

RESEARCH COUNCIL ON STRUCTURAL CONNECTIONS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Full Name: _____ Position: _____
Organization: _____
Street Address: _____ Residence () or Business. ()
City, State, Zip: _____
Tel: _____ Email: _____
2. If applicable, organization representative you will replace: _____
3. Voting privilege requested: () Voting () Non-Voting
4. Voting classification requested: (check appropriate category – one only)
() Association () Distributor () General Interest () Producer () User
5. Principal product or service offered by your organization: _____

6. Technical Background: (Attach relevant documents indicating your interests, include CV or resume)
7. Particular committee preference(s), if any: _____
8. Does your organization have laboratory facilities or other resources that 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 respond to ballots? _____
10. Comments, if any: _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date: _____

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS USE ONLY

Accepted for membership by: _____ Date: _____

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Background and Scope

The RCSC is a not-for-profit corporation, comprised of leading experts in the fields of structural steel connection design, engineering, fabrication, erection, and bolting.

Previous, current, and future research projects funded by the RCSC aim to provide safety, reliability, and standard practices for the steel construction industry worldwide.

RCSC is actively soliciting research contributions to further our efforts to provide meaningful research, clear specifications, and practical application advice for our industry.

Membership in RCSC is open to any qualified individual, corporation, or organization in accordance with the RCSC bylaws.

The purpose of the RCSC is to

- provide a non-profit forum of individuals with special expertise and interest in the technology of civil engineering, structural connections using threaded fasteners and rivets, and
- advance the state of the art in those fields.

The Council is organized exclusively for scientific research, the development of design, application, and inspection standards from the results of such research, and for educational purposes.

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 Council. The current committee structure consists of Task Groups under each of the five main committees. The current Main Committees and their Task Groups are:

A.1 Specifications

- Task Group 1 - General Requirements
- Task Group 2 - Products and Parts
- Task Group 3 - Design
- Task Group 4 - Installation
- Task Group 5 - Inspection

A.2/4 Research & Education

A.3 Membership and Funding

A.5 Organization Liaison

B Editorial

Submission of Applications

Transmit applications for membership to the RCSC Chair at

Research Council on Structural Connections (RCSC)
c/o American Institute of Steel Construction, LLC
130 E. Randolph St., Suite 2000
(312) 670-5414

boltcouncil@gmail.com

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Types of Membership

The Council's membership comprises both *Organizational Members* and *Individual Members*, and is open to all interested in the Council's purposes who qualify for membership.

Individual Members

Individual Members are persons who have been accepted as members by the Board and who fulfill the obligations of members concerning voting and payment of Individual Member financial contributions as required by the Board. Individual Members are classified as:

- General Interest Members, or
- Non-Voting Members if they are affiliated with an Organizational Member

Organizational Members

Organizational Members may be business entities, trade associations, technical associations, or similar groups if they meet the following criteria:

- (i) They meet the definitions of a Producer Member, Association Member, Distributor Member, or User Member as set forth below, and
 - (ii) They fulfill the obligations of Members concerning voting and make financial contributions as required by the Board.
- An organization will be denied membership if its inclusion would cause the sum of Producer Members and Distributor Members to be greater than the sum of User Members and General Interest Members.
 - Each Organizational Member shall designate one official representative to exercise the rights and responsibilities of that membership. Additional members of the organization may be elected to membership as Individual Members, without having voting privileges.
 - Admission of Organizational Members requires approval by the Board.

Membership Classifications

Each voting Member shall be classified by the Board according to interest as a Producer, User, Distributor, Association, General Interest, or Life Member in accordance with the following guidelines:

- **Producer Member.** A Producer Member is an Organizational Member who 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. Research Contribution: \$ 1,000 per year.
- **Distributor Member.** A Distributor Member is an Organizational Member who 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. Research Contribution: \$ 1,000 per year.
- **User Member.** A User Member (construction firm/fabricator/erector) is an Organizational member who represents an organization that installs, purchases, or uses structural bolts, 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. Research Contribution: \$ 500 per year.
- **Association Member.** An Association Member is an Organizational Member who represents a technical or non-technical association that is neither a producer, distributor, nor a user of non-fabricated structural steel material, fasteners, tools, coating systems, test devices, or other similar materials or articles used in structural connections. Research Contribution: \$ 1,000 per year, with higher levels of contribution accepted: Diamond - \$10,000, Platinum - \$5,000, Gold - \$ 2,500, and Silver - \$1,000.
- **General Interest Member.** A General Interest member is an individual member who is neither a Producer Member, a Distributor Member, a User Member, nor an Association Member. Research Contribution: \$50 per year.
- **Consultant.** A Consultant, retained under an indefinitely continuing arrangement with an organization, shall be classified in the same as the classification of the organization by which the Consultant is retained. Consultants representing themselves or their employers and not engaged in the production or sale of structural bolts, tools, coating systems, test devices, or other similar materials or articles used in structural connections shall be classified as User Members or General Interest Members, as appropriate.

The classification of all Council members shall be reviewed periodically by the Board to reflect changes in the best interest of the members. Liaison representatives from other organizations shall be non-voting members unless they are also separately approved as voting members, as described above.

Each organization and individual applying for membership shall furnish a completed application form and a resume containing information on their qualifications to serve, as well as information that permits the RCSC Board of Directors to determine the voting classification of the applicant. Membership Research Contributions are not required until after the RCSC Board has approved the membership application. Notification of acceptance, along with an accompanying invoice, will be sent.

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.