

THE IOWA GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

This Association, which is incorporated under the laws of the state of Iowa, shall be called the Iowa Groundwater Association.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

This Association is organized for scientific and professional study of groundwater hydrology. The objects of the Association are to advance the science of groundwater hydrology especially as it relates to the state of Iowa; to hold meetings and conduct demonstrations for scientific and technological purposes; to foster the spirit of scientific research throughout its membership; to promote the development of understanding of groundwater hydrology; to encourage improvements in methods of developing groundwater; to safeguard the public welfare by disseminating information to protect groundwater from contamination and misuse; to improve communication between state regulatory officials and professionals and technicians working with groundwater; and to cooperate with or affiliate with the activities of state and national associations organized in the interest of groundwater use, conservation, management and protection.

ARTICLE III

Powers

In furtherance of the objectives of the Association, it shall have the power to:

1. establish by-laws and make all rules and regulations necessary for the management of its affairs.
2. grant aid, gifts, loans, fellowships, scholarships or otherwise, to support groundwater research and technology or publication of scientific or technological material.
3. receive property, both real and personal, by gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, subject to such conditions as may be attached hereto.

The foregoing enumeration of the powers of this Association is in extension and not in limitation of its powers, and in addition to the above-mentioned powers, this Association shall also have all powers necessary or incidental to the furtherance of its objectives.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1

The membership of this Association shall consist of four (4) classes of individuals:
1) MEMBER, 2) STUDENT, 3) HONORARY, and 4) CORPORATE.

Section 2

The procedure for election to all classes of membership, the qualifications required for and the privileges of each class shall be defined in the By-laws of this Association and amendments thereto in effect at the time of the election.

ARTICLE V

Meetings of the Association

Section 1

An annual meeting of the Association shall be held during the second half of each calendar year at such place within the state of Iowa as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2

Provisions for meetings of the Association other than the annual meeting, notice of meetings of the Association, matters of voting, quorum, adjournment, and all other matters relating to meetings of the Association shall be determined as provided for in the By-laws of this Association.

ARTICLE VI

Powers of the Membership

Section 1

The members of this Association entitled to vote shall have full control of its affairs, except of these Articles of Constitution provide otherwise.

Section 2

Each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 3

Members may vote by written proxy or in person at any meeting of the Association by methods provided in the By-laws of this Association.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

Section 1

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President/President-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may from time to time be provided in the By-laws of this Association.

Section 2

The officers shall be elected by the members entitled to vote of this Association at times and for terms as provided in the By-laws of the Association, and shall serve until their successors take office.

Section 3

Removal of officers, replacement of officers, and any and all matters relating to the officers of this Association and their duties shall be determined as provided for in the By-laws of this Association.

ARTICLE VIII

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President/President Elect, the immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and three (3) at-large Directors elected by the members of the Association as provided in the By-laws of this Association. The elected Board of Directors shall appoint the Newsletter Editor who shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors. The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

Powers of the Board of Directors

Section 1

Except as the Constitution or the By-laws of this Association may specifically limit such powers, this Board of Directors shall have full power to manage, direct, and conduct the affairs and the business of this Association.

Section 2

The Chairman may call meetings of the Board at any time and at any place to conduct proper business of the Board and a quorum shall consist of four (4) members of the Board as designated in Article VIII of this Constitution.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall hold at least one (1) meeting each fiscal year. Interim or special meetings of the Board may be held by call of the Chairman or by written request to the Chairman signed by two (2) members of the Board other than the Chairman.

ARTICLE X

Exemption From Personal Liability

Any articles of incorporation to be filed by this Association shall provide that the private property of all classes of membership, of the directors, officers, and employees of this Association shall be exempt from liability for any and all debts, obligations, or liabilities of this Association.

ARTICLE XI

Ethics

Section 1

The various scientific, technical, legal and business professions united in this Association shall be guided by a conduct that requires a morality and responsibility as well as a necessary degree of knowledge.

Section 2

Each individual of any class of membership in this Association shall be guided by the highest standards of business ethics, personal honor, and scientific or technological conduct.

Section 3

Honesty, integrity, loyalty, fairness, impartiality, candor, fidelity to trust, and inviolability of confidence are incumbent on every member, not for submissive observance, but on a set of dynamic principles to a way of life.

Section 4

Any member who, after due investigation, is found guilty of violating any of the standards prescribed in this Article may be suspended, admonished, allowed to resign or expelled from the Association in accordance with the procedure provided by the By-laws of this Association.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Section 1

Except as hereinafter provided, this Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the members of this Association; provided, the proposal for amendment has been submitted to the Board of Directors not less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the annual meeting. These articles of the Constitution may also be amended at any special meeting of the members of this Association upon the request of two (2) of the members of the Board of Directors or ten (10) percent of the members of this Association entitled to vote. Notice of any meeting at which it is proposed to amend these Articles of Constitution shall be sent by the Secretary by ordinary or electronic mail to each member at his last known post-office or electronic mail address at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting stating the proposed amendment in substance.

Section 2

A majority vote of all the members entitled to vote of this Association shall be required to authorize amendment of the Articles of Constitution of this Association.

Section 3

The following articles of these Articles of Constitution may not at any time be amended after articles of incorporation have been approved by the Secretary of State of the State of Iowa: ARTICLE II, setting forth the objectives of this Association, and ARTICLE X, exempting the private property of members from liabilities of this Association.

Section 4

The legality of all proposed amendments shall be determined by the Board of Directors prior to balloting.

Adoption

This original Constitution of the Iowa Groundwater Association as expressed by the preceding twelve (12) Articles was adopted at a meeting of the members at _____, County of _____, State of Iowa, on the _____ day of _____ in the year nineteen hundred eighty four (1984).

Signatures of the Adopting Members

Address

Amended by a vote of the Membership, October 20, 1990.
Amended by a vote of the Membership, November 3, 1998.
Amended by a vote of the Membership, October 27, 2010.