

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE, WASHINGTON DC METROPOLITAN
CHAPTER

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name and Affiliation

The name of this organization is the ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE, WASHINGTON DC METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, hereinafter referred to as the Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter. The Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter shall be a chapter of the national organization, the Association for Women in Science, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as National AWIS.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

to increase the number of women obtaining their degrees in science and technology at all levels;

to increase the number of women participating in the scientific and technological workforce at all levels;

to raise public awareness of the scientific and technological skills and contributions of women;

to work with other scientific, educational, and women's organizations in developing national and community programs that meet the above goals;

and to provide awards for and recognition of individual women scientists in order to advance the above goals.

Article III. Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all persons who support the goals of AWIS.

Section 2: All national AWIS members are eligible for chapter membership and shall hold full membership status upon payment of chapter dues. Hereafter, full members shall be referred to as members.

Section 3: The voting members and those eligible for elected office in the local chapter shall be members who have paid both chapter and national dues for the current year.

Article IV. Authority

Section 1: Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of National AWIS.

Section 2: Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter shall have the power to establish the rules and regulations of the Chapter, to delegate responsibility, and to amend any or all parts of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter.

Article V. Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be submitted by a member at any time to the Executive Board for review and approval. The Executive Board then submits the approved version of the amendment, with an explanation of the purpose of the amendment, to the members of the Chapter for approval by ballot vote. A simple majority of the members voting by the time specified on the ballot is required for ratification. Any approved amendments must be submitted to National AWIS for review and approval.