



RESEARCH COUNCIL ON STRUCTURAL CONNECTIONS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Full name: _____ Position: _____
Organization: _____
Street Address: _____ Res. () or Bus. ()
City, State, Zip: _____
Tel: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
 2. If applicable, organization representative you will replace: _____
 3. Voting privilege requested : () Voting () Non-voting
 4. Voting classification requested: check appropriate category
 () Association () Distributor () General Interest () Producer () User
 5. Principle product or service offered by your organization: _____

 6. Technical background: Attach relevant documents indicating interests and resume.
 7. Particular committee preference, if any _____

 8. Does your organization have laboratory facilities or other resources which might be available for cooperative Council activities? _____

 9. Will applicant contribute to the work of the Council by attending meetings regularly and/or by correspondence and response to letter ballots? _____
 10. Comments, if any: _____

- Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

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Accepted for membership by: _____ Date: _____



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Background and Scope

The Research Council on Riveted and Bolted Structural Joints was established in January 1947 to provide a non-profit forum of individuals with special expertise and interest in the technology of and to advance the state of the art of civil engineering structural connections using threaded fasteners and rivets. In 1979, the name of the Council was changed to the Research Council on Structural Connections to more accurately reflect the scope of the Council's attention to all aspects of mechanically fastened structural connections and in recognition of the diminished importance of rivets as a fastener for structural connections.

The purpose of the Research Council on Structural Connections has remained unchanged since its first establishment, namely, to stimulate and support such investigations as may be deemed necessary and valuable to determine the suitability and capacity of various types of mechanically fastened structural connections, to promote the knowledge of reliable design criteria, to promote the use of reliable economical and efficient practices in the fabrication and assembly of such structural connections, and to prepare and publish related standards, educational bulletins and other documents necessary to achieving its purpose.

Committee Activities:

The Council accomplishes its purposes by assigning responsibility for specific interest topics, as they arise, to a committee for study and development of recommendations for action by the full Council. Over the years 34 different committees have been active. Many have completed their assignment and been dismissed. Beginning in 2002 the committee structure has been revised to consist of Task Groups under each of the five main committees. The current main committees are:

A.1 - Specifications

A.2 - Research

A.3 - Membership and Funding

A.4 - Education

A.5 - Organization Liaison

B. - Editorial

Types of Membership

The membership of the Council is composed of organizational members and individual members.

Organizational members are corporations, trade associations, technical associations or similar groups who make financial contributions of a minimum of \$500 per year to the operation of the Council. Each organizational member shall designate one official representative to exercise the rights and responsibilities of that membership. Each organizational member may have more than one representative on the Council so long as those representatives represent different classifications of interest and responsibility within that organization.

Individual members are persons who apply for membership, and after acceptance, continue to fulfill the obligations of members as provided by the Bylaws.

Each organization and individual applying for membership shall furnish a completed application form containing information on their qualifications to serve and including information permitting the Executive Committee to determine the voting classification of the applicant.

The application of an organization or individual shall be accepted unless (1) acceptance will create an imbalance of voting interests as described below or (2) the applicant is not qualified or knowledgeable, in the area of the Council's purposes.

Voting Classification of Members:

Each voting member shall be classified by the Executive Committee according to interest as either Producer, Distributor, User, or General Interest. The combined number of members classified as Producers and Distributors are required to never exceed the sum of members classified as Users and General Interest.

A Producer member is a member who is employed by or represents an organization that produces non-fabricated structural steel material, fasteners, tools, coating systems, test devices or other similar materials or articles used in structural connections.

A Distributor member is a member who is employed by or represents an organization that distributes structural bolts, tools, coating systems, test devices or other similar materials or articles used in structural connections. A Distributor member is grouped with Producers for membership balance.

A User member (construction firm/fabricator/erector) is a member who is employed by or represents an organization that installs, or purchases or uses non-fabricated structural steel material, fasteners, tools, coating systems, test devices or other similar materials or articles used in structural connections, provided that the member could not also be classified as a producer

An Association Member is an Organizational member who is employed by, or represents a technical or non-technical association that is neither Producer, Distributor or a User of non-fabricated structural steel material, fasteners, tools, coating systems, test devices or other similar materials or articles used in structural connections.

A General Interest member is neither a Producer nor a Distributor nor a User nor an Association member as defined above.

A Life Member, is a long time member of the Council who has distinguished himself/herself by their contributions to the Council but is no longer active. Nominated Life Member recommendations by five members will be reviewed and acted upon by the Executive Committee.

A Consultant, retained under an indefinitely continuing arrangement with an organization, shall be classified the same as the classification of the organization by which the Consultant is retained. Consultants representing themselves or their employers but not engaged in the production or sale of the product or services of the Producer, Distributor or User, as applicable, shall be classified as User or General Interest, as appropriate.

Persons who are liaison representatives from other organizations shall be non-voting members unless they are also approved separately as voting members as described above.

Submission of Applications:

Transmit applications for membership to the RCSC chairman:

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