



**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) is a 501(c)(3) Organization and a Member Association (MA) of the Water Environment Federation (WEF); and

**WHEREAS**, OWEA in its Rules and Regulations, has established four geographic service areas to be served by entities called “sections” including the Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast. The purpose of the sections is to help OWEA deliver its mission statement and vision to members across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that each OWEA Section has their own defined Executive Committee (EC), similar to, but at times different from the EC of OWEA, and

**WHEREAS**, each Section may wish to offer a membership called “Section Only Member” for the purpose of recruiting non-members into OWEA or to recover costs of mailing section newsletters.

**THEREFORE**, OWEA has adopted the following policy and procedure:

### **POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

- I. OWEA Sections shall be permitted to maintain the designation of “Section Only Member” for the purpose of recruiting new (current non-members) into OWEA and WEF. Sections are advised to use discretion in determining how to best utilize this option deemed most beneficial to OWEA , and being careful to not advertise this option over full WEF membership.
- II. Sections are encouraged to charge a member and non-member price for attendance at meetings and functions, reflecting the value of becoming a WEF member.
- III. Section-Only members shall be considered as being non-members of OWEA and WEF when paying registration fees or buying products from OWEA and WEF.
- IV. OWEA member shall not be charged a non-member fee for attendance at Section meeting outside of their “home” section. Those attending meetings outside of their “home” section are not obligated to receive newsletters from other sections; however, they shall be provided a web link to the section newsletter if such a link is available.