

**BYLAWS
BOARD OF CERTIFIED SAFETY
PROFESSIONALS**

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ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSE, FUNDS, AND DEFINITIONS

Section 1 — Name

The name of this corporation shall be the “Board of Certified Safety Professionals,” hereinafter called the “BCSP”.

Section 2 — Purpose

The principal purposes of the BCSP, as more fully set forth in its Articles of Incorporation are to:

- A. Establish the minimum academic and experience requirements necessary to receive certification as a Certified Safety Professional, the designation of Associate Safety Professional, or other such designations established pursuant to resolution by the Board of Directors.
- B. Determine the qualifications of applicants and arrange, control, and conduct investigations and examinations to verify the qualifications of candidates for certificates to be issued by the BCSP.
- C. Grant and issue to qualified applicants, a certificate and maintain a directory of the holders of all valid certificates.
- D. Establish requirements for the continuance of certification. The BCSP also has such powers as are now or may hereafter be granted by the General Not-For-Profit Act of the State of Illinois and determine compliance of certificate holders with approved requirements.
- E. Represent its certificate holders in communication and, where appropriate, in negotiations with public and private agencies, groups, and individuals with respect to matters of common interest; and it will inform employers, specifiers, public officials, the public, and engineering and related practitioners of the benefits of certification.

Section 3 — Funds

The funds for carrying out the purposes of this corporation shall be obtained primarily by fees from persons applying for and/or being examined for the designation of Certified Safety Professional and other designations approved by the Board of Directors, from designees paying an annual renewal fee of said designations, from persons applying for reinstatement, and from persons required to pay any penalty fee which may be established for delinquent payment of the annual renewal fee. The fees to be charged under the provisions of this Section shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be limited to such amounts as are necessary to carry out the provisions of Section 4 of this Article.

Section 4 — Application of Funds

The funds obtained under the provisions of Section 3 shall be applied to defraying the expenses of the administration of this corporation including the publication of such information relating to requisites for the designation of Certified Safety Professional and such other functions and activities which are within the scope of Section 2 of this Article.

Section 5 — Definitions

For the purposes of these Bylaws, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

- A. Certified Safety Professional —
An individual who utilizes the expertise derived from a knowledge of the various sciences and professional experience, to create or develop procedures, processes, standards, specifications and systems to achieve an optimal control or reduction of the hazards and exposures which are detrimental to people and/or property by the utilization of analysis, synthesis, investigation, evaluation, research, planning, design, and consultation and who has met all of the requirements for professional certification established by the BCSP.
- B. Associate Safety Professional —
An individual who is engaged in professional level safety work and who has successfully completed the Safety Fundamentals Examination but who has not successfully completed requirements for CSP certification as established by BCSP.
- C. Certificate —
A document issued by the BCSP to an individual indicating that the individual named in the document has met the requirements for the designation named therein. Possessing a certificate does not necessarily imply that the holder of the certificate is currently certified. Each five years a certificate holder must requalify by meeting professional

achievements set forth by the Board and be audited by the process established by the Continuance of Certification Committee as approved by the Board.

ARTICLE II OFFICES AND REGISTERED AGENT

Section 1 — Offices

The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Illinois a registered office. However, it may have other offices within or without the State of Illinois as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 2 — Registered Agent

The corporation shall appoint and continuously maintain a registered agent who is a resident of the State of Illinois and whose office is identical to the registered office provided for in Section 1 of this Article. He shall perform such duties as are delegated to him by the President.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 — General Powers

The affairs of this corporation shall be governed by its Board of Directors, herein called the "Board," who shall constitute the membership of said corporation.

Section 2 — Number and Tenure

The number of Directors on the Board shall be no less than thirteen (the goal composition being six At Large Directors, six Membership Organization Directors and one Public Director) and the maximum number shall be determined by the Board depending upon requirements of national accreditation bodies to which BCSP belongs. The maximum number of terms, full and/or fractional, any one Director may serve on the Board shall be limited to two, except for the immediate past-President, who, if in his second term of office as a Director has expired after he has served as President, shall remain on the Board for an additional year and except for the provisions contained in Article III, Section 5, Paragraph D. A full term shall be three years.

Section 3 — Qualifications

Each Director of the Corporation except the Public Director shall hold a valid certificate as a Certified Safety Professional.

Section 4 — Membership Organizations

The Board may invite organizations which have objectives and programs that effectively support those of BCSP to become a BCSP membership organization only if the invitation is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Directors currently serving. Acceptance by the organization to become a membership organization shall not reduce the term of any Director's service at the time such membership becomes effective.

Section 5 — Selection

Directors for a three-year term, or fraction thereof, shall be from the following sources:

- A. Each BCSP membership organization shall nominate two qualified members of said membership organization to fill any membership organization Director position. The membership organization may also nominate two qualified members to fill any membership organization position vacancy for the remainder of its term. If membership organizations fail to nominate at least six individuals for a membership organization position, the Nominating Committee may nominate At Large individuals for the position.
- B. All Directors will be elected by the Board when a vacancy exists. At Large Directors may be nominated by anyone holding the CSP designation.
- C. Should it occur that the second (final) terms of office of four (4) or more Directors end simultaneously, the Board may then extend the terms of office of not more than two of those Directors, each by a single year, for the purpose of sustaining continuity of effort. Such extension of terms will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board. Such an extension may not be applied to any individual Director on more than one occasion nor for more than one year.

Section 6 — Composition of Board of Directors

- A. When filling positions on the Board, each membership organization shall nominate prior to October 1 of the election year two qualified members of said organization for any membership organization position. The Board shall then elect one of the nominees of all membership organizations to fill the directorships.
- B. The Board of Directors shall:
 1. Elect annually, qualified persons to fill each Director position for which a vacancy will exist as of the next January
 2. Secure from each individual elected a signed acceptance

and submit the same to the corporation's registered office.

Section 7 — Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least annually at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board.

Section 8 — Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board shall be convened upon the call of the President or a quorum of Directors, which meetings may be called for any place either within or outside the State of Illinois. Notice of any special meeting of the Board shall be given at least seven (7) days prior thereto by appropriate means (mail, telephone, facsimile, telegraph, courier, etc.) to Directors at their address as shown by the records of the corporation.

Section 9 — Quorum

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall exist when a majority of its members are present, one of which must be the President, the Vice President, or the Secretary. A majority vote of the Board members present, a quorum being present and voting, shall be decisive, except for actions to be taken with regard to:

- A. Article III, Sections 4, 5D, and 13
- B. Article IV, Section 3
- C. Article XII

Section 10 — Manner of Acting

The Board is authorized to act when:

- A. Legally convened at a meeting of the Board called in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7 and 8 of this Article.
- B. Polled by mail ballot in accordance with the provisions of the General Not-For-Profit Act of the State of Illinois, except for the election of officers.

Section 11 — Committees

The following are standing committees of the Board:

- A. A *Nominating Committee* which shall consist of five Directors including President, the past President as chair, the Public Director, one at-large Director and one membership organization Director, appointed annually by the President. This committee shall report nominations for the Board's offices.

- B. An *Executive Committee* which shall consist of the elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) and the immediate past-President and which shall be chaired by the President and meet upon his call. The immediate past-President shall be a member for one year immediately following his term as President. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for:

- 1. The administration of the corporation between Board meetings.
- 2. The preparation of the annual budget.
- 3. Preliminary reviews of "charges" filed under the provisions of Article XIV.
- 4. Such other duties as the Board may direct.

- C. An *Examination Committee* which shall be appointed by the President and chaired by the Vice President. The Board's Examination Consultant(s), Executive Director and other designated employees shall serve on the committee without vote. The Examination Committee is responsible for the development, maintenance, administration, and review of the examinations and examination procedures and for regularly conducting studies to ensure the validity of the examinations.

- D. A *Continuance of Certification Committee* which shall be appointed by the President. The Continuance of Certification Committee shall be responsible for establishing Continuance of Certification criteria and process and audit of Continuance of Certification submissions.

- E. A *Professional Development Committee* which shall be appointed by the President. The Professional Development Committee shall be responsible for maintaining liaison with other professional organizations, enhancement of the professional status of CSP's, development of public relations, government relations and marketing programs.

- F. A *Finance Committee* which shall be appointed by the President. The Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer and shall be responsible for overseeing the finances of the BCSP to include budgeting and long-range financial planning and oversight of BCSP financial resources and assets.

- G. A *Professional Standards Committee* which shall be appointed by the President. The Professional Standards Committee shall be responsible for setting educational and experience standards for certification candidates, establishing and overseeing policies and procedures related to evaluation of candidate qualifications, maintaining a Code of Professional Conduct for certificate holders and promoting ethical practice.

- H. The President may create committees, in addition to those named in these Bylaws, and delegate to them such powers and duties as deemed advisable.
- I. A quorum of a committee exists when a majority of its members are present at a live, telephonic or electronic meeting.
- J. A committee is authorized to act when a quorum of its members are present at a meeting or conference call or when polled by mail ballot and under the direction of its Chair.

Section 12 — Compensation

Directors shall not receive compensation for their services. The Board of Directors may provide for insurance coverages and reasonable travel expenses for Directors.

Section 13 — Removal and Resignation

A Director may be removed from the Board by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Directors currently serving on the Board. A Director may resign upon providing prior written notice.

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

Section 1 — Officers

All elected officers of the corporation shall be chosen from the Board. There shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with these Bylaws. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office.

Section 2 — Election and Term of Office

The elected officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by the Board at its annual meeting. If a quorum of the Board is not present at the annual meeting, the election of officers shall not be held at that time, but shall be held at a meeting to take place as soon thereafter as convenient and where a quorum is present. Vacancies may be filled or new offices created and filled at any legally convened meeting of the Board. Each elected officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected. Directors elected to any office shall have served at least one year as Director, prior to taking such office.

- A. The Vice President shall be elected to a one-year term of office and shall be President-elect and serve as President for a one-year term immediately following his or her term as Vice President.
- B. In the event that the Vice President is unable to serve a term as President immediately following his or her term as Vice President, any other qualified Director may be elected to the office of President.
- C. The Secretary shall be elected to a two-year term of office.
- D. The Treasurer shall be elected to a two-year term of office.

Section 3 — Removal and Resignation

Any officer elected (or appointed) by the Board may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Directors currently serving on the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the BCSP would be served. An officer may resign upon providing prior written notice.

Section 4 — President

The President shall be the chief elected officer of the corporation. The President shall oversee the affairs of the corporation and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President may sign in this corporate capacity, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board, certificates of qualification, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or any other instrument which the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board or by these Bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and in general shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The President may issue resolutions or statements on behalf of the Board and take official action on matters of national significance without approval of the Board of Directors that is not contrary to BCSP policy.

Section 5 — Vice President

In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the office of President.

Section 6 — Secretary

The Secretary shall oversee the keeping of the minutes of all Board and Executive Committee meetings, periodically review the operation of the Corporation's offices to see that all

necessary records are properly maintained and that applications are being properly processed, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 7 — Treasurer

The Treasurer shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such sureties as the Board shall determine. The corporation shall pay all fees in connection therewith. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation and for the deposit of all such monies in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of these Bylaws, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President. Any and all of the above duties, while not entirely delegable to another officer of the corporation, may be carried out by the Executive Director so long as such duties are overseen by the Treasurer.

Section 8 — Executive Director

- A. The Executive Director shall be an appointed officer, selected by the Executive Committee and confirmed by the Board. The Executive Director shall be paid an annual salary, to be set by the President and confirmed by the Board; shall be bonded, and under the general supervision of the President, shall manage and supervise the business of the Board's operations and personnel.
- B. After concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board, the Executive Director may be removed upon written notification from the President. The Executive Director may request an opportunity for a formal hearing before the Board prior to being removed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the directors currently serving on the Board. The Executive Director may resign upon providing prior written notice to the President.

Section 9 — Employees

BCSP may employ such technical, administrative and clerical personnel as it shall deem necessary to carry out its duties and operations. The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall employ, supervise, and maintain this staff.

Section 10 — Consultants

BCSP may engage the services of an Examination Consultant and other consultants as deemed necessary by majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE V CERTIFICATION

Section 1 — General Provisions

- A. Application for certification shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the Board.
- B. Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws and by resolutions of the Board, applicants shall successfully complete examinations to determine qualifications for certification.
- C. Applicants shall be of good moral character and furnish the names of references who shall have knowledge of their work assignments and character.
- D. Applicants shall furnish documentation of sufficient academic education and work experience of a grade and character to meet the prescribed requirements.
- E. Applicants shall otherwise comply with the Procedures for Certification as adopted by the Board.

Section 2 — Continuance of Certification

Certificates must be maintained in a current and valid status as specified by the Continuance of Certification requirements established by the Board and as specified in Article XIII of these Bylaws.

Section 3 — Board of Examiners

The Board shall constitute the Board of Examiners for the purpose of examining and certifying applicants.

ARTICLE VI INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1

Any person, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, made a party to any action suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that such person was an officer, director or employee of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses, including attorney's fees and judgments, but not to exceed the limits of reasonable amounts of insurance which shall be carried by the corporation for this purpose, which are actually and necessarily incurred in connection with the defense of any such action, suit or proceeding, which he shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for intentional and willful misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification

shall be in addition to any other rights to which he may be entitled under the Bylaws, agreement, votes or otherwise.

**ARTICLE VII
CONTRACTS, CHECKS,
DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

Section 1 — Contracts

The Board may authorize in writing, any member or employee of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

Section 2 — Checks, Drafts, Etc.

All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer, member or employee of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board, such instruments shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Treasurer.

Section 3 — Deposits

All funds of the corporation, except for petty cash, shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board may select.

**ARTICLE VIII
BOOKS, RECORDS AND REPORTS**

Section 1 — Books and Records

The corporation shall keep correct and complete records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board, Board of Examiners, and committees having any of the authority of the Board and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of all persons holding a valid certificate issued by the BCSP. All financial records of the corporation may be inspected by any Certified Safety Professional or his/her agent for any proper purpose after giving adequate notice to the Executive Director.

Section 2 — Reports

On or before June 30 of each year, a brief report of the activities of this corporation in the annual period ending

December 31 shall be prepared by or at the direction of the President of this corporation and shall be presented to all Directors. Additionally, a fiscal report including an audit by an outside auditing firm shall be prepared and distributed to the Directors.

**ARTICLE IX
FISCAL YEAR**

Section 1

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

**ARTICLE X
CORPORATE SEAL AND
CORPORATE SYMBOL**

Section 1 — Corporate Seal

The Board shall provide a suitable corporate seal.

Section 2 — Corporate Symbol

The official symbol of the corporation shall be in the shape of a diamond with the initials "CSP" arranged to form an embossed monogram in gold on a green enamel background. The Board may authorize the use of the terms "Certified Safety Professional," "CSP," "Associate Safety Professional," "ASP," or other designations as approved by the Board, by authorized certificate holders so long as they have a current and valid certificate issued by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. The corporate symbol is registered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and its use is prohibited except on printed or symbolic items provided by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals or its designated suppliers.

**ARTICLE XI
WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Section 1

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of this corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice, except as provided in Article XII of these Bylaws. Attendance at any legally convened meeting of the Board shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting.

**ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS**

Section 1

The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of this corporation may be altered or amended by action authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board at any regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for such purpose provided that at least thirty (30) days written notice of the intended action is given to all members of the aforesaid Board, and further provided that no alteration or amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or procedures for Certification of this corporation shall have the effect of requiring or permitting anything which, in the opinion of counsel designated by the President of this corporation, would result in the disqualification of the corporation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**ARTICLE XIII
EXPIRATIONS AND RENEWALS**

Section 1 — Expirations

Each certificate issued by the Board shall expire annually on a date set by the Board and shall become invalid after that date unless renewed. The BCSP shall mail a notice to every person holding a valid certificate stating the amount of fee required for its renewal. Such notice shall be mailed to the last known address of each certificate holder at least thirty days in advance of the expiration date.

Section 2 — Renewals

- A. Payment of the annual renewal fee is due on or before the expiration date of the certificate. If payment is not received within six (6) months after the expiration of the certificate, the certificate shall be considered invalid. Reinstatement of certificate holders whose certificates have become invalid may be allowed in circumstances deemed appropriate by the Board and in accordance with procedures established by the Board.
- B. The certificates of certificate holders who do not meet the Continuance of Certification requirements established by the Board shall be considered invalid. Reinstatement of certificate holders failing to meet Continuance of Certification requirements may be allowed in circumstances deemed appropriate by the Board and in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

**ARTICLE XIV
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Section 1 — Grounds

The Board shall have the power to reject or suspend the application of any applicant, to terminate or suspend the eligibility of any candidate, to reprimand a certificate holder, suspend, refuse to renew or revoke the certificate of any certificate holder and to terminate or suspend the status with BCSP held by anyone who is found guilty of one or more of the following:

- A. Obtaining or seeking to obtain a certificate or a renewal of a certificate through the use of fraud or deceit. The making of any fraudulent, misleading or untruthful statements in any application or documentation submitted to the Board by any applicant, candidate or certification holder, or person holding any status with BCSP in an effort to obtain, retain or renew certification; *or*
- B. Violation of one or more of the provisions in the BCSP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct; *or*
- C. A criminal conviction of a felony; *or*
- D. Any other criminal conviction for acts done in connection with activities for which the certificate was issued or considered by BCSP to encumber those who rely on the certifications issued by BCSP, whether the conviction arises by a finding of guilty by a judge or jury, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere; *or*
- E. Unauthorized or illegal use of a certificate issued by the BCSP or the unauthorized or illegal use of a certificate or license issued by another certification or licensing organization; *or*
- F. Unauthorized or illegal use of any BCSP document; *or*
- G. Unauthorized possession, distribution or use of any BCSP testing or examination materials including but not limited to, copying and/or reproduction of any BCSP examination questions or test related items; *or* disclosing to others any examination question or test related item.
- H. Unauthorized or illegal use of any registered certification mark or logo owned by the BCSP.

Section 2 — Procedure

A. The Executive Director of the Board shall be solely responsible for bringing a charge against a certificate holder based on the ground enumerated in Section 1. A charge shall be in writing and shall not be acted upon until filed with the Secretary of the BCSP. Any person may present to the

Executive Director information relating to any person holding a certificate issued by the BCSP who may be guilty of one or more of the grounds enumerated in Section 1.

B. All charges shall be reviewed by a quorum of the Executive Committee within Sixty (60) days of receipt of the charges by the Secretary. The Board, its employees, agents and representatives shall not reveal the identity of any person who gives information to the BCSP that a certificate holder may be guilty of one or more of the acts enumerated in Section 1 unless the person giving that information authorizes the BCSP in writing to reveal his or her identity or unless revelation of that person's identity is directed by a court order. The Executive Committee shall review the charge as presented by the Executive Director to determine if the charges relates to grounds specified in Section 1 and states sufficient facts to call for a hearing on the charge before a quorum of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee may request additional information from the Executive Director, but the investigation of the charges and prosecution of any charges against a certificate holder shall be the sole responsibility of the Executive Director. A charge which does not allege a violation under Section 1 and is not supported by sufficient evidence to establish a preliminary finding that probable cause exists relating to one or more grounds enumerated in Section 1, or which is more appropriately the subject of a different forum or court proceeding, or which is found to be untrue upon review by the Executive Committee, or which would create a conflict of interest if reviewed by the BCSP, or prosecution of which would interfere substantially with any state or Federal government investigation or prosecution shall, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be stayed or dismissed.

C. A charge, unless dismissed or stayed by the Executive Committee, shall be heard by quorum of the Board not later than the second regularly scheduled Board Meeting following final review and a decision by the Executive Committee described in subparagraph B, above.

D. The date and place of any hearing on a charge shall be at the offices of the BCSP or such other place fixed by a quorum of the Executive Committee. A copy of the charge or charges, together with a notice of the date, time and place of the hearing on the charge or charges, shall be personally served on the charged certificate holder or mailed to the last known address of the charged certificate holder at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for the hearing. The Board may presume that service at the last known address, according to the records of the BCSP's official records, is adequate service for the purposes of implementing disciplinary procedures. Service by mail shall be certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice of hearing shall advise the person charged that his or her

right to a hearing may be forfeited if, without good cause, he or she fails to appear at the hearing personally or by his or her designated representative. If the person charged fails or refuses to appear, the Board may proceed to hear and determine the validity of the charges and take all appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of this article.

E. At the hearing, the person charged shall have the right to have a record made of the proceedings, copies of which may be obtained by the person charged at their own expense if any expenses are associated with the preparation of such record. The person charged shall have the right to call, examine and cross-examine witnesses which appear at the hearing. Any witnesses appearing on behalf of the person charged shall appear at the sole expense of the charged certificate holder. The person charged shall have the right to introduce evidence in his or her own defense if that evidence is determined by the Board to be relevant and material regardless of its admissibility in a court of law. At the hearing on the charge the rules of evidence and procedure which apply to state and federal courts shall not apply.

F. The person charged shall have the right to submit a written statement at the close of the hearing, and the person charged shall have the right to receive the written decision of the Board.

G. At any hearing the person charged may appear personally or be represented by his or her authorized representative.

H. The Board may appoint an ad hoc committee, consisting of no fewer than three members to hear the charges. The decision of that committee may be reviewed by the Board on its own motion but otherwise the decision of that committee shall be final subject to the provisions of subparagraph J, below. If after the hearing, a majority of a quorum of the Board or majority of the ad hoc committee votes in favor of sustaining the charges, the Board or the ad hoc committee may dismiss the charge, or reprimand the applicant, candidate or certificate holder, or suspend, refuse to renew or revoke the certificate or suspend or terminate the certification process of the person charged or take such other or further action as is deemed appropriate. If the certificate of the person charged is suspended, such suspension shall be for a period not longer than 10 years. If the certificate of the person charged is revoked such revocation shall be permanent. A person whose certificate has been revoked may apply for reinstatement only once every two years.

I. The Board, for reasons it may deem sufficient, may reinstate or reissue a certificate to any person whose certificate has been suspended, not renewed or revoked. In the case of any revocation of a certificate, such revocation shall be for a

period of time of at least two years.

- J. Any applicant, candidate or certificate holder who has been disciplined as provided in subparagraph H above by an ad hoc committee of the Board shall have the right to a personal appeal, if said applicant, candidate or certificate holder shall request same in writing in accordance with the provisions of this section within 30 days of the date of the letter notifying the person of the disciplinary action. Such appeal shall be directed to the President who shall call a meeting of the Board within one hundred eighty (180) days of the filing of the appeal with the Secretary of the Board. Any appeal shall be limited to the record of the proceedings of the ad hoc committee including, but not limited to, all exhibits plus any written statement of the person charged who pursues a personal appeal. Any action taken by a majority of a quorum of the Board pursuant to such appeal shall be final, and the decision of the Board upon such reconsideration shall be sent to the person appealing within ninety (90) days of the decision of the Board.

- K. The personal appeal may again be referred to the ad hoc committee whose decision shall be reviewed by a majority of a quorum of the Board.

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