

**TAMPA BAY CHAPTER,
FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS, INC.**

BYLAWS

I. NAME AND JURISDICTION

The name of this organization (herein termed the CHAPTER) shall be the Tampa Bay Chapter, Florida Association of Environmental Professionals, Inc.

The CHAPTER boundaries shall encompass the following geographic area: the counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk.

II. BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the CHAPTER shall govern all operations of the CHAPTER and shall be in conformance and compatible in all respects to the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) and the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals (FAEP). The Bylaws of the CHAPTER shall remain in effect as adopted unless the Board of Directors of the FAEP (hereinafter termed the BOARD) by majority vote, shall reject the BYLAWS or parts thereof.

All revisions, additions, amendments, and/or changes to the Bylaws shall be made in accordance with Section XI. Bylaw Admendments and shall be submitted to the BOARD for certification as to conformance with the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the FAEP. Such revisions, additions, amendments and/or changes shall apply unless rejected by the BOARD at their next regular meeting not less than ninety (90) days following submission thereof.

III. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the CHAPTER shall be located at a place to be established by the membership of the CHAPTER and may be changed from time to time by a majority vote of the CHAPTER Board of Directors (hereinafter termed the Board).

IV. CHAPTER FUNCTIONS AND PURPOSE

The CHAPTER has been formed to work toward the goal of protecting, enhancing, and maintaining the quality of the natural and human environment in West Central Florida through cooperation with the NAEP and FAEP. The specific purposes of this

CHAPTER shall be: (1) to encourage and facilitate full participation in NAEP and FAEP goals and activities by persons qualified to be members of the NAEP, FAEP and the CHAPTER; (2) to actively expand the membership of the NAEP, FAEP and the CHAPTER to include the widest range of views and concerns of environmental professionals in West Central Florida engaged in the environmental field; (3) encourage development of professionals engaged in work directly related to environmental management, planning, impact assessment, environmental protection or environmental compliance including such activities as permitting, compliance auditing, regulatory review, research teaching, engineering, law, design, quality assurance and implementation of environmental protection and control; (4) to seek professional recognition and certification as environmental professionals; (5) to encourage and carry on educational seminars or programs for the benefit of the public and concerned environmental professionals in West Central Florida in all fields related to the environment, and (6) provide an opportunity for FAEP members to become better informed on environmental issues of local interest.

V. INCORPORATION

The CHAPTER may be incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation within the State of Florida. A copy of any certificate of incorporation shall be sent to the NAEP headquarters and the FAEP.

VI. MEMBERSHIP

All members of the CHAPTER shall also be members in good standing of the NAEP and/or FAEP, except for Associate Members as defined hereinafter.

All persons, both public and private, qualified for NAEP and FAEP membership shall be deemed qualified for CHAPTER membership.

CHAPTER membership shall be open to all NAEP and/or FAEP members employed or resident within the CHAPTER boundaries as defined in Article I of the Bylaws of the CHAPTER and to all NAEP and FAEP members employed or resident in counties adjacent to the CHAPTER boundaries and not included within the boundaries of another Chapter of FAEP and to all other NAEP and FAEP members as may be approved by the officers of the CHAPTER by majority vote.

Associate memberships shall be open to other individuals interested in environmental issues. Membership in NAEP and FAEP is not required. Associate members shall pay the same annual assessment as CHAPTER members, but shall not be considered a voting member of the CHAPTER or FAEP nor can they hold an office or be elected to the Board. Associate Members shall receive the local newsletter, notice of meetings and other non-voting mailings.

