

CONSTITUTION
of
ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

ARTICLE 1

The name of this organization shall be the Association of Washington Irrigation Districts.

ARTICLE 2

The purpose of this association shall be to promote the interest of irrigation district farmers, and to improve the operation of the organized irrigation districts of the State of Washington.

ARTICLE 3

The officials of this association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, who shall serve for a term of one year, and ten Directors, who shall be elected to serve for a term of three years; provided that three of the first Directors shall serve for one year, three for two years, and four for three years; and a Secretary-Treasurer who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Officials for terms beginning in the ensuing year shall be elected at the annual membership meeting, and the term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. (*) Vacancies in office shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Appointees shall hold office until their respective successors are elected at an annual membership meeting.

ARTICLE 4

To secure geographical representation on the Board of Directors, the State of Washington shall be divided into six director divisions, as defined in the by-laws of the association, and each of these divisions shall be represented on the Board of Directors by an eligible resident of the division, and four members of the board shall be elected at large. The President of this association shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5

The Directors of the association shall meet at the close of the annual membership meeting, organize as a board, select a Secretary-Treasurer, and make appointments to the advisory committee. Five of the Directors shall constitute a quorum, provided three director divisions are represented. For the purpose of this article, the four Directors at Large shall constitute a director division. (*)

ARTICLE 6

Any dues paying landowner, water user, or official in any organized irrigation district in the state, shall be a member and shall be entitled to hold office, and to vote at any membership meeting. A membership meeting shall be held at least once in each year at such time and place as the Directors shall decide, provided that at least ten days previous notice must be given of any membership meeting. Such notice may be given to the membership by mail or by newspaper publication.

(*) Amendments 1951.

ARTICLE 7

The executive authority of the association shall rest in the Board of Directors, and the board shall have authority to prescribe the duties of all the officers of the association, and to name and appoint such committees as it shall deem advisable, fix the period of their continuance and prescribe their purposes and objects.

ARTICLE 8

Fees for membership in the association and the plan of the payment thereof shall be established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9

By-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution shall be adopted by the Board of Directors, and such by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Directors, or at any membership meeting.

ARTICLE 10

This constitution, or any part thereof, may be amended by a majority vote of members present at any membership meeting of the association.

ARTICLE 11

Temporary by-laws shall be adopted by the membership at the first meeting held to adopt the constitution and to elect a Board of Directors, for the said board until later acted upon by it.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1

In accordance with the constitution, the state shall be divided into six divisions as follows: Division No. 1 shall include Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman counties. Division No. 2 shall include Asotin, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield and Walla Walla counties. Division No. 3 shall include Benton, Kittitas, Klickitat and Yakima counties. Division No. 4 shall include Chelan, Ferry and Okanogan counties. Division No. 5 shall include Adams, Douglas, Grant and Lincoln counties. Division No. 6 shall include the remaining counties of the state.

ARTICLE 2

Any landowner, water user, or official in any organized irrigation district of the state attending the meeting at which the constitution and these by-laws shall be adopted shall be eligible to vote at said meeting.

ARTICLE 3

The first meeting of landowners and water users shall be called by the organization committee selected at the meeting April 6, 1946 at Ephrata, Washington, and notice thereof stating time and place of meeting shall be given by the committee by mailing same to the secretary of each organized irrigation district in the state.