



**5.3. Professional/Technical Societies and Certifications.** District employees are encouraged to participate in technical and professional societies and/or achieve certifications indicating a high level of competence in their field(s). These activities are considered a benefit to the District and to the employee through additional knowledge or personal associations gained.

**5.3.1.** The District, through the budgeting process, will select what fees and dues it might pay for its employees' membership in technical and professional societies. For any organization for which the District pays the dues, the District address should be used on all mail. All magazines and publications received as a part of that membership should be made available for all employees to use.

**5.3.2.** Professional and Technical Registration/Certification. The District encourages professional and technical registration or certification. The District may pay fees for professional and technical certificates and licenses for its employees as determined by the District in its sole discretion. These requests should be sent to the District General Manager.

