

BYLAWS of the SOUTHEAST CHAPTER OF RMS

Article I: Membership

Section 1 - Eligibility

Any individual who is a member in good standing of THE RIVER MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, (from now on to be represented in this document by the initials RMS) and who resides in the geographical areas of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia or West Virginia will be considered a member of the Southeast Chapter. All members who are in the professional category will be granted the rights and privileges, including but not necessarily limited to voting, printed materials, service on chapter committees, and nomination and election to any office as provided in these bylaws.

Individuals ineligible to be regular voting members will become non-voting associate members. Associate members of the chapter will be entitled to chapter periodicals and may attend meetings and workshops sponsored by the chapter.

Organizational members will be entitled to any chapter periodicals and may attend meetings and workshops sponsored by the chapter.

The student category of RMS membership will be entitled to all chapter periodicals and may attend chapter meetings and workshops.

Section 2 - Resignations and Terminations

Resignation from membership in RMS will automatically result in termination from membership in the chapter. Resignation from membership in RMS will be dealt with by the RMS Program Director who will in turn notify the Chapter officers.

Section 3 - Suspensions

Any suspension from RMS will concurrently result in suspension from the subsequent chapter.

Article II: Management of the Chapter

Section 1 - Administrative Structure

The elected officers of the Chapter will be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer. Selection of officers is to be approved by the National Board of Directors. No salary will be paid to the officers.

Officers will hold office for a period of three years, preferably under staggered terms. All officers will hold office until their respective successors are elected.

The chapter president will serve as a member of the National RMS Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Election of Officers

All officers will be elected by the general membership from a list of candidates forwarded by

nominations from chapter members. All professional category members from the chapter may vote in chapter elections.

Section 3 - Elections

Elections will be called for every three years by the chapter president. The elected officers will administer the election with the help of the Program Director. Ballots will be printed and sent by a general mailing to each member of voting status.

Section 4 - Vacancies of Office

Any vacancy occurring in the Chapter officers will be filled by presidential appointment from a list of candidates submitted by the general membership. Should the position of President be vacant during a term, names will be submitted to the National RMS board for appointment until such time as elections are conducted. The terms of any appointment will be held to the original holders term limit.

Section 5 - Expenses of Chapter Officers

The Chapter officers may be reimbursed from the funds of the chapter for traveling expenses incurred for the purpose of attending meetings with the approval of the Chapter President.

Article III: Powers and Duties of the Chapter Officers

Section 1 - President

The President will preside at all the meetings of the Chapter and will represent the interests of the Chapter members. The President will provide direction to other officers in the Chapter.

The President is responsible for coordinating two chapter events and the appointment of state stewards or sub-chapter officers. The President will submit quarterly updates for the RMS newsletter, organize conference call with Chapter officers and appropriate National officers and participate in quarterly conference calls with the RMMS Board of Directors. The President will attend the annual RMS Board of Directors meeting or appoint a replacement.

Section 2 - Vice President

The Vice President will be responsible for contacting new members and sending a copy of Chapter membership list. The Vice President will send out two mailings annually and help promote chapter issues.

The Vice President will organize chapter elections or the process for selection of Chapter officers as needed by the Chapter.

Section 3 - Secretary

The position of Secretary will be responsible for maintaining current and past membership lists including email and phone numbers. Lists of river outfitters, commercial guides, private boating groups and any other related groups as necessary. The Secretary will track any chapter displays, events and will assist the president with any mailings. Seasonal training opportunities or job shares within the chapters will be maintained and managed by the Secretary.

Section 4 - Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining accounts and paying any of the Chapters bills. The Treasurer will help to seek funding sources and managing fundraising efforts. The Treasurer will also assist the President with organizing events and developing pro deals.

Section 5 - Execution of Instruments

Agreements, conveyances, transfers, obligations, certificates, and other instruments and documents may be executed and delivered or accepted on behalf of the chapter by the President or his or her representative, provided that all expenditures involving monies or obligations over \$1000.00 or more must first be submitted to the entire group of chapter officers for approval.

Article IV: Chapter Officer Proceedings

Section 1 - Meetings

The Chapter officers shall meet at least twice a year through a variety of methods. Conference calls and annual float trips will serve as methods of meetings for officers.

Section 2 - Decisions

A simple majority of the voting officers shall comprise a quorum. The Chapter President, if unable to attend a meeting, may appoint another officer of that Chapter to represent the Chapter's interests. That representative shall have full voting rights for that meeting. No proxy votes are allowed.

Article V: Committees

Section 1 - Structure

The President will appoint standing committees with the concurrence of the other officers. Committees may be set in place from time to time as necessary. All such committees will be advisory in character and will report to and act under the direction of the President. Members of such committees can be reimbursed for any travel expenses incurred while attending regular committee meetings.

Section 2 - Duties

Duties of each standing committee and other special committees will be determined by the Chapter Officers as appointed. Reports will be made to officers by the committees as needed.

Article VI: Finances

Section 1 - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Chapter will coincide with the calendar year.

Article VII: Amendment of Bylaws

The bylaws must be ratified by the Chapter Officers. Amendments may be made to the bylaws by a voting majority of the officers. Any amendments must be consistent with the constitution of RMS

