



BY-LAWS

Mission Statement: The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was created to promote safety by bringing together underground facility operators, governmental agencies, excavators, industry associations, and service providers to address issues related to the goal of reducing damages to underground facilities, to provide cooperation and coordination of construction activities, and to improve communications, involvement, and commitment to these goals.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council, hereinafter referred to as "Council".

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council is a voluntary organization made up of representatives from the stakeholders in damage prevention organizations to function without authority. The council shall be an information gathering and distributing council organized for the purpose of reducing construction damage to underground facilities, facilitating improved planning of construction activities and promoting improved public relations. The principal function of the Council is to place before it's members information regarding damage prevention techniques in and around the Central Ohio area.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of representatives of construction, utility operators, consultants, government agencies, locators, or any agency, company or group concerned with underground damage prevention. The member companies shall determine who will represent them at the meeting of the Council. Such representation shall not be limited in number. Each company shall have the right to determine the number of representatives to attend the meetings of the Council. Membership roster may be modified by adding or deleting from the list of member companies at any regular meeting on an as needed basis.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Such officers shall assume their duties at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Council calendar year, to serve for a period of one year. If the President resigns his or her office, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President for the duration of the term.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS' DUTIES

- A. The President shall be responsible for conducting the monthly meetings. When necessary, the President has the authority to call special meetings of the Council. The President shall represent the Council on the committee tasked with reviewing the Ohio Universal Marking Standards per ORC 3781.29(C)(2) or as requested.
- B. The Vice President shall be responsible for scheduling the monthly meeting and conducting the meeting in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also act as the Secretary in absence of the Secretary, when not conducting the meeting.
- C. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and distribute the minutes to all of the members. The Secretary shall also keep the membership list and update the membership list annually or as needed.
- D. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the treasury and give a report at each meeting. The Treasurer shall submit all bills to be paid.
- E. Should both the President and Vice President be absent, the Council shall appoint a member to conduct the meeting. The Secretary shall not conduct the meeting.
- F. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President at the regular November meeting. The Nominating Committee shall submit at least one candidate for each office to the President of the Council at the regular November meeting. The President shall present the nominating Committee's slate to the membership and ask for nominations from the floor before a vote is taken to elect the new officers. Voting shall be conducted by written ballot at the December meeting. Election shall be by majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

The regularly scheduled Council meeting shall be held the third Wednesday of each month. The meetings shall be held at a place designated by the Vice President of the Council. The meetings shall begin at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE VII ACTIONS

The Council, by one vote per member organization present, shall determine any action required of the Council. If the member organization has more than one representative at the meeting, they may confer prior to placing their one vote.

Meeting shall be conducted by a modified version of Roberts Rules.

ARTICLE VIII REVISIONS OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be repealed or amended, and new by-laws may be adopted. A majority vote of the members present is required once the changes have been submitted in writing and read at a previous meeting or once a copy has been distributed by mail to the members of the Council.

This is to certify that the Greater Columbus Damage Prevention Council adopted the above noted by-laws on December 20, 2000.

ATTESTED:

By: Melanie Powers
President

By: Ken Yost
Vice-President

This is to certify that the by-laws were amended by majority vote on January 15, 2003.

ATTESTED:

By: Rob Dorman
Secretary

This is to certify that the by-laws were amended by majority vote on November 15, 2006

By: Lori Wade
Secretary