

Summary of Specific Changes Between Bylaws Documents

ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE SPECIFIC CHANGES

ARTICLE I – TITLE

- 2026 draft adds jurisdiction language (“territory included... shall be the State of New Hampshire”).
- 2020 version does not include jurisdiction language.

ARTICLE II – MISSION / PURPOSE

- 2026 draft adds an entirely new Purpose Statement section with detailed objectives.
- 2020 version includes only a Mission Statement.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- 2026 expands eligibility to individuals, organizations, and corporations and adds new public works fields.
- 2020 version applies to “any professional” and lists fewer covered fields.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2026 adds: professional recognition, recognition of public works employees’ critical nature, affordable programs.
- 2026 removes duties listed in 2020 such as: operating NH Public Works Academy, developing accreditation program, developing practice statements.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS & BOARD COMPOSITION

- 2026 specifies that 12 appointed seats do NOT count toward quorum.
- 2020 does not mention quorum distinctions.

- Officer election timing changed: 2026 elects officers at first Board meeting after annual meeting; 2020 elects at annual meeting.
- 2026 grants President authority to appoint/remove committee chairs.
- 2026 expands Treasurer/Secretary financial duties.
- Vacancy filling: 2026 fills vacancies at Board meeting; 2020 fills through Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

- 2026 introduces clear quorum rule: majority of 7 Directors.
- 2020 has no explicit quorum definition.
- Remote voting: 2026 closes vote when majority reached; 2020 requires polling to remain open until all vote.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

- 2026 removes several committees listed in 2020: Public Works Academy Committee, Best Practices Committee, Mutual Aid Board, Public Works Legislative Committee.
- 2026 expands Audits and changes Nominating Committee structure.
- 2026 prohibits committees from issuing public proclamations without Board approval.

ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL ADMINISTRATION AND DUES

- 2026 introduces new Fiscal Year definition.
- 2020 has no fiscal administration section.

ARTICLE IX – DONATIONS

- 2026 limits donations to those supporting mission/purpose.
- 2020 simply says Board may accept donations.

ARTICLE XIII – SIGNING AUTHORITY

- 2026 adds “contracts” as a signable legally binding document.
- 2020 omits contracts from list.

ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION

- No substantive differences; only formatting modernizations in 2026.