

**ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS OF CALIFORNIA  
CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO/CAL POLY MARITIME  
CHAPTER BYLAWS**

**INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the Chapter Guidelines of the Academic Professionals of California (APC), the APC members of the San Luis Obispo campus and its satellite campus, Cal Poly Maritime of the California State University (CSU) hereby establish and will maintain a governance structure intended to provide equal access to APC services and support for members at both campuses.

**FUNCTIONS OF CHAPTER**

The chapter will strive to carry out the mission and goals of APC at this campus and on behalf of campus employees represented by APC. In addition, the chapter will pursue goals that are established by its members and consistent with APC statewide goals and policies. The chapter's areas of responsibility include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Implementation and enforcement of the APC-CSU collective bargaining agreement at the campus level
- Representation and support of bargaining unit members
- Communication with members, including regular chapter meetings
- Representation to the APC Council
- Education and training of members
- Representing APC at the campus, including on campus committees
- Gathering and maintenance of relevant data
- Regular organizing within the bargaining unit
- Participation in the campus Labor Council
- Political action, both as part of statewide APC efforts and at the local level
- Management of chapter finances in accordance with APC policies and procedures
- Maintaining appropriate chapter records

**CHAPTER FUNDING**

Each fall, each chapter, the San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Maritime chapter, will develop a 12-month plan of activities for the subsequent calendar year, including quarterly (or more frequent) bargaining unit meetings, workshops, luncheons, organizing events, etc. The plan,

together with a proposed budget covering those events as well as chapter operating expenses for the year, will be submitted to the appropriate APC Vice President for approval and funding in accordance with the policies and procedures of APC.

## **CHAPTER LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

Leadership of the chapter shall be comprised of the following positions:

### **Chief Steward**

The Chief Steward bears overall responsibility for all aspects of chapter operations at the San Luis Obispo Campus, maintenance of all chapter records, including chapter meetings, financial records, election information, etc.

### **Steward A**

Steward A functions in support of the Chief Steward at the San Luis Obispo campus, and may be delegated specific duties such as representation and support of members, communication, Statewide Council delegate, etc. Specific assignments shall be determined in compliance with appropriate APC policies and guidelines.

### **Steward B**

Steward B functions in support of the Chief Steward at the San Luis Obispo campus, and may be delegated specific duties such as representation and support of members, communication, Statewide Council delegate, etc. Specific assignments shall be determined in compliance with appropriate APC policies and guidelines.

### **Steward C**

Steward C functions in support of the Chief Steward at the San Luis Obispo campus, and may be delegated specific duties such as representation and support of members, communication, Statewide Council delegate, etc. Specific assignments shall be determined in compliance with appropriate APC policies and guidelines.

## **Cal Poly Maritime Steward**

The Cal Poly Maritime steward bears overall responsibility for all aspects of chapter operations at the Cal Poly Maritime campus including maintenance of all chapter financial records, meeting and election materials, as well as organizing campus meetings and acting as the primary APC contact for Unit 4 employees on campus.

### **SELECTION OF LEADERS (SAN LUIS OBISPO CAMPUS)**

The term of office for each leadership position is two (2) years, beginning in May with possibility of being reelected to multiple terms. The selection of leaders will be conducted every second spring, beginning in 2014, as follows:

1. The Chief Steward, no earlier than March 1 and no later than March 15, will send a call for nominations to all current chapter members. The call will include a brief description of each available leadership position.
2. Nominations will be by self-nomination only, and each candidate may submit a brief statement regarding her/his candidacy for inclusion with the ballot. The nomination period will be two weeks, and the nomination deadline will be no later than March 31.
3. Should the positions be uncontested, the new officers will be announced at the chapter meeting following the nomination deadline and electronically to the chapter membership.
4. Should there be multiple candidates for any position, voting will be by secret, written ballot. The Secretary-Treasurer will send a ballot to each current chapter member via campus mail or electronically no later than April 10. The voting period will be five days, and the voting deadline will be no later than April 15. The current chapter leaders will count the ballots in an open chapter meeting called for that purpose. A majority of votes cast is necessary for election.
5. In the event of a tie, a runoff election will be conducted, utilizing the same balloting procedure, and will be completed no later than April 30.

Vacancies will be filled by appointment by the Chief Steward. If the Chief Steward's position is vacated, Steward A shall assume the position of Chief Steward. Should Steward A be unable or unwilling to do so, the position of Chief Steward will be filled by appointment by the appropriate APC Vice President (or the APC President in the absence of the Vice President).

### **SELECTION OF LEADERS (CAL POLY MARITIME CAMPUS)**

The term of office for the Cal Poly Maritime Campus steward is two (2) years, beginning in

May of every second Spring.

1. The Cal Poly Maritime Campus steward, no earlier than March and no later than March 15, will send a call for nominations to the members of the Cal Poly Maritime Campus. The call will include a brief description of the position.
2. Nominations will be by self-nomination only, and each candidate ay submit a brief statement regarding her/his candidacy for inclusion with the ballot. The nomination period will be two weeks, and the nomination deadline will be no later than March 31.
3. Should the position be uncontested, the new steward will be announced at the chapter meeting following the nomination deadline and electronically to the members at the Cal Poly Maritime Campus and the stewards at the San Luis Obispo Campus.
4. Should there be multiple candidates for the position, voting will be by secret, written ballot. The Cal Poly Maritime steward will send a ballot to each current chapter member via campus mail or electronically no later than April 10. The voting period will be five days, and the voting deadline will be no later than April 15. The current campus steward will convene an election Committee who will count the ballots in an open chapter meeting called for that purpose. A majority of votes cast is necessary for election.
5. In the event of a tie, a runoff election will be conducted, utilizing the same balloting procedure, and will be completed no later than April 30.

If the position is vacated, the position may be filled by appointment by the outgoing steward or by the appropriate APC Vice President (or the APC President in the absence of the Vice President). In either situation, the newly appointed steward will be a member at the Cal Poly Maritime Campus.

### **REMOVAL OF CHAPTER LEADERS**

The removal of chapter leaders from office will be conducted in accordance with APC Chapter Guidelines.

### **RATIFICATION & AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws will be ratified and amended by majority vote of current chapter members and APC Council approval.

*(Amended by APC Council – October 2025, Amended by APC Council – June 2022, Most Recently Amended by APC Council – October 2025)*