon. Secretary-General. If a member fails to settle his arrears in more than two-years, he will cease to be a member of the Society and his name will be removed from the membership roster.

3.3 Any other fund required for special purposes may be only raised from members with the consent of the General Meeting of the members.

3.4 Any member can avail the option to be Life Member upon payment of the following appropriate fees:

- (a) For a person older than 60 (including 60) years old, five times of annual regular membership fee.
- (b) For a person more than 55 (including 55) but less than 60 years, [(60-age) +5} times annual regular membership fee.
- (c) For a person less than 55 years old, ten times of the regular annual membership fee.

4. GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

4.1 The supreme authority of the Society is vested in the General Meeting of the Members presided over by the President.

4.2 A General Meeting of the Members shall be held at the time of every Conference of the Society.

- 4.3** At other times, an Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the President at the order of the General Committee. The President must call an Extraordinary General Meeting upon request in writing of not less than 25 percent of the total voting membership or 30 voting members, whichever is lesser, within two months of receiving the request. The notice in writing shall be given to the Hon. Secretary-General setting forth the business that is to be transacted.
- 4.4** At least 25 percent of the total voting membership or 30 voting members, whichever is lesser, present at a General Meeting, shall constitute a quorum.
- 4.5** At a General Meeting, a voting member may represent a maximum of two other voting members by proxy. The proxy shall be presented to the Hon. Secretary-General prior to the Meeting.

5. MANAGEMENT

5.1 General Committee

5.1.1 The Society's authority shall be vested in the General Committee, chaired by the President of the Society.

5.1.2 The General Committee shall comprise of:

- (a)** the President of the Society,
- (b)** the Hon. Secretary-General of the Society,
- (c)** the two immediate Past-Presidents of the Society,
- (d)** the other Past-Presidents of the Society, with their agreement,
- (e)** one representative from each country or territory participating in the Society (which does not itself have a similar National Society) which has ten or more Members, and
- (f)** the Journal Editor (non-voting member)
- (g)** co-opted members up to a maximum of seven.

5.1.3 The General Committee shall meet annually if possible and not less frequently than once every two years. The quorum for a meeting shall be not less than one-half of the Committee Members. A Committee Member may be represented at a meeting by another Society Member provided the Hon. Secretary-General is notified in writing prior to the meeting.

5.1.4 In addition to Committee meetings, postal communications may be used to conduct Society business, and these shall have the same authority as Committee meetings, provided that there is a 'quorum' of not less than three-quarters of the Committee Members for voting purposes.

5.2 Executive Committee

5.2.1 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the General Committee. It shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past-President, the Secretary-General and a maximum of four Members elected from the General Committee. The term of office of a Member of the Executive Committee shall be the same as that of a Member of the General Committee.

5.2.2 The Executive Committee shall meet as frequently as possible. A quorum shall consist of three Members, one of whom shall be the President. Postal communications may be used to conduct business, and these shall be subject to the same quorum and have the same authority as meetings.

5.3 Society Officers

5.3.1 The President of the Society shall serve for the period between two consecutive Southeast Asian Geotechnical Conferences. He shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the General Committee Members at a meeting on the occasion of a Conference, and he shall assume office immediately after the Conference is closed.

5.3.2 The Hon. Secretary-General of the Society shall be a faculty member of the Asian Institute of Technology, and he shall be appointed by the General Committee on the recommendation of the President. He shall normally serve for the same period as the President, but the General Committee shall have the power to vary this at its absolute discretion.

5.3.3 Country Representatives on the General Committee shall serve for the period between two consecutive Conferences. Election of the Committee Members shall be conducted six months prior to the Conference. Nominations for Country Representatives must be supported by two Members of the Society, and election shall be by a simple majority of the Country's Members voting by postal ballot.

5.3.4 Co-opted Members of the General Committee shall serve for a period decided by the General Committee, but their membership shall automatically cease when a new President assume office. Co-opted members shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the General Committee. The co-opted members have a maximum number of 7 members.

5.3.5 If for any reason, the tenure of the President, Hon. Secretary-General or a General Committee Member ceases between

Conferences, he shall be replaced in the manner prescribed above to serve for the remaining period of office.

6. SPONSORSHIP

The Society shall be sponsored by the Asian Institute of Technology.

7. SECRETARIAT

7.1 The Secretariat of the Society shall be based at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand.

7.2 The Hon. Secretary-General of the Society shall undertake the administrative duties associated with the Society in liaison with the President, the Executive Committee and the General Committee.

7.3 The Hon. Secretary-General shall be responsible for maintaining records of the income and expenditure of the Society, and shall provide the annual account statement for the preceding year to the General Committee in February of each year.

8. CHANGES TO THE STATUTES

8.1 Changes to the Statutes shall be made only upon the recommendation of at least three-quarters of those Members voting at a meeting of the General Committee or with the recommendations of at least three-quarters of those General Committee Members voting by postal ballot.

8.2 Changes to the Statutes shall be made by approval of the General Meeting of Members.

(The Society's original Statutes were adopted at the first General Committee meeting of the Society held in Bangkok on the 28th April 1967. Subsequent revisions were made:

- (a) at the General Committee meeting held in Singapore on 12th June 1970,
- (b) by postal ballot in September 1975,
- (c) by postal ballot in February 1981,
- (d) by postal ballot in December 1982 on the basis of decisions taken at the General Committee meeting held in Hong Kong on 25th November 1982, and
- (e) by postal ballot in February 1998).
- (f) at the General Committee meeting held in Hong Kong on 25th May 2011.