

# GEORGIA-CAROLINA PAVEMENT PRESERVATION COUNCIL

### **ARTICLE I: Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Georgia-Carolina Pavement Preservation Council (GCPPC).

#### **ARTICLE II: Purpose**

The purpose of the organization shall be to increase the understanding of pavement preservation as a viable and proactive approach for managing Georgia and South Carolina highways, roads, and streets. The organization will encourage and support all aspects of pavement preservation education and training of public agencies through the National Center for Pavement Preservation (NCPP).

#### **ARTICLE III: Membership**

Membership in the organization shall be open to any Georgia or South Carolina public agency or any company in good standing engaged and involved with pavement preservation. Good standing requires that completion of any work or delivery of any final product results in complete customer satisfaction. Members will comply with the GCPPC Code of Ethics. Any non-compliance will be referred to the Advisory Board for action. Membership eligibility shall be determined by the organization's Advisory Board.

#### **ARTICLE IV: Advisory Board**

The organization shall be directed by an Advisory Board composed of the following categories of membership:

- Founding Members serve on the Advisory Board
- Sustaining Members elect 2 representatives to serve on the Advisory Board
- Associate Members elect 1 representative to serve on the Advisory Board
- Academic Members elect 1 representative to serve on the Advisory Board
- Government Members elect 6 <u>non-voting</u> representatives to serve on the Advisory Board, which must include 1 member from local agency in Georgia, 1 member from a local agency in South Carolina, 1 member from the Georgia DOT, 1 member from the South Carolina DOT, 1 member from the FHWA Georgia Division Office, and 1 member from the FHWA South Carolina Division Office.

Election to the Advisory Board will be held every 2 years with no term limit. Voting members are required to maintain financial support at their category level to serve on the Advisory Board. Category levels are listed in <u>Appendix A</u>.

#### **ARTICLE V: Advisory Board Meetings**

The Advisory Board shall meet at the discretion of the membership, either in person, by telephone or video conference. Each Advisory Board Member (except Government Members) is entitled to one vote.

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A quorum of one half of the voting Board Members, plus one voting Board Member, is required for the Advisory Board to take any action at a Board Meeting. At least 48-hours email or written notice must be provided for any Advisory Board Meeting. Any member may attend Advisory Board Meetings.

# **ARTICLE VI: Council Coordinator**

The GCPPC shall have two Council Coordinators who will oversee the affairs of the council. One Council Coordinator shall serve Georgia and one Council Coordinator shall serve South Carolina. The Council Coordinators will be selected from Advisory Board Members and elected by the general membership for a two-year term with no term limits. The Council Coordinators are required to be unbiased and have sufficient time and ability to devote to the position. The GCPPC will not have offices.

# **ARTICLE VII: Duties of the Council Coordinators**

The Council Coordinators shall have general supervision over the organization. The Council Coordinators shall preside at all Advisory Board meetings and shall have authority to act on behalf of the organization.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: Antitrust Policy**

The organization shall strictly adhere to federal antitrust law and policies. All present at all Advisory Board meetings shall be instructed to immediately stop any discussion of price, cost, input values, market share, market power, division of markets, group boycott, or any another potential violation of antitrust law

#### **ARTICLE IX: Control of Funds**

Contributions supporting mandatory levels of GCPPC membership are to be made to Michigan State University (MSU), National Center for Pavement Preservation's (NCPP's) Georgia-Carolina Initiative. All contributions are non-refundable gifts towards the promotion of pavement preservation activities in the states of Georgia and South Carolina. Funds are expensed according to the mission and protocols of MSU and NCPP with the advisement of the Georgia-Carolina Pavement Preservation Council's Advisory Board.

MSU is a non-profit public university and a tax-exempt/charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Federal Tax ID is 38-6005984.

# **ARTICLE X: Financial Reporting**

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The Georgia-Carolina Pavement Preservation Council Advisory Board shall retain the right to request quarterly reports of the NCPP Georgia-Carolina Initiative's financial activities.

# **ARTICLE XI: Amendment of By-laws**

In the event the Advisory Board proposes to amend the By-laws of the organization, written notice of the proposed change to the By-laws must be mailed, faxed or emailed to all Advisory Board members at least seven (7) days prior to taking any vote on the amendment. A simple majority vote of those Board members present at the Board meeting (assuming a proper quorum is available) is required for any amendment to the By-laws.

# **ARTICLE XII: Super Majority Required for Dissolution**

In the event that the Advisory Board proposes to dissolve the organization, a super majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Advisory Board members must vote in favor of dissolution in order for dissolution to be approved.

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# **Appendix A: Membership Fee Schedule**

Membership categories in the Georgia-Carolina Pavement Preservation Council are outlined in the following table.

Category	Initial Donation <sup>1</sup>	Subsequent Annual Donation <sup>1</sup>
Founding Member	\$5,000	\$2,000
Senior Member	\$4,000	\$2,000
Sustaining Member	\$2,000	\$2,000
Associate Member	\$1,000	\$1,000
Academic Member	\$ 500	\$ 500
Government Agency <sup>2</sup>	Free	\$ 100

Donations are tax deductible and checks shall be made payable to NCPP c/o Michigan State University [a non-profit public university under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code].

#### **Notes:**

- 1. Donations are applied to the fiscal year in which they are made January 1 to December 31.
- 2. Each government member may send 2 attendees to one training session each year at no cost to the agency.

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