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Environment Committee

I. Mission

The AAPA Environment Committee promotes the development of sustainable practices and environmental stewardship among member ports. On behalf of and assisted by corporate and sustaining members, the committee monitors, collects, exchanges, and provides interpretation of domestic and international environmental policies and regulations, industry trends and emergent industry practices, and innovative technologies related to the environmental aspects of seaports, marine terminal operations, and the multi-modal movement of goods and cargo. The Committee will promote policies that result in seaport industry practices that protect and enhance the natural environment and promote and encourage cooperation and coordination in addressing environmental challenges related to goods movement.

II. Structure

a. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Environment Committee leadership consists of a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, known as the Executive Committee. Each leadership position requires a commitment term of two (2) years and rotates in successive manner to chairman. The chairmen of any standing and ad-hoc Work Group will serve as non-voting, advisory members of the Executive Committee.

Leadership positions are open to corporate members and are ideally filled to represent the various geographic regions of the AAPA membership.

b. WORK GROUP

Work Groups to monitor sustained global and national trends and circumstances and to promote research on significant environmental issues may be created as necessary by the Environment Committee chairman.

Standing Work Groups include the Water Quality Work Group, Air Quality Work Group, and Sustainability Work Group. Work Groups will be led by a chairman and vice-chairman, each committing to serve in

that role for a period of two (2) years and rotating among corporate members. The chairmen of these standing Work Groups will also serve as non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

Work groups may meet separately from the Environment Committee and report progress periodically to the Environment Committee.

c. TASK FORCE

The Executive Committee may establish any number of groups known as a Task Force to support the Environment Committee regarding unique global or national trends and circumstances, and to promote awareness of significant issues relevant to the business of the Environment Committee.

A Task Force may be created as necessary by the Executive Committee chairman, who shall appoint a chairman to each established Task Force. Subject matter evaluated by a Task Force may result in the development of additional standing Work Groups. A Task Force may recommend and develop educational efforts such as webinars or workshops in order to assist the membership with specific issues. A Task Force chairman is responsible for periodically reporting progress to the Executive Committee.

III. MEMBERSHIP

The Environment Committee and its Work Groups and Task Forces are open to all corporate and sustaining members of AAPA. Diverse active member involvement is encouraged and crucial for committee success.

IV. Goals & Objectives

Key Goals and Objectives of the Environment Committee include:

1. Monitoring of environmental policy and regulation at the national and international level;

2. Develop and recommend policies to the AAPA Executive Committee and Legislative Policy Committee;
3. Provide information to members on a variety of practices (such as environmental management systems, clean technologies, and sustainable practices for seaports);
4. Sharing of fiscally, environmentally, and socially responsible practices and policies for seaport operations and the goods movement industry that can help to sustain the seaport industry in the Americas; and
5. Provide continuing education and resources to environmental practitioners and professionals serving member ports and other groups within the goods movement industry.