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SOUTH TEXAS SECTION
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BY LAWS
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ARTICLE I

Name

SECTION 1. The name of the association shall be, The American Welding Society, South Texas Section.

ARTICLE II

Objects

SECTION 1. The objects of the South Texas Section of the American Welding Society shall conform with those of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Welding Society.

SECTION 2. In furtherance of these objects meetings shall be held for the presentation of appropriate papers and the interchange of ideas, welding demonstrations and exhibitions and where practicable educational lecture courses.

SECTION 3. In order to further advance the objects of this Section, it shall have the authority to acquire and dispose of such property as may be needed in the transaction of its business.

ARTICLE III

Membership

SECTION 1. All members of the American Welding Society residing within a 125 mile radius shall be considered members of the South Texas Section.

SECTION 2. All members of the Section in good standing shall have the right to vote in the Section.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

- SECTION 1. Regular monthly meetings of the Section shall be held at such time and place as may be selected by the Executive Committee.
- SECTION 2. The annual meeting of the Section shall be held for the election of officers, Executive Committee and representative on the National Board of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may require action by the Section membership.

ARTICLE V

Management

- SECTION 1. The officers of the South Texas Section shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected for a term of one year by the Section at the organization meeting and at each regular annual meeting thereafter, as hereinafter prescribed. Officers are not eligible for immediate re-election.
- SECTION 2. The qualifications for officers shall be the same as are prescribed by the By-Laws of the Society.
- SECTION 3. The management of the South Texas Section shall be vested in a local Executive Committee consisting of officers of the Section and twelve other members. Of the latter one-half shall be elected from the commercial interests and the other half from among the users of welding, these members to be elected as follows:
- At the organization meeting of the Section one-half shall be elected to serve for two years and one-half to serve for one year. At each regular annual meeting thereafter the other half shall be elected to serve for two years.
- SECTION 4. At each annual meeting the officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by letter ballot as hereinafter provided and shall assume office on adjournment of the annual business meeting at which they are elected.

- SECTION 5. Any member of the committee who for a period of three consecutive regular monthly meetings, without formal leave of absence, does not take part in the management of the affairs of the Section, shall automatically cease to be a member of the Committee.
- SECTION 6. The committee shall have power to fill vacancies in its membership, such appointees to hold office until the next regular election.
- SECTION 7. The committee may hold meetings, subject to the call of the chairman, as often as the interests of the Section demand.
- SECTION 8. At all meetings of the Committee, seven members, including officers, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

Elections

- SECTION 1. Each year (usually about 60 days prior to annual meeting) the Chairman of the Section shall appoint a nominating committee of five members to serve for the ensuing year.
- SECTION 2. The nominating committee so selected shall report their selections to the Section Secretary-Treasurer within twenty days, with the names of the nominees for the various elective officers next falling vacant with a written consent of the nominees.
- SECTION 3. The nominees proposed by the nomination committee shall be designated as "Regular Nominees".
- SECTION 4. Nominations for officers and members of the Executive Committee may also be made by petition signed by not less than 25 properly qualified members of the Section, the names of such nominees to be added to the ballot as a "Special List".
- SECTION 5. The ^{names of the} ~~nominating committee's list~~ of regular nominees and the special nominees, if there be any, shall be presented at a regularly called meeting and the Chairman shall declare the closing date for nominations to be ten days thereafter, instructing the Secretary to prepare letter ballots to be sent to each of the voting members not less than 25 days before the date set for the annual meeting.

SECTION 6. All votes, to receive consideration, must be delivered to the Secretary by 10:00 A.M. of the day prior to the election, when they shall be counted by a committee of tellers appointed by the chairman. Candidates receiving the largest number of votes for the respective offices shall be declared elected and report shall be rendered by Tellers Committee at Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Miscellaneous

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee is empowered to appoint committees for special purposes.

SECTION 2. Propositions for amendments to these By-Laws may be submitted in writing at any regular meeting of the Section, and if approved by a majority of the voting members present at the meeting, shall be submitted to the full membership of the Section for vote by letter ballot. If approved by two-thirds of the votes cast, the amendment or amendments shall become a part of the By-Laws. "No such Amendments are valid however if they conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of the parent society."

SECTION 3. These By-Laws shall go into effect immediately upon the adoption by vote of section, such adoption requiring at least a two-thirds vote of members voting.

Extract from National By-Laws

ARTICLE IV

"Officers, Nominations and Elections"

"SECTION 5. The Board of Directors shall consist of - - - -
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Each Section at its Annual Meeting shall elect for the term of one year one Director of the American Welding Society who may be the Section Chairman.