

BYLAWS  
OF  
NATIONAL GROUND WATER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this non-profit corporation is NATIONAL GROUND WATER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. It is hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as the Corporation.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. General Powers. The property, affairs, and business of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may by general resolution delegate to officers of the Corporation and to committees such powers as provided for in these Bylaws.
2. Number and Composition. The number of Directors shall be eight (8), or such other number as shall be decided by the Directors from time to time. The members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the members of the Executive Committee of the National Ground Water Association.
3. Terms. The initial Directors shall serve until a full Board of Directors has been selected and qualified. Thereafter, each Director shall serve until such Director is no longer qualified to serve as a Director under Article II, section 2 of these Bylaws.
4. Resignation. Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time is specified, at the time of acceptance thereof as determined by the President or Board of Directors.
5. Removal. The vote of a majority of a quorum of the Directors established by these Bylaws shall be required to remove a Director from office prior to the expiration of the term for which that Director has been elected. A Director may be removed without cause only in the event that such Director is no longer qualified to be a Director under these Bylaws. A Director may only be removed at a meeting of the Directors that has specifically been

called for the purpose of removing the Director, and the notice of the meeting shall state that the removal of the Director is the purpose or one of the purposes for which the meeting was called.

6. Vacancies. Vacancies among the Directors, whether caused by resignation, death, removal, expiration of a term or increase in the number of Directors by a vote of the Directors, may be filled by the election of a new Director by the Directors of the Corporation at any regular or special meeting.

7. Meetings. (a) The Board of Directors shall provide by resolution the time and place, whether within or without the State of Ohio, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Board, and any other regular meetings of the Board.

(b) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman or the President, or by a majority of the voting Directors then in office, who may fix any place, whether within or without the State of Ohio, as the place for holding any special meeting.

8. Notice. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least seven days previous thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or facsimile to each Director at his address as shown by the records of the Corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by facsimile, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when transmitted. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these Bylaws.

9. Quorum. The presence in person of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors are present in person at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

10. Manner of Acting. The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws. Directors may attend a meeting

by telephonic or similar equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other or may vote by mail ballot.

11. Informal Action. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of Directors, or any action that may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors.

12. Compensation. Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services as such, but by resolution of the Board of Directors expenses of attendance may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board; however, nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation therefor.

### ARTICLE III

#### OFFICERS

1. Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with other provisions of this Article. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers or agents, including a Chairman of the Board, an Executive Director, one or more Assistant Secretaries, and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, and such officers shall have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

2. Selection. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board. If the election of these officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

3. Removal. Any officer, except the President, elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed. The President shall be removed only upon a two-thirds vote of the Directors.

4. Vacancy. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

5. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Corporation and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Corporation, its officers, and personnel, consistent with policies established by the Board of Directors. The President may sign any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the Corporation; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The President may authorize and approve expenditures and take such other steps he or she shall deem necessary to advance the purposes of the Corporation, provided such steps do not exceed the scope of authority granted him by the Board of Directors.

6. Vice President. The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

7. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever and deposit 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 the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the administration and oversight of the Corporation's financial records, initiation of an annual audit, compliance with statutory reporting requirements, tax returns, and tax payments. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

8. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and shall oversee the keeping, preparation, and filing of all other records required by law or by the policies of the Board; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; keep a register of the post office address of each Director which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such Director; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as

from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

9. Assistant Treasurers and Secretaries. The Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries, in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Treasurer or the Secretary or by the President or the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Assistant Treasurers shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

10. Paid Officers. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more paid officers, including an Executive Director. If an Executive Director is appointed, he shall be responsible for carrying out policy as set by the Board of Directors, for conducting the daily affairs of the Corporation and for the employment of all other paid Corporation personnel. The Executive Director, by virtue of his position, shall be an Assistant Secretary of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### COMMITTEES

1. Authority. (a) The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate and appoint one or more committees of its members, each of which shall consist of two or more persons, which committees, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation; provided, however, that no such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending, altering or repealing the Bylaws; electing, appointing or removing any member of any such committee or any Director or officer of the Corporation; amending the Articles of Incorporation; adopting a plan of merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another corporation; authorizing the sale, lease, exchange or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the Corporation or revoking proceedings therefor; adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the Corporation; or amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed by such committee. The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors or any individual Director of any responsibility imposed upon it or him by law.

(b) Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation may be designated and appointed by resolution adopted by a majority of

the Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or by the Chairman as authorized by a like resolution of the Board. Membership on such committees need not be limited to Directors.

2. Term. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the Directors of the Corporation and until his successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

3. Chairman. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the person or persons authorized to appoint the members thereof.

4. Vacancies. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

5. Manner of Acting. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee. Each committee may adopt rules for its own governance not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

6. Board of Trustees. The Board of Directors may appoint a Board of Trustees to act as informal advisors to the corporation. The Board of Directors may establish by resolution the compensation and functions of the Board of Trustees. No such Board of Trustees may exercise the powers of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE V

### CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents 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 and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

2. Checks. All checks, drafts, or 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 or officers, agent, or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or an