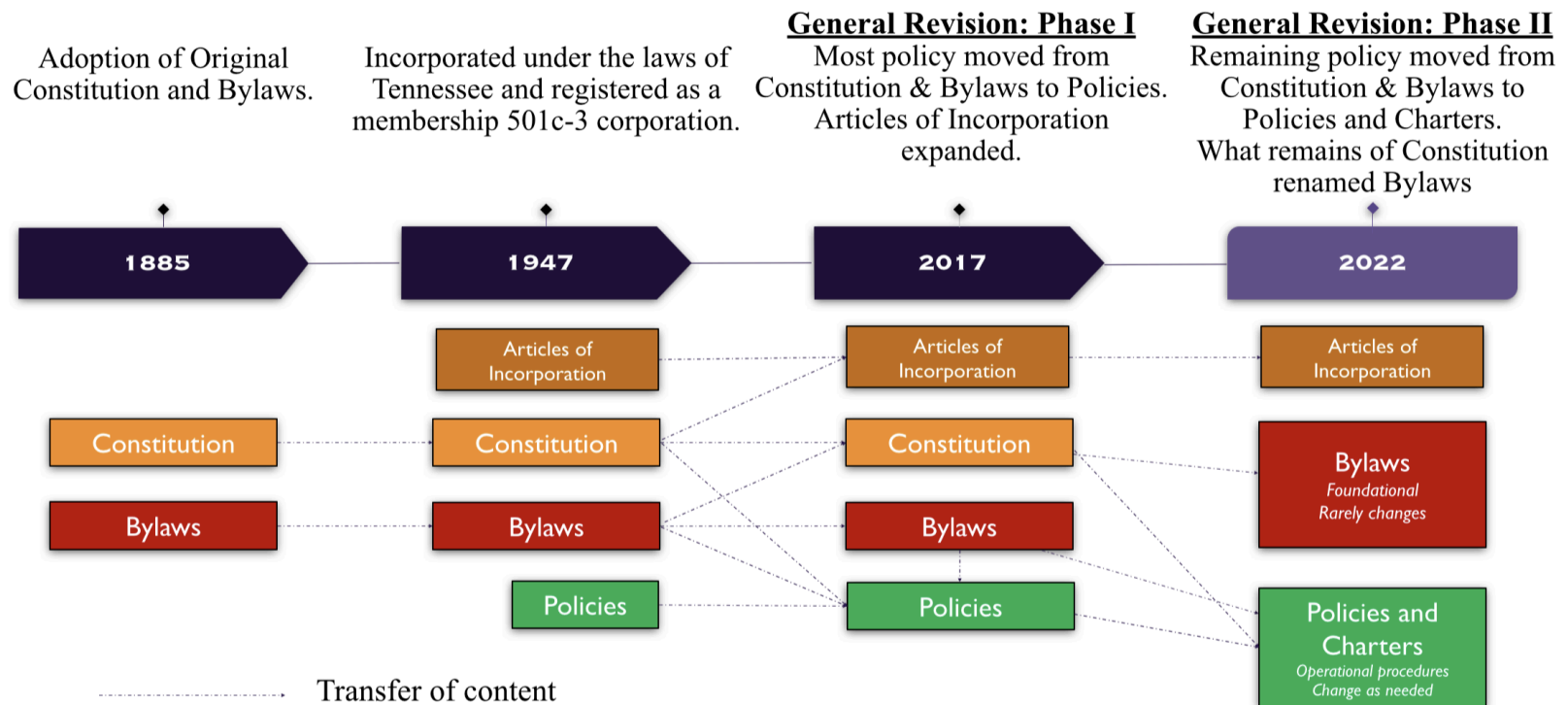


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The following pages display three columns. The first, i.e., the left-hand column shows the existing text of the Constitution and Bylaws. The second column shows the proposed Bylaws that will replace the current Constitution and Bylaws. The third column shows the rationale for each proposed change.

In no cases are the current provisions, i.e., the governing rules, changed. In some cases, the wording and/or formatting have been modified to make the provisions clearer for the reader. In other cases, provisions that should be promulgated as Association Policies or Association Program Charters have been removed. In such cases, the documents in which those provisions are now documented are cited in the Rationale column.

Formatting of sections varies throughout the current Constitution and Bylaws. The parts added or rewritten in the proposed Bylaws are consistent in making each provision a separate numbered sub-section.

Red text indicates text that is removed from or modified in the proposed Bylaws.

Blue text indicates text that has been modified or added in the proposed Bylaws.

Green text indicates text that has not been altered but has been moved to a different location in the proposed Bylaws.

Magenta text indicates text that has been altered as well as moved to a different location in the proposed Bylaws.

NOTE: To help the reader, the original Constitution wording of moved text is shown italicized in the first column. Numbering corrections resulting from moved text are not highlighted.



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Current Constitution and Bylaws	Recommended Bylaws	Rationale
<p style="text-align: center;">PREAMBLE</p> <p>The Tau Beta Pi Association was founded at Lehigh University in 1885 by Edward Higginson Williams, Jr., to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their Alma Mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students in engineering, or by their attainments as alumni in the field of engineering, and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges. To carry out the purposes and objects of this Association, we do hereby ordain and enact the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article XVI</i> <i>Enactment</i></p> <p><i>This Constitution, being a revision of the Constitution adopted by the Convention of 1965, and enacted on June 6, 1966, by ratification of the chapters, was proposed by the Council, with the advice of the Conventions of 2016 and 2017 and of the chapters, and was enacted on April 28, 2018, by ratification of the chapters, and thus became the law of the Association.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article I <i>Membership</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Classification. There is only one class of members in The Tau Beta Pi Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association, but for convenience, they are referred to as undergraduates if they are undergraduate students, graduates if they are graduate students, and alumni if they are no longer in college or have received an undergraduate engineering degree.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Criteria. Candidates for membership, shall meet the Constitution's scholarship provisions and shall have exemplary character as enunciated in the Association's Eligibility Code.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PREAMBLE</p> <p>The Tau Beta Pi Association, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the Association) was founded at Lehigh University in 1885 by Edward Higginson Williams, Jr., to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their Alma Maters by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students in engineering, or by their attainments as alumni in the field of engineering, and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges.</p> <p>To carry out the purposes and objectives of the Association, we do hereby ordain and enact these Association Bylaws (hereinafter referred to as the Bylaws), which replace the former Constitution and Bylaws and were approved by the Chapters on <date>, and thus became the law of the Association.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 1 <i>Membership</i></p> <p>SECTION 1.01. Classification There is only one class of members in the Association but for convenience, they are referred to as undergraduate members if they are undergraduate students, graduate members if they are graduate students, and alumni members if they are no longer in college, or have received an undergraduate engineering degree, or have been elected as Eminent Engineers.</p> <p>SECTION 1.02. Criteria Candidates for membership, with the exception of candidates eligible as Eminent Engineers (see Bylaw 2.05), shall meet the Association's scholarship provisions (see Bylaw 2.02, 2.03 and 2.04), and all candidates shall have exemplary character as enunciated in the</p>	<p>This needs to be stated.</p> <p>“Objectives” makes more sense in the 21st Century. Word changed for consistency. This statement was moved from Constitution Article XVI. It logically belongs in the Preamble. Wording modified to reflect the actual situation.</p> <p>Arabic numerals, not Roman, should be used as it makes referencing Bylaw provisions easier.</p> <p>The member classes as referenced throughout the document are in terms of members, whereas the terms undergraduates, graduates, and alumni refer to non-members with those classifications. “Elected as Eminent Engineers,” added for accuracy.</p> <p>The Eminent Engineer exception was accidentally omitted in the General Revision Phase 1 so it needs to be restated that Eminent Engineers do not have to meet the Association's (not Constitution's) scholarship provisions. First reference to scholarship provisions.</p>



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<p>SECTION 3. Nondiscrimination. All candidates for membership shall be considered regardless of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, religion, military or veteran status, or membership in other organizations.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Resignation. A member shall be allowed to resign from the Association providing all insignia are returned and provided no disciplinary action is pending against the member. No refund shall be made.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Suspension and Expulsion. (a) The Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council (See Const. Art. X), may for just cause, and on recommendation a member's initiating chapter (See Const. Art. V, Sec. 1) expel or suspend for a specified length of time not to exceed one year. The Council shall report its action and reasons therefor to the next Convention (See Const. Art. IX).</p> <p>(b) A member suspended or expelled by the Council may appeal the case to the next regular Convention, and that member shall have the right to be heard by the Convention and to plead the member's own cause. The Convention shall affirm or modify the EC's action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article II <i>Eligibility</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Program Eligibility. (a) An engineering program is defined as one that meets any of the following criteria and is listed in the chapter's bylaws (see Const. Art. VII, Sec. 4):</p>	<p>Association's Eligibility Code.</p> <p>SECTION 1.03. Nondiscrimination All candidates for membership shall be considered regardless of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, religion, military or veteran status, or membership in other organizations.</p> <p>SECTION 1.04. Resignation (a) A member shall be allowed to resign from the Association provided no disciplinary action is pending against the member. (b) The resigning member is expected to return to Association Headquarters (hereinafter referred to as Headquarters) (see Bylaw 5.03) or destroy all insignia. (c) Any fees paid by the resigning member shall not be refunded.</p> <p>SECTION 1.05. Suspension and Expulsion (a) The Executive Council, (hereinafter referred to as the EC (see Bylaw 11)), may for just cause, and on recommendation of a member's initiating chapter (see Bylaw 5.01) expel or suspend a member for a specified length of time not to exceed one year. (b) The EC shall report its action and reasons therefor to the next Convention (see Bylaw 10). (c) A suspended or expelled member may appeal the case to the next Convention, whose decision shall be final.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 2 <i>Eligibility</i></p> <p>SECTION 2.01. Program Eligibility (a) An eligible undergraduate or graduate program is defined as one that meets any of the following criteria and is listed in the chapter's bylaws (see Bylaw 7.04):</p>	<p>This makes it clearer that a member cannot resign to avoid disciplinary action</p> <p>"Destroy all insignia" reflects current practice.</p> <p>It needs to state what will not be refunded.</p> <p>"Council" changed to "EC" throughout these Bylaws to be consistent with Association Policy terminology. See Policy PM 01, Discipline.</p> <p>Separate provision. Corrected spelling.</p> <p>Wording simplified for clarity.</p> <p>The rest of the statement is unnecessary as it states the obvious. Sufficient to say that the aggrieved individual has the right of appeal and the Convention's decision is final.</p>
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<p>(1) Accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET or recognized by any engineering-accreditation successor(s) to ABET or recognized by an ABET mutual recognition agreement as equivalent to such programs that are accredited in the United States;</p> <p>(2) Administered by a unit (a department, school, or college) of engineering and has the same name as any program accredited as described in criterion (1); or</p> <p>(3) Approved by Convention under the requirements of Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(b). Programs approved by Convention are specific to a particular chapter.</p> <p>(b) A chapter may appeal to the Convention the eligibility of programs that do not meet the criteria of subsections (1), (2), or (3) of Const. Art II, Sec. 1(a), but meet all of the following:</p> <p>(1) Administered by a unit of engineering of the institution;</p> <p>(2) Received the three-fourths favorable vote of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon (see Const. Art. VII, Sec. 1); and</p> <p>(3) Received the five-sevenths favorable vote of the chapter's Advisory Board (See Const. Art VII, Sec. 11).</p> <p>(c) A chapter may decide for itself by a three-fourths majority vote, subject to the five-sevenths approval of its Advisory Board, to exclude from eligibility all students of a particular program that, in the opinion of the chapter, is not an engineering program. Programs satisfying criterion (1) of Const. Art. II Sec. 1(a) may not be excluded.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Eligibility of Undergraduates. (a) To be eligible for membership as an undergraduate, a</p>	<p>(1) It is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET), recognized by any engineering-accreditation successor(s) to ABET, or recognized by an ABET mutual recognition agreement as equivalent to such programs that are accredited in the United States;</p> <p>(2) It is administered by a unit (a department, school, or college) of engineering and has the same name as any program accredited as specified above;</p> <p>(3) It is approved by the Convention under the requirements of Bylaw 2.01(b).</p> <p>(b) A chapter may appeal to the Convention the eligibility of a program that does not meet the criteria of the subsections of Bylaw 2.01(a), but meets all of the following:</p> <p>(1) It is administered by a unit of engineering of the institution;</p> <p>(2) It received the three-fourths vote of the active chapter membership present and voting thereon (see Bylaw 7.01); and</p> <p>(3) It received the five-sevenths favorable vote of the chapter's Advisory Board (see Bylaw 7.11).</p> <p>(c) Programs approved by the Convention shall be specific to the appealing chapter.</p> <p>(d) A chapter may decide for itself by a three-fourths vote, subject to the five-sevenths approval of its Advisory Board, to exclude from eligibility all students of a program that does not satisfy Bylaw 2.01(a)(1).</p> <p>SECTION 2.02. Eligibility of Undergraduate Students</p> <p>(a) To be eligible for membership as an undergraduate, a student shall be pursuing an eligible undergraduate engineering program of the institution.</p>	<p>"Engineering" removed because certain Computer Science programs are eligible, see new Bylaw 2.01(a)(3). "Eligible" needs to be added because, other than those that meet Bylaw 2.01(a)(1), a program that meets the other requirements of the section does not have to be accepted as eligible (see Bylaw 2.01(d).) "Undergraduate or graduate" (added for completeness.) "It is," added to make it consistent in style to other lists of criteria. ABET needs to be spelled out in first usage. No need to add, "hereinafter referred to as" for "EAC" and "ABET" since this is the only section in which the abbreviations are used.</p> <p>This provision is moved to the new sub-section 2.01(c) under the appeal process.</p> <p>Wording modified for consistency with RRONR.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article II, Section 1(a)(3) (see above). It applies only to "the appealing chapter"; a "particular" chapter does not necessarily infer the appealing chapter. Separate provision. "Particular" is redundant. Wording modified for consistency with RRONR.</p> <p>As written, a chapter could exclude those enrolled in programs that meet the other criteria of SECTION 1(a). Last sentence redundant.</p>
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<p>student shall be pursuing an undergraduate engineering program of the institution.</p> <p>(b) Juniors who are scholastically in the upper eighth of all juniors of programs listed in the chapter's bylaws per Const. Art. II, Section 1 shall be eligible for membership.</p> <p>(c) To be considered juniors, students shall be in the next-to-the-last year of their program or shall have completed the institution's requirements for junior standing. In institutions with a cooperative program, students may be regarded as juniors when fifty percent of the institution's specified undergraduate academic degree requirements have been completed.</p> <p>(d) Seniors who are scholastically in the upper fifth of all seniors of programs listed in the chapter's bylaws per Const. Art. II, Sec. 1 shall be eligible for membership.</p> <p>(e) To be considered seniors, students shall be in the last year of their program or shall have completed the institution's requirements for senior standing. In institutions with a cooperative program, students may be regarded as seniors when seventy-five percent of the institution's specified undergraduate academic degree requirements have been completed.</p> <p>(f) A chapter may set a higher standard than that prescribed in the Constitution if the Council approves a petition for the amendment to its chapter's bylaws. See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 4.</p> <p>(g) Only students who are pursuing a degree in an engineering program shall be counted in determining eligibility under Subsections (b) and (d) above.</p>	<p>(b) Juniors who are scholastically in the upper eighth of all juniors of all eligible programs shall be eligible for membership.</p> <p>(c) To be considered juniors, students shall be in the next-to-the-last year of their programs or shall have completed the institution's requirements for junior standing.</p> <p>(1) In institutions with a cooperative program, students may be regarded as juniors when fifty percent of the institution's specified undergraduate academic degree requirements have been completed.</p> <p>(d) Seniors who are scholastically in the upper fifth of all seniors of eligible programs shall be eligible for membership.</p> <p>(e) To be considered seniors, students shall be in the last year of their programs or shall have completed the institution's requirements for senior standing.</p> <p>(1) In institutions with a cooperative program, students may be regarded as seniors when seventy-five percent of the institution's specified undergraduate academic degree requirements have been completed.</p> <p>(f) A chapter may set a higher standard than that prescribed in these Bylaws if the EC approves a petition from the chapter to thus amend its bylaws.</p> <p>(g) Only students who are pursuing a degree in an engineering program shall be counted in determining eligibility under Subsections (b) and (d), above.</p>	<p>This is why we needed to be precise in the classification definitions. This is referring to generic undergraduate students, not the "undergraduates" class of members. Adding the word "eligible" eliminates the need to specify that it is a program listed in the chapter's bylaws. "All eligible" added for accuracy. Eligible programs are listed in the chapters' bylaws per Bylaw 2.01(a). Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>"Programs" needs to be plural as it refers to multiple students who could be in different programs.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Same comment as in 2.02(b), above. "Eligible" added for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Since the Bylaws replace the Constitution, all mentions of the Constitution are changed to "these Bylaws." It needs to be stated that the petition comes from the chapter. Chapter bylaws already referenced.</p> <p>As written, it applies only to multiple students transferring from a single institution! Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>First reference to election.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted.</p>
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<p>(h) Undergraduate students transferring from another institution shall not be eligible for membership until the third regular election (See Const. Art. III, Sec. 3) after their registration. Students subject to this subsection shall be eligible at the second regular election after their registration, provided the consent of five-sevenths of the Advisory Board is obtained and they meet the other requirements for election. Transfer students who are ineligible for membership should not be counted in determining the enrollment or the numbers of those who are eligible for membership.</p> <p>(i) Students whose eligibility is in doubt because of irregular standing or curriculum in an engineering program shall be referred to the chapter's Advisory Board for the determination of the terms and times of eligibility.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Eligibility of Graduates. (a) To be eligible for membership as a graduate, a student must have completed at least one semester, one trimester, or two quarters in a graduate engineering program of the institution, and shall have completed at least fifty percent of the degree requirements, including coursework and research, as determined by the student's institution or primary academic advisor.</p> <p>(b) Complete proof of a student's worthiness for membership shall be sent to Headquarters (see Const. Art. V, Sec. 3). Such proof shall include:</p> <p>(1) Evidence of the student's scholastic eligibility, consisting of certification of the standing in the top fifth of the graduate class.</p> <p>(2) If and only if class rank cannot be determined, a faculty member may submit a statement that the student is doing graduate work of the quality expected of a member. In this case, the chapter's Advisory Board shall attest to the student's worthiness for membership and approve the student's eligibility.</p> <p>(c) Prior to the election of a graduate student, the chapter shall submit a list of the degree(s) held by the</p>	<p>(h) Undergraduate students transferring from other institutions shall not be eligible until the third regular election (see Bylaw 3) after their registration; however, with the consent of five-sevenths of the chapter's Advisory Board and if all other eligibility requirements are met, such students shall be eligible for the second regular election after their registration.</p> <p>(i) Transfer students who are ineligible for membership shall not be counted in determining enrollment or the numbers of those who are eligible for membership.</p> <p>(j) If a student's eligibility is in doubt because of irregular standing or curriculum in an eligible program, the case shall be referred to the chapter's Advisory Board for determination of the terms and times of eligibility.</p> <p>SECTION 2.03. Eligibility of Graduate Students</p> <p>(a) To be eligible for membership, a graduate student must have completed at least one semester, one trimester, or two quarters in a graduate engineering program of the institution, and shall have completed at least fifty percent of the degree requirements, including coursework and research, as determined by the student's institution or primary academic advisor.</p> <p>(b) Prior to election, complete proof of a student's worthiness for membership shall be sent to Headquarters for approval and shall include:</p> <p>(1) Evidence of the student's scholastic eligibility, consisting of certification of the standing in the top fifth of the graduate class or a statement from a faculty member that the student is doing graduate work of the quality expected of a member, and a statement from the chapter's Advisory Board attesting to the student's worthiness for membership;</p> <p>(2) A list of the degree(s) held by the student, the institution(s) that granted the degree(s), and the year in which each degree was granted.</p>	<p>This is a separate provision. "Should not" implies that they might be counted, whereas "shall not" specifically prohibits their being counted.</p> <p>It is the eligibility cases, not the students that are referred.</p> <p>Excess word deleted.</p> <p>Same comment as for undergraduate student eligibility. Redundant word deleted.</p> <p>All the proof elements need to be submitted before election. Headquarters already referenced.</p> <p>"If and only if" is redundant. "May" implies the statement is optional.</p> <p>"In this case," are redundant words and deleted. "And a statement from," makes it clear that something tangible is included in the proof. The statement attesting to the worthiness implies Advisory Board approval of the student's eligibility. Rearranged wording for style consistency.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted. "That" is better, grammatically, than "which."</p>
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<p>student, the institution(s) which granted the degree(s), and the year in which each degree was granted.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Eligibility of Alumni. (a) Alumni of an engineering institution may be considered as candidates for membership if they:</p> <p>(1) Graduated when a chapter did not exist at their alma mater and who would have been eligible had a chapter existed;</p> <p>(2) Were eligible as students but were overlooked rather than considered and rejected by the chapter at their alma mater, or were eligible under the provisions of Const. Art. II, Secs. 2 or 3 but were not considered because of the scholastic rules of the chapter at the alma mater at that time;</p> <p>(3) Were elected while students, but refused membership at that time;</p> <p>(4) Were considered eligible as students at the last election held before graduation but were rejected at that time for reasons judged proper by the chapter at their alma mater. Alumni may be elected under this subsection only by a seven-eighths favorable vote of the chapter's active membership considering the alumni; or</p> <p>(5) Were not eligible at the last election held before their graduation, but who graduated in the upper fifth of their class.</p> <p>(b) The chapter desiring to consider candidates under Subsection (2), (3), (4), or (5) of Const. Art. II, Sec. 4(a) who are not alumni of their institution must secure from the chapters of the candidates' alma maters letters of release which shall state that, upon investigation, the latter chapters can find no objection to the proposed eligibility and waive their rights to consider the candidates as members of their chapters.</p> <p>(c) All candidates considered under this section shall comply with the applicable provisions of Const. Art. II, Sec. 6.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Eligibility of Eminent Engineers.</p> <p>(a) Alumni of engineering institutions who graduated</p>	<p>SECTION 2.04. Eligibility of Alumni</p> <p>(a) Alumni of an engineering institution may be considered as candidates for membership if they:</p> <p>(1) Graduated when a chapter did not exist at their alma maters and who would have been eligible had a chapter existed;</p> <p>(2) Were eligible as students but were inadvertently omitted rather than considered and rejected by the chapters at their alma maters, or were eligible under the provisions of Bylaw 2.02 or 2.03 but were not considered because of the stricter scholastic rules of the chapters at the alma maters at that time;</p> <p>(3) Were elected while students, but refused membership at that time;</p> <p>(4) Were considered eligible as students at the last election held before graduation but were rejected at that time for reasons judged valid by the chapters at their alma maters; or</p> <p>(5) Were not eligible at the last election held before their graduation but graduated in the upper fifth of their classes.</p> <p>(b) Chapters desiring to consider candidates under Bylaw 2.04(a) Subsection (2), (3), (4), or (5) who are not alumni of their institutions must secure from the chapters of the candidates' alma maters letters of release which shall state that, upon investigation, they can find no objection to the proposed eligibility and waive their rights to consider the candidates as members of their chapters.</p> <p>(c) All candidates considered under this section shall comply with the applicable provisions of Bylaw 2.06.</p> <p>SECTION 2.05. Eligibility of Eminent Engineers</p> <p>(a) Alumni of engineering institutions who graduated</p>	<p>Corrected plurality mismatches.</p> <p>"Inadvertently omitted" reads better than "overlooked."</p> <p>"Valid" is a better adjective than "proper." HQ validates the reason for rejection. Remainder deleted as this is an election requirement not an eligibility requirement and is covered in Bylaw 3.</p> <p>Redundant word deleted.</p> <p>Made plural for consistency.</p> <p>Chapter is an entity, not a person.</p> <p>Unnecessary words deleted.</p> <p>"But" added for clarity. Redundant word deleted.</p>
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<p>more than ten years ago and who have achieved distinction for eminent attainments in engineering may be considered for membership.</p> <p>(b) An engineer who is not a graduate of an engineering college, who has had fifteen years of experience in the practice of engineering, and who has achieved distinction for eminent attainments in engineering may be considered for membership.</p> <p>(c) All candidates considered under this section shall comply with the applicable provisions of Const. Art. II, Sec. 6.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Alumni and Eminent Engineer Eligibility Requirements. (a) To be considered for membership under Const. Art. II, Secs. 4 or 5, a candidate shall:</p> <p>(1) Be a person of character, ability, and integrity;</p> <p>(2) Have a continuous record of intellectual activity and of attainment in engineering;</p> <p>(3) Be a person a student member of the Association might be expected to become; and</p> <p>(4) Be one who should be expected to add credit and honor to the Association.</p> <p>(b) The qualifications with regard to attainment in engineering need not be required of candidates who are otherwise eligible under Const. Art. II, Sec. 4(a)(1).</p> <p>(c) Teaching professional engineering subjects shall be considered as professional engineering experience. Administrators with engineering training and experience whose duties include supervision of professional engineering work shall be considered as being engaged in the engineering profession.</p> <p>(d) Complete proof of the candidate's worthiness, scholastic eligibility, and professional engineering record where required, the desirability of bestowing membership, and the approval of the chapter's Advisory Board considering the candidate shall be sent to Headquarters for approval. See Const. Art. III,</p>	<p>more than ten years ago and who have achieved distinction for eminent attainments in engineering may be considered as candidates for membership.</p> <p>(b) Engineers who are not graduates of engineering institutions but have had fifteen years of experience in the practice of engineering and have achieved distinction for eminent attainments in engineering may be considered as candidates for membership.</p> <p>(c) All candidates considered under this section shall comply with the applicable provisions of Bylaw 2.6.</p> <p>SECTION 2.06. Alumni and Eminent Engineer Eligibility Requirements</p> <p>(a) To be considered eligible for membership under Bylaw 2.04 or 2.05, a candidate shall be a person:</p> <p>(1) Of character, ability, and integrity;</p> <p>(2) With a continuous record of intellectual activity and of attainment in engineering;</p> <p>(3) Whom a student member of the Association might be expected to emulate; and</p> <p>(4) Who should be expected to add credit and honor to the Association.</p> <p>(b) Teaching professional engineering subjects shall be considered as professional engineering experience.</p> <p>(c) Administrators with engineering training and experience whose duties include supervision of professional engineering work shall be considered as being engaged in the engineering profession.</p> <p>(d) Complete proof of the candidate's worthiness shall be sent to Headquarters for approval, and shall include:</p> <p>(1) Scholastic eligibility;</p> <p>(2) Professional record where required;</p> <p>(3) The candidate's desire for membership; and</p> <p>(4) Approval of the Advisory Board of the chapter</p>	<p>They are candidates until elected.</p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p> <p>"Be a person," common to all statements.</p> <p>Adding "that" makes it read better.</p> <p>More feasible to emulate someone than to become another person.</p> <p>Deleted because it is a redundant statement to Bylaw 2.04.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Reworded for clarity. Criteria listed as separate provisions for clarity.</p> <p>HQ already referenced.</p> <p>Deleted as the previously stated eligibility requirements apply to all chapters, new or old.</p>
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<p>Sees. 5(a) and 5(b):</p> <p>(e) At a new chapter's establishment, neither alumni of the institution nor eminent engineers shall be initiated unless the requirements of this section and of Const. Art. II, Sees. 4 or 5 shall have been complied with in all details for each candidate by the petitioning group acting as a chapter.</p> <p>Article XVII (Ratified December 27, 1973) Merger of Sigma Tau into the Association</p> <p>Solely for the purpose of consummating the merger of the Sigma Tau Fraternity and the Sigma Tau Foundation, Inc., into the Association, this Article constitutes a waiver where necessary of applicable provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws in the following regards:</p> <p>(a) Sigma Tau Chapters at schools without Tau Beta Pi Chapters will, upon approval of school authorities, be converted into Tau Beta Pi Chapters.</p> <p>(b) All active members and faculty advisors of Sigma Tau Chapters at the time the merger becomes effective, who are not already members of Tau Beta Pi, will be initiated into Tau Beta Pi. Their national initiation charge will be paid from funds made available to the Association from assets of the Sigma Tau Fraternity.</p> <p>(c) Alumnus members of Sigma Tau may become members of Tau Beta Pi by paying to Headquarters the standard national initiation charge, participating in an initiation process determined by the Executive EC, and receiving the materials provided to new members.</p> <p>Article III Election to Membership</p> <p>SECTION 1. Exemplary Character Evaluation.</p> <p>(a) Each collegiate chapter shall have an exemplary character evaluation procedure as enunciated in the Eligibility Code which shall include reading the Eligibility Code at the time of election,</p>	<p>considering the candidate.</p> <p>SECTION 2.07 Alumni Members of Sigma Tau</p> <p>Alumni members of the Sigma Tau Fraternity are eligible to be initiated into the Association.</p> <p>Bylaw 3 Election to Membership</p> <p>SECTION 3.01. Exemplary Character Evaluation</p> <p>(a) Each collegiate chapter shall establish an exemplary character evaluation procedure, as enunciated in the Eligibility Code, which shall include reading the</p>	<p>Moved from Constitution Article XVII and simplified to eliminate history. Sigma Tau alumni only need to be mentioned if there are such individuals who have not yet been inducted into Tau Beta Pi. On the off chance that there might be, and since they are eligible, it does not hurt to include mention of them in the Eligibility Bylaw rather than a separate Bylaw. See Policy PA 13, Alumni Members of Sigma Tau.</p> <p>“Establish” is a better word than “have” because each chapter is expected to create its own procedure.</p> <p>“Recorded” is a better word than “contained.”</p>
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<p>be submitted to and approved by the EC, and be contained in the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(b) If the Council disapproves a chapter's procedure, it shall direct the chapter to follow a procedure the Council deems appropriate until the chapter's procedure is approved. The Council's decision may be appealed to the next Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Candidate Activities. Each chapter shall require student candidates to participate in activities recommended or approved by the chapter officers to assess exemplary character or foster a spirit of liberal culture.</p> <p>(a) Activities shall be limited to tasks and duties that are a test of a candidate's intellectual abilities and mentality rather than physical strength and endurance and shall not consume an inordinate amount of time to the possible detriment of required college work. Physical violence, offense to dignity or decency, or public exercises that demean the candidate in any way shall not be permitted. The expense of any candidate activity shall be carefully considered and not be prohibitory to the chapter or the candidate.</p> <p>(b) If a candidate objects to the required duties and the chapter cannot resolve the objection, the candidate may appeal to the chapter's Advisory Board. If the candidate is not satisfied with the outcome, the candidate may contact a District Director (See Const. Art XI, Sec. 6) to mediate and help to resolve the situation. The Advisory Board will either confirm or modify their decision. This action is final (see Const. Art. VII, Sec 11(b)).</p> <p>SECTION 3. Election. (a) All candidates for membership shall be elected by a collegiate chapter. An individual who has been elected to membership, but has not yet been initiated, shall be known as an electee.</p>	<p>Eligibility Code at the time of election, be submitted to and approved by the EC, and be recorded in the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(b) If the EC disapproves a chapter's procedure, it shall direct the chapter to follow a procedure the EC deems appropriate until the chapter's procedure is approved.</p> <p>(c) The chapter may appeal the EC's decision to the next Convention whose decision shall be final.</p> <p>SECTION 3.02. Candidate Activities</p> <p>(a) Each chapter shall require student candidates to participate in activities approved by the chapter's officers to assess exemplary character or to foster a spirit of liberal culture.</p> <p>(b) Activities shall be limited to tasks and duties that are a test of a candidate's intellectual abilities and mentality rather than physical strength and endurance and shall not consume an inordinate amount of time to the possible detriment of required college work.</p> <p>(c) Physical violence, offense to dignity or decency, or public exercises that demean the candidate in any way shall not be permitted.</p> <p>(d) The expense of any candidate activity shall be carefully considered and not be prohibitory to the chapter or the candidate.</p> <p>(e) If a candidate objects to the required duties and the chapter's officers cannot resolve the objection, the candidate may appeal to the chapter's Advisory Board whose decision shall be final.</p> <p>SECTION 3.03. Election</p> <p>(a) Only collegiate chapters shall elect new members.</p>	<p>Separate provision. Active voice. Needs to be added for consistency and clarity. Convention's final decision included for consistency.</p> <p>Only approved activities are allowed. Possessive form reads better.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>"Officers" added to be consistent with 3.02(a).</p> <p>Simplified to reflect actual practice. Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>Put in active voice. As written, implies that by a single chapter elects all candidates! Moved to Bylaw 3.03(f) because initiation has not been defined.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>Put in active voice. The next three are not sub to 3.03(b).</p> <p>See Policy PO 11, New Member Elections.</p>
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<p>(b) The election of all members must meet the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) The list of candidates being considered shall be approved prior to election by a Headquarters employee designated by the Executive Director. See Const. Art XI, Sec. 3.</p> <p>(2) The election shall be by secret ballot.</p> <p>(3) Candidates must be elected by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon, who are present and voting affirmatively or negatively, except as provided for in Const. Art. II, Sec. 4(a)(4). In each case the total affirmative vote must be a majority of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon. See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 1. In computing these ratios any fraction one-half or greater shall be counted as a whole number.</p> <p>(c) Each collegiate chapter shall conduct a minimum of two elections and initiations each year provided there are scholastically eligible candidates who are not members. The Council may authorize deviations from this schedule on the Advisory Board's recommendation.</p> <p><i>An individual who has been elected to membership, but has not yet been initiated, shall be known as an electee.</i></p> <p>SECTION 4. Electee Activities. (a) Each chapter may require student electees to participate in activities subject to the provisions outlined in Const. Art. 3, Sec 2.</p> <p>(b) Each electee shall be required to read the Constitution and Bylaws before being initiated.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Election Revocation. (a) If an electee fails to complete any required activities or duties (see Const. Art. III, Sec. 4) or exhibits character that is less than exemplary, the chapter may revoke the election of that individual.</p> <p>(b) Each chapter shall approve a procedure for the revocation of election. This procedure must include reading the Eligibility Code at the time of revocation,</p>	<p>(b) The Executive Director (see Bylaw 12.04) or a designated Headquarters employee shall approve the list of candidates prior to election.</p> <p>(c) The election shall be by secret ballot.</p> <p>(d) Candidates shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of a quorum of the electing chapter's members (see Bylaw 7.06(a)(2)), except for those candidates eligible under Bylaw 2.4(a)(4).</p> <p>(e) Each collegiate chapter shall conduct a minimum of two elections and initiations (see Bylaw 4) each year provided there are scholastically eligible candidates who are not members unless authorized by the EC to deviate from this schedule on the chapter's Advisory Board's recommendation.</p> <p>(f) <i>An individual who has been elected to membership, but has not yet been initiated, shall be known as an electee.</i></p> <p>SECTION 3.04. Electee Activities</p> <p>(a) Each chapter may require student electees to participate in activities subject to the provisions outlined in Bylaw 3.02.</p> <p>(b) Each electee shall be required to read these Bylaws before being initiated.</p> <p>SECTION 3.05. Election Revocation</p> <p>(a) If an electee fails to complete any required activities or duties (see Bylaw 3.04) or exhibits character that is not exemplary, the chapter may revoke the election of that individual.</p> <p>(b) Each chapter shall approve a procedure for the revocation of election that includes reading the Eligibility Code at the time of revocation, submitting</p>	<p>This reflects reality and is consistent with the Association's parliamentary authority. First reference to quorum.</p> <p>Unnecessary to state as RRONR requires fractions to be rounded up to the next whole person.</p> <p>First reference to initiations.</p> <p>Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article 3 Section 3(a) The definition of an electee logically belongs here.</p> <p>"Not" is better than "less than."</p> <p>Reads better by eliminating unnecessary words. Reworded for clarity and consistency.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted.</p>
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<p>be submitted to and approved by the Council, and be contained in the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(c) The revocation of election of any electee shall meet the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) The revocation vote must be by secret ballot.</p> <p>(2) The election must be revoked by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon, who are present and voting affirmatively or negatively, except candidates elected under the provisions of Const. Art. II, Sec. 4(a)(4) which require a seven-eighths affirmative vote. In each case the total affirmative vote shall be a majority of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon. See Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 1. In computing these ratios any fraction one-half or greater shall be counted as a whole number.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Initiation Fees. (a) The Convention shall set the Association's initiation fee.</p> <p>(b) Each chapter may decide to charge an additional initiation fee and other dues or assessments.</p> <p>(c) An electee shall only be initiated after paying the initiation fees in full. This provision may be waived, with the Advisory Board's approval, for an electee who has signed a promissory note covering the initiation fees and any other indebtedness to the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 7. Financial Inability. Whenever a student pleads financial inability to accept membership, the Advisory Board shall be notified and if the Advisory Board establishes that a refusal is solely for financial reasons, the facts shall be communicated to Headquarters. The chapter may initiate such a candidate at any time within five years of election.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article IV</p>	<p>the procedure for approval by the EC, and recording the approved procedure in the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(c) The revocation vote must be by secret ballot.</p> <p>(d) The election must be revoked by a three-fourths vote of a quorum of the electing chapter's members, except for those candidates eligible under Bylaw 2.4(a)(4) which require a seven-eighths vote.</p> <p>SECTION 3.06. Initiation Fees</p> <p>(a) The Convention shall set the Association's initiation (see Bylaw 4) fee.</p> <p>(b) Each chapter may decide to charge an additional initiation fee and other dues or assessments.</p> <p>(c) An electee shall only be initiated after paying the initiation fees in full.</p> <p>(d) The chapter's Advisory Board may waive this provision, for an electee who has signed a promissory note covering the initiation fees and any other indebtedness to the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 3.07. Financial Inability</p> <p>(a) Whenever an electee pleads financial inability to accept membership, the Advisory Board shall be notified and if the Advisory Board establishes that the refusal is solely for financial reasons, the facts shall be communicated to Headquarters.</p> <p>(b) The chapter may initiate such a candidate at any time within five years of election.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 4</p>	<p>See the remarks on Bylaw 3.03(d), above.</p> <p>Unnecessary to state as RRONR requires fractions to be rounded up to the next whole person.</p> <p>First mention of initiation.</p> <p>Separate provision. Put in active voice.</p> <p>This only applies to electees, not students in general.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Put in active voice.</p> <p>"Into the Association" makes clear what initiation is accomplishing.</p>
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<i>Initiation</i>	<i>Initiation</i>	
<p>SECTION 1. Approval. No electee shall be initiated without prior approval by a Headquarters employee designated by the Executive Director.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Ceremony. Electees shall be initiated in a formal ritual ceremony (see Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 4) either by the chapter, by another chapter designated by the Executive Director, or by a group of members designated by the Director of Rituals or the Council (see Const. Art. XI, Sec. 5(d)). Joint initiation ceremonies with fraternities, other associations, or societies are prohibited.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Roll Book. Initiates shall sign their names in the chapter's Roll Book as a part of the initiation ceremony. Each Roll Book page shall have as a caption the pledge to support the Constitution and Bylaws and ideals of the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Certificate and Badge. Each initiate shall be given a membership certificate and a badge (see Const. Art. XIV, Secs. 2(c) and 29e)).</p> <p>SECTION 5. Postponement. Postponement of an electee's initiation must be approved by the Advisory Board.</p> <p>(a) An electee who remains eligible may be initiated at the next regular initiation without re-election. Such an electee who graduates may be initiated without re-election within five years from the date of election.</p>	<p>SECTION 4.01. Approval A Headquarters employee, designated by the Executive Director, must approve every electee prior to initiation into the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 4.02. Ceremony</p> <p>(a) Either the electing chapter, another chapter designated by either the Executive Director or a group of members designated by the Director of Rituals (see Bylaw 12.05), or the EC shall initiate electees into the Association in a formal ritual ceremony (see Bylaw 15.04(a)).</p> <p>(b) Joint initiation ceremonies with fraternities, other associations, or societies are prohibited.</p> <p>(c) Except for those being initiated, only Association members shall participate in or witness an initiation ceremony (see Bylaw 14.05(a)).</p> <p>SECTION 4.03. Roll Book</p> <p>(a) New members shall sign their names in the chapter's Roll Book at the end of the initiation ceremony.</p> <p>(b) Each Roll Book page shall have the pledge to support these Bylaws and ideals of the Association as a caption.</p> <p>SECTION 4.04. Certificate and Badge Each new member shall be given a badge and certificate (see Bylaws 15.02(c) and 15.02(e), respectively).</p> <p>SECTION 4.05. Postponement</p> <p>(a) An electee's initiation may be postponed if approved by the chapter's Advisory Board and Headquarters.</p> <p>(1) A postponed electee who remains eligible may be initiated at the next initiation without re-election.</p> <p>(2) An eligible postponed electee who graduates may be initiated without re-election within five years from the date of election.</p> <p>(3) A postponed electee who becomes ineligible may be initiated at the next initiation without re-election.</p>	<p>Put in active voice.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>This needs to be added to reflect reality.</p> <p>The term "initiate" is unnecessary; initiates are new members. "At the end" added as chapters might infer that they can have electees sign the roll book before initiation. Separate provision.</p> <p>As noted above, at this point the electees have become members.</p> <p>Reworded for clarity/ "Chapter's" added for clarity. "Headquarters" added to reflect reality. The remainder are sub provisions to (a). "Postponed" added for clarity.</p> <p>See remark above.</p> <p>See remark above.</p>



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<p>(b) An electee who becomes ineligible and whose initiation has been postponed may be initiated at the next initiation without re-election. An electee who becomes ineligible and whose initiation has not been postponed must become eligible and be re-elected during a subsequent term to be initiated.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Initiation by Error. If an ineligible person is initiated by error, the Council may cancel the membership and recall the person's official badge and certificate upon the recommendation of a majority of the chapter's active members and of its Advisory Board. In such cases, the Council shall report to the next Convention its action and reasons therefor. A member may appeal the Council's decision at that Convention and the member shall have the right to be heard by the Convention and to plead the member's own case. The Convention's action shall be final.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article V <i>Organization and Government</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Chapters. (a) The Association shall consist of collegiate chapters that have been established in colleges and universities and alumni chapters that have been established in convenient locations.</p> <p>(b) The first collegiate chapter of each state or territory shall be designated by the Greek letter Alpha, the second by Beta, and so on, following the name of the state or territory where located. After the letter Omega is reached, naming shall continue as Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, and so on. International chapters shall be named in a similar fashion as deemed appropriate by the Council.</p> <p>(c) An alumni chapter shall be known by the name submitted with the charter application, subject to the Council's approval.</p>	<p>(b) An electee who becomes ineligible and whose initiation has not been postponed must become eligible and be re-elected during a subsequent term to be initiated.</p> <p>SECTION 4.06. Initiation of Ineligible Individuals</p> <p>(a) If an ineligible individual is initiated by error, a designated Headquarters representative shall cancel the membership and recall the individual's official badge and certificate.</p> <p>(1) Fees paid by the ineligible individual shall be refunded.</p> <p>(b) The EC shall notify the initiating chapter's Advisory Board of its action and reasons therefor.</p> <p>(c) The EC shall report to the next Convention its action and reasons therefor.</p> <p>(d) The individual declared ineligible may appeal the EC's decision to cancel membership to the next Convention, whose decision shall be final.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 5 <i>Organization and Government</i></p> <p>SECTION 5.01. Chapters</p> <p>(a) The Association shall consist of collegiate chapters that have been established in colleges and universities and alumni chapters that have been established in convenient locations.</p> <p>(b) Each collegiate chapter shall be designated by the state or territory in which the chapter resides followed by a Greek letter indicating the sequential order in which the chapter was established in its state of territory starting with Alpha, then Beta, and so on, until Omega is reached, after which naming shall continue as Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, and so on.</p> <p>(c) International collegiate chapters shall be named in a fashion deemed appropriate by the EC.</p> <p>(d) An alumni chapter shall be known by the name submitted with the charter application, subject to the EC's approval.</p>	<p>This section only deals with the initiation of ineligible electees. "May" implies that cancelling the membership of someone initiated who is ineligible is optional. This is currently a Headquarters action. It may or may not be initiated by the chapter, depending on who realizes the error.</p> <p>This statement on fees needs to be added to differentiate from the reimbursement provisions for resignations and expulsions. Separate provision. Wording simplified.</p> <p>Separate provision. Wording simplified.</p> <p>Wording simplified for clarity and consistency.</p> <p>Wording reordered for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision. The naming rule only applies to collegiate chapters, not international alumni chapters, should there ever be any.</p> <p>First reference to annulment. "Voluntarily" added for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision. "Reactivated" is a better word than "restored". First reference to the petition process.</p>
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<p>(d) Unless its charter has been annulled or relinquished, a collegiate chapter is active if it has conducted an initiation of new members within the past five fiscal years. An inactive collegiate chapter must petition for its charter to be restored per the provisions of Const. Art. VI.</p> <p>(e) To be considered active, an alumni chapter must pay its dues by April 1 of each year. An inactive chapter must complete an application and make payment per the provisions of Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 1(a) to be reactivated.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Districts. (a) The chapters shall be assigned to geographical districts. See Const. Art. X, Sec. 5(m).</p> <p>(b) Chapters shall cooperate with the director(s) of the district to which they are assigned, inform the director(s) of its activities, and participate in their district's activities. See Const. Art XI, Sec. 5.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Headquarters. The Association's Headquarters shall be located at its principal office.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Governing Bodies. The Association shall be governed by the Convention and the Council. These two bodies shall control all matters and affairs pertaining to the Association as a whole but shall not interfere with any chapter's internal affairs, except in matters of discipline as hereinafter provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article VI <i>Collegiate Chapter Establishment</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Eligibility Requirements. (a) Any regionally accredited college or university is eligible for a collegiate chapter when the following criteria are met:</p> <p>(1) All or at least three of the institution's undergraduate engineering programs meet the requirements of Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(a).</p>	<p>(e) Unless its charter has been annulled (see Bylaw 6.04) or voluntarily relinquished, a collegiate chapter is active if it has conducted an initiation of new members within the past five fiscal years.</p> <p>(f) An inactive collegiate chapter must petition for its charter to be reactivated per the provisions of Bylaw 6.02.</p> <p>(g) To be considered active, an alumni chapter must pay its dues by April 1 of each year.</p> <p>(h) An inactive alumni chapter must complete an application and make payment per the provisions of Bylaw 8.01 to be reactivated.</p> <p>SECTION 5.02. Districts</p> <p>(a) The EC shall assign chapters to geographical districts.</p> <p>(b) Chapters shall cooperate with the District Director(s) (see Bylaw 12.05) of the district to which they are assigned, shall inform the District Director(s) of their activities, and participate in their district's activities.</p> <p>SECTION 5.03. Headquarters</p> <p>The Association's Headquarters shall be located at its principal office.</p> <p>SECTION 5.04. Governing Bodies</p> <p>The Association shall be governed by the Convention and the EC, and these two bodies shall control all matters and affairs pertaining to the Association but shall not interfere with any chapter's internal affairs (see Bylaw 7.04), except in matters of discipline.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 6 <i>Collegiate Chapter Establishment</i></p> <p>SECTION 6.01. Eligibility Requirements</p> <p>(a) Any regionally accredited college or university is eligible for a collegiate chapter when the following criteria are met:</p> <p>(1) All or at least three of the institution's undergraduate engineering programs meet the requirements of Bylaw 2.01(a);</p>	<p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Put in active voice. No need to reference the Article on EC responsibilities.</p> <p>Terminology consistency.</p> <p>First reference to District Directors. It needs to be clear that this is specific to District Directors and not other Program directors. Corrected plural mismatches.</p> <p>This does not need to be two sentences. Redundant text deleted. Reference to Bylaw 7.04 added as it deals with chapter autonomy. "As hereinafter provided" are redundant words.</p> <p>Wording rearranged to make it read better.</p>
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<p>(2) The institution confers at least 40 engineering bachelor's degrees each year from programs meeting the requirements of Const. Art. VI, Sec. 1(a)(1), and the number of graduates is stable or increasing.</p> <p>(3) A group of students has organized and operated a local society patterned after an Association Chapter for at least two full years after the local society's establishment and installation of charter members. These students must meet the eligibility standards outlined in Const. Art. II, Secs. 2 or 3.</p> <p>(4) At least three faculty members are members of the Association.</p> <p>(5) A majority of the engineering faculty are members of their respective technical, professional, scientific, or honor societies.</p> <p>(b) Chapters may be established at colleges or universities that do not meet all the requirements of Const. Art VI, Sec. 1(a) by the Convention on the EC's recommendation.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Petition for Chapter. (a) A petition to establish a collegiate chapter may be made by a group of students and graduates when the requirements of Const. Art. VI, Sec. 1(a) are met. In addition to documenting compliance with those requirements, a petition shall include:</p>	<p>(2) The institution confers at least 40 engineering bachelor's degrees each year from programs meeting the requirements of Bylaw 6.01(a)(1), and the number of graduates is stable or increasing;</p> <p>(3) A group of students who meet the eligibility standards outlined in Bylaw 2.02 or 2.03 has organized, chartered, and operated a local society patterned after an Association chapter for at least two full years;</p> <p>(4) At least three faculty members who are Association members; and</p> <p>(5) A majority of the engineering faculty are members of their respective technical, professional, scientific, or honor societies.</p> <p>(b) The Convention may grant a charter for a chapter at a college or university that meets most but not all the requirements of Bylaw 6.01(a) on the EC's recommendation provided a petition is submitted as delineated in Bylaw 6.02.</p> <p>SECTION 6.02. Petition for Chapter</p> <p>(a) A petition to establish a collegiate chapter may be made to the Association when the requirements of Bylaw 6.01(a) are met.</p>	<p>Redundant words deleted. See Policy PO 17, New Chapter Petitions. NOTE: HQ practice is to review graduation numbers over a period of 5 years.</p> <p>Terminology consistency.</p> <p>Put in active voice.</p> <p>Clarified to be in compliance with Bylaw 6.02.</p> <p>"To the Association" added for clarity. Remainder of Constitution Article VI, Section 2(a) moved to Policy PO 17, New Chapter Petitions.</p>
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<p>(1) A letter of intent explaining their interest in establishing a chapter.</p> <p>(2) A pledge of their willingness to subscribe to and obey the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.</p> <p>(3) A statement approving the chapter's establishment by the institution's administration.</p> <p>(4) A statement certified by the institution's administration that each of the petitioners meets the eligibility requirements specified in Const. Art. III.</p> <p>(5) The institution's current admission requirements.</p> <p>(6) The number of weeks required to be spent on academic classroom and laboratory work for a degree in engineering.</p> <p>(7) The length of the institution's curriculum for a degree in engineering.</p> <p>(8) The number of regular engineering students in each of the engineering classes and the names and number of the engineering degrees awarded in each program during the last five years.</p> <p>(9) Descriptions of the programs and courses offered and any other materials as may be available to assist the EC in reaching its decision.</p> <p>(b) The Council shall review the petition and determine if the institution is qualified for an inspection. An inspection shall assess the petitioning society's qualifications for a Tau Beta Pi Chapter. An Inspection Committee shall be led by a Council member and should include members from neighboring chapters, and local Association Officials (see Const. Art. 11, Sec. 1). The Council shall report to the next Convention if an institution is not qualified for an inspection. The Convention may sustain the action of the Council, or it may vote to request the Council to proceed with an inspection in accordance with the Constitution.</p> <p>(c) The Council shall consider the Inspection Committee's report and recommendation. Based on</p>	<p>(b) The EC shall review the petition and determine if the institution is qualified for an inspection to further assess the petitioning society's qualifications for an Association chapter.</p> <p>(c) The EC shall appoint an Inspection Committee, which shall be led by an EC member and should include members from neighboring chapters and local Association Officials (see Bylaw 12).</p> <p>(d) If the EC determines an institution is not qualified for an inspection, it shall report its decision to the next Convention, which may sustain the EC's action, or request the EC to proceed with an inspection.</p> <p>(e) The EC shall consider the Inspection Committee's report and recommendation, and based on this information, shall approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the petition.</p> <p>(f) The Inspection Committee's recommendations and the EC's decision shall be reported to the Convention following the inspection.</p> <p>(g) If the EC disapproves the petition, the Convention may request the petitioners to submit another petition to be considered by the next Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 6.03. Granting a Chapter Charter</p>	<p>"Further" added for clarity. Wording modified for clarity. Terminology consistency. Need to state that the EC appoints the committee. Separate provision.</p> <p>First reference to Association Officials. Separate provision.</p> <p>Active voice. "In accordance with the Constitution" is not necessary and no longer relevant with these Bylaws.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>"Charter" added to reflect reality.</p> <p>Preferability of an Association member is not a requirement and is not necessary in governing documents.</p>
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<p>this information, the Council shall approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove a petition. The Inspection Committee's recommendations and the Council's action shall be reported to the Convention following the inspection. If the Council disapproves, the Convention may approve the preliminary petition and request the petitioners to submit a formal petition in accordance with the Constitution, to be considered by the next Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Granting a Chapter. (a) The Petitions Committee (see Const. Art. IX, Sec. 6) shall review the petition and inspection report and meet with petitioning group's representatives and recommend action on the petition to the Convention.</p> <p>(b) A petitioning group must be represented at the Convention by at least one of its student members and at least one faculty member who is preferably an Association member.</p> <p>(c) A collegiate chapter shall be established or abolished, and a charter granted or withdrawn, only by at least a three-fourths majority of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention, taken by recordable voting method.</p> <p>Article VII</p>	<p>(a) The Convention Petitions Committee (see Bylaw 10.7) shall review the petition and inspection report, meet with petitioning group's representatives, and recommend action on the petition to the Convention.</p> <p>(b) A petitioning group must be represented at the Convention by at least one of its student members and at least one faculty advisor.</p> <p>(c) A collegiate chapter shall be established, and a charter granted only by at least a three-fourths majority of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention, taken by a recordable voting method.</p> <p>SECTION 6.3. Abolishing and Reinstating a Chapter Charter</p> <p>(a) A collegiate chapter shall be abolished, and its charter annulled only by at least a three-fourths majority of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention, taken by a recordable voting method.</p> <p>(b) The abolished chapter's name (see Bylaw 5.1(b)) shall not be used for any new chapter.</p> <p>(c) Students at the abolished chapter's institution may petition to reinstate the chapter's charter after no less than two years from the date of annulment as prescribed in Bylaw 6.2.</p> <p>(d) If the abolished chapter's charter is reinstated, the chapter shall be given its former name.</p> <p>Bylaw 7 <i>Collegiate Chapters</i></p> <p>SECTION 7.01. Chapter Membership</p> <p>(a) Except as stated in Bylaw 7.02, a collegiate chapter's active membership shall consist of the undergraduate members, either by initiation at that chapter or by transfer (see Bylaw 7.03), and graduate members and alumni members who have indicated their desire to assume the responsibilities of active membership.</p> <p>(b) Only active student members shall have the right of voting on new members and on the chapter's</p>	<p>This Section deals only with granting a chapter, not abolishing one. Abolishment is not covered in the current Constitution.</p> <p>This section is necessary to explain the abolishing of a chapter. This simply documents the current practice.</p> <p>Terminology consistency.</p> <p>Redundant text deleted. Separate provision.</p> <p>Wording modified to clarify the original intent.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Collegiate Chapters</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Chapter Membership. Except as stated in Const. Art. VII, Sec. 2, a collegiate chapter's active membership shall consist of the undergraduate members, either by initiation at that chapter or by transfer (see Const. Art. VII, Sec. 3), and graduate members and Association alumni who have indicated their desire to assume the responsibilities of active membership and have been formally accepted by the chapter. Only active student members shall have the right of voting on new members and on the chapter's initiation fee, dues, assessments, and fines.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Inactive Member Status. (a) A member shall become inactive upon withdrawal from college or because of illness or accidental disability lasting over two months and shall immediately become inactive on returning to college.</p> <p>(b) A member shall cease to be active upon graduating or indicating a desire to relinquish the responsibilities of active membership.</p> <p>(c) A member will become inactive by the affirmative vote of five-sevenths of the Advisory Board or as provided in the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(d) Unless otherwise provided for, a member shall be readmitted to active status upon receipt of a written petition and its approval by the Advisory Board.</p> <p>(e) Chapters shall report to Headquarters number status changes by Advisory Board action within two weeks.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Transfer to Another Chapter. An undergraduate member, on transferring to another institution where there is a chapter, shall immediately</p>	<p>initiation fee, dues, assessments, and fines.</p> <p>SECTION 7.02. Inactive Member Status</p> <p>(a) A member shall become inactive upon withdrawal from college or because of medical leave from classes lasting over two months or for reasons specified in the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(b) An inactive member shall immediately become active on returning to college or meeting the chapter's bylaws requirements.</p> <p>(c) A member shall cease to be active upon graduating or indicating a desire to relinquish the responsibilities of active membership.</p> <p>(d) A member shall become inactive by the affirmative vote of five-sevenths of the Advisory Board.</p> <p>(e) Unless otherwise provided for, a member shall be readmitted to active status upon receipt of a written petition from the member approved by the chapter's Advisory Board.</p> <p>(f) A chapter shall report the number of members inactivated or reactivated and the reasons for their change of status to Headquarters within two weeks of the Advisory Board's decision.</p> <p>SECTION 7.03. Undergraduate Member Transfer to Another Chapter</p> <p>An undergraduate member, on transferring to another institution where there is a chapter, shall immediately become an active member of that chapter and an inactive member of the previous chapter.</p> <p>SECTION 7.04. Autonomy</p> <p>(a) Each chapter shall have full control of its individual affairs, subject to these Bylaws.</p>	<p>"For reasons specified in the chapter's bylaws" added to reflect reality.</p> <p>"Shall" makes it mandatory.</p> <p>Provision included in 7.02(a).</p> <p>"From the member" added to clarify that petition must come from the member.</p> <p>Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>"Undergraduate" added for clarity. (NOTE: Graduate member transfers are covered by Bylaw 7.01.)</p> <p>Revised for clarity as to which chapter is being referred and agreement with Bylaw 7.01(a).</p> <p>Separate provision. Wording modified for clarity. (NOTE: Throughout this document, the word "bylaws" with lower case b refers to chapter bylaws, whereas "Bylaws" with upper case B refers to the Association Bylaws.) The Advisory Board is currently expected to approve chapter bylaw changes.</p> <p>Put in active voice. "That require action," added as not all communications require actions. (NOTE: Currently there is no penalty specified if chapter fails to complete an action.)</p> <p>Separate provision. Reworded for clarity.</p>
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<p>become an inactive member of that chapter.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Autonomy. Each chapter shall have full control of its individual affairs, subject to the Constitution and Bylaws. A chapter shall enact bylaws for its own guidance, which shall not be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws and shall be approved by the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Chapter Actions on Communications. Communications from the Council to the collegiate chapters shall be acted upon by the chapters within one month, not counting regular college vacations, from the time of their receipt. Each chapter must submit its action, or vote, on a communication from the EC to Headquarters or it forfeits its vote to the Council.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Quorum. (a) A quorum shall be:</p> <p>(1) one-half of the active chapter membership (See Const. Art. VII, Sec. 1) for the consideration of routine business;</p> <p>(2) three-fourths of the active chapter membership eligible to vote thereon for the election of new members, for the revocation of election, for changing the chapter's initiation fee or dues, and for the passing of an assessment on chapter members; and</p> <p>(3) three-fourths of the active chapter membership for the approval of a proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws or the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(b) Chapters may be granted permission by the Council to lower the requirements listed above for a quorum.</p> <p>SECTION 7. Proxy. A chapter member shall not be allowed to vote by proxy.</p>	<p>(b) Each chapter shall enact its own chapter bylaws for guidance, which shall not be in conflict with these Bylaws and shall be approved by the chapter's Advisory Board and the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 7.05. Chapter Actions on Communications</p> <p>(a) Chapters shall act upon communications from the EC that require action within one month, not counting regular college vacations, from the time of their receipt.</p> <p>(b) If the required action is a vote, a chapter must submit its vote by the required deadline to Headquarters or it forfeits that vote to the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 7.06. Quorum</p> <p>(a) A quorum shall be:</p> <p>(1) One-half of the active chapter membership (see Bylaw 7.01) for the consideration of routine business;</p> <p>(2) Three-fourths of the active chapter membership for the election of new members, for the revocation of election, for changing the chapter's initiation fee or dues, and for the passing of an assessment on the chapter's members; or</p> <p>(3) Three-fourths of the active chapter membership for the approval of a proposed amendment to these Bylaws or the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(b) The EC may lower the quorum requirements listed above for a chapter that provides sufficient justification.</p> <p>SECTION 7.07. Proxy A chapter member shall not be allowed to vote by proxy.</p> <p>SECTION 7.08. Chapter Advisors The chapter shall elect a minimum of four alumni members to serve staggered three-year terms as Chapter a Advisors.</p> <p>SECTION 7.09. Officers</p> <p>(a) The chapter officers shall be a President, a Vice</p>	<p>Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>Possessive form reads better. These are not inclusive</p> <p>Put in active voice. "Provides sufficient justification" was added because, whereas it was implied that justification would be necessary to waive the quorum requirements, it was not explicitly stated.</p> <p>Because a chapter may elect more than four advisors and only four of those can serve as officer at one time, a separate section is needed to define advisors.</p> <p>Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>Put in active voice.</p>
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<p>SECTION 8. Officers. (a) The chapter officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be active chapter members.</p> <p>(b) A minimum of four Association Alumni shall serve as advisors, all of whom are chapter officers.</p> <p>(c) The chapter may define in its bylaws additional officers beyond those listed in Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 8(a).</p> <p>(d) The offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary may be combined if provided for in a chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 9. Officer Election. (a) All officers listed in Const. Art. VII, Sections 8(a) and 8(d) must be elected by the chapter's active members. A chapter shall hold an officer election at least once per year and may hold an additional election each year with the Advisory Board's approval. Officers shall hold office until their terms expire (four years for advisors and one year for all other officers unless the chapter's bylaws define a different term length) or their successors are elected. Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided in the parliamentary authority (see Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 7) adopted by the Association. Officers shall take office prior to the annual spring convocation or commencement. Officer vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(b) A chapter may specify within its own bylaws a mechanism for selection of active members to serve as the chapter's Convention delegate and alternate. In the absence of a selection process, the chapter's Convention delegate and alternate shall be it</p>	<p>President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be active chapter members, and four of the Chapter Advisors.</p> <p>(b) The chapter may define in its bylaws additional officers beyond those listed above.</p> <p>(c) The offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary may be combined if provided for in the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 7.10. Officer Election</p> <p>(a) A chapter's active members shall elect all the officers listed in Bylaw 7.08.</p> <p>(b) A chapter shall hold an officer election at least once per year and may hold an additional election each year with its Advisory Board's approval.</p> <p>(c) Officers shall hold office until their terms expire (four years for advisors and one year for all other officers unless the chapter's bylaws define a different term length) or their successors are elected.</p> <p>(d) Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided in the parliamentary authority (see Bylaw 15.07) adopted by the Association.</p> <p>(e) Officers shall take office prior to the annual spring convocation or commencement.</p> <p>(f) Officer vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 7.11. Convention Representation</p> <p>(a) The President and Vice President shall be the chapter's Convention voting delegate (see Bylaw 10.04) and alternate, respectively, unless the chapter specifies a mechanism for selecting another active member within its bylaws.</p> <p>(b) The Association shall pay the travel and on-site expenses of a chapter's Convention delegate(s) as determined by the previous Convention.</p>	<p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate Provision.</p> <p>To be consistent with Bylaw 8 on alumni chapters, a section dealing with Convention representation is needed. The selection process is optional. The default delegates are the president and vice president, unless the chapter specifies a process in its bylaws for selecting others. Selected voting delegate needs to be an active member of the chapter.</p>
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<p>President and Vice President, respectively.</p> <p>SECTION 10. Officers Duties. (a) The President, as the chapter's responsible agent and leader, shall see that the other chapter officers perform their duties in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws and the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(b) The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall fulfill the duties of the office of the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for the activities related to the initiation unless another officer is responsible for these duties as defined in the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(c) The Recording Secretary shall keep the chapter's roll and record books and the chapter's meeting minutes.</p> <p>(d) The Corresponding Secretary shall ensure all required reports are completed and submitted to Headquarters by the stated deadlines.</p> <p>(e) (1) The Treasurer shall collect the new member initiation fees and remit the portion payable to the Association within two weeks after each initiation.</p> <p>(2) The Treasurer shall maintain the chapter's financial records in a bookkeeping system recommended by the Executive Director except when the institution's rules require the chapter's financial records be maintained in a specified manner.</p> <p>(f) The primary duty of advisors is to provide for continuity of chapter operations. They shall see that the chapter:</p> <p>(1) Selects candidates who meet the eligibility requirements of Const. Art. II, the chapter's bylaws, and the institution's academic regulations.</p> <p>(2) Balances its financial accounts and pays all bills by the end of the academic year.</p> <p>(3) Effects an orderly officer transition</p>	<p>SECTION 7.11. Advisory Board</p>	<p>Wording consistent with Bylaw 8. The Convention's decision on the reimbursement amounts is recorded in Policy PF 06, Convention Delegate Travel Cost Reimbursement. Entire Constitution Article VII, Section 10 is moved to Policy PO 03, Chapter Officer Duties.</p>
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<p>following their election. (g) Additional duties of each office include those defined by the chapter's bylaws, those assigned by the chapter membership or by the President, and those applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 11. Advisory Board. (a) The chapter's Advisory Board shall consist of the President, the Vice President, and the Corresponding Secretary of the chapter, and four advisors elected by the chapter.</p> <p>(b) The Advisory Board shall act as an advisory and judiciary committee to determine the advisability of any action taken or proposed by the chapter. Such action may be referred to it by a chapter vote or brought before it by an active member of the chapter, or the Advisory Board may review such action on its own initiative. The Advisory Board, by a majority vote, may forbid any such action or change, subject to an appeal to the Council. All changes in the chapter's bylaws shall be approved by the Advisory Board before going into effect.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article VIII <i>Alumni Chapters</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Application and Membership. (a) An alumni chapter may be chartered by the Council when application is made by at least ten members and upon payment of the charter fee set by the Convention.</p>	<p>(a) The chapter's Advisory Board shall comprise the President, the Vice President, the Corresponding Secretary, and four Chapter Advisors.</p> <p>(b) The Advisory Board shall, in addition to the responsibilities defined elsewhere in these Bylaws, act as an advisory committee to determine the appropriateness of any action proposed by the chapter, or as a judicial committee to evaluate and overrule, if necessary, any action approved by the chapter membership deemed to not be in the best interest of the chapter.</p> <p>(c) The chapter's Advisory Board shall approve all changes in the chapter's bylaws before they go into effect.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 8 <i>Alumni Chapters</i></p> <p>SECTION 8.01. Chapter Establishment and Membership</p> <p>(a) The EC may charter an alumni chapter when an application is made by at least ten alumni members and upon payment of the charter fee set by the Convention.</p> <p>(b) The membership shall be Association members who are not undergraduates and who have signified their desire to become affiliated with an alumni chapter and their willingness to comply with its bylaws.</p> <p>(c) A chapter shall pay annual dues to the Association, set by the Convention, by January 1 of each year.</p> <p>SECTION 8.02. Autonomy</p> <p>(a) Each chapter shall have full control of its individual affairs, subject to these Bylaws.</p>	<p>"Comprise," reads better than "consist of."</p> <p>Bylaw 7.08 established that the chapter elects advisors.</p> <p>Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>"Judicial" is the correct adjective.</p> <p>"Subject to appeal to the Council" deleted. Currently, the Advisory Board decision is considered final. Separate provision. Put in active voice.</p> <p>"Application" is part of the establishment process for alumni chapters. Put in active voice. "An" added to make it read better. "Alumni" added because student members cannot petition to start an alumni chapter. See Policy PO 19, Provisional Alumni Chapters.</p> <p>"Composed of" are redundant words. "Association" needs to be added for clarity.</p> <p>No need to state it is an alumni chapter as that is all that the Bylaw deals with. Date format made consistent with Bylaw 5.01(g). Wording simplified for clarity.</p>
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<p>(b) An alumni chapter shall be composed of members who are not undergraduates and who have signified their desire to become affiliated with an alumni chapter and their willingness to comply with its bylaws.</p> <p>(c) The alumni chapter annual dues to the Association shall be paid by the first day of January of each year. The annual dues shall be set by the Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Autonomy. Each chapter shall be self-governing and shall enact bylaws for its own guidance, which must be approved by the Council. These bylaws and chapter actions shall not be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Officers. (a) Each alumni chapter shall elect annually or as designated in its bylaws a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other officers defined in its bylaws. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office of Secretary-Treasurer. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and such additional members as the chapter may elect.</p> <p>(b) The duties of each office include those defined by the chapter's bylaws, those assigned by the chapter membership or by the President, and those applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Convention Representation. (a) Each chapter may specify within its own bylaws a mechanism for selection of active members to serve as the chapter's Convention delegate and alternate. In the absence of a selection process, the chapter's Convention delegate and alternate shall be its President and Secretary, respectively.</p> <p>(b) The on-site expenses of an alumni chapter's Convention delegate shall be paid by the Association</p>	<p>(b) Each chapter shall enact bylaws for its own guidance, which shall not be in conflict with these Bylaws and must be approved by the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 8.03. Officers</p> <p>(a) Each chapter shall elect annually, or as designated in its bylaws, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other officers defined in its bylaws.</p> <p>(b) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office of Secretary-Treasurer.</p> <p>(c) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and such additional members as the chapter may elect.</p> <p>(d) The duties of each office include those defined by the chapter's bylaws, those assigned by the chapter's membership or its President, and those applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 8.04. Convention Representation</p> <p>(a) The President and Secretary shall be the chapter's Convention voting delegate and alternate, respectively, unless a mechanism for selecting other members is specified within the chapter's bylaws.</p> <p>(b) The Association shall pay the on-site expenses of an active alumni chapter's voting Convention delegate to the same extent as the collegiate delegates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 9 <i>Chapter Discipline</i></p> <p>SECTION 9.01. Methods A chapter may be disciplined by fines, probation, or by annulment of its charter.</p> <p>SECTION 9.02. Fines</p> <p>(a) A uniform system of fines shall be approved by the Convention, and these fines shall be assessed against, and paid by, every chapter that fails to complete required reports by the deadline.</p> <p>(b) These fines shall be increased by the same amount</p>	<p>Wording modified to make consistent with the wording of Bylaw 7.04.</p> <p>This bylaw only applies to alumni chapters, so the word "alumni" is redundant.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Wording modified to be consistent with the wording of Bylaw 7.10.</p> <p>Put in active voice.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article XII as it is associated directly with chapters.</p>
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<p>to the same extent as the collegiate delegates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article XII <i>Chapter Discipline</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Methods. <i>A chapter may be disciplined by fines, probation, or by annulment of its charter.</i></p> <p>SECTION 2. Fines. <i>(a) A uniform system of fines shall be enumerated in the Bylaws, and these fines shall be assessed against, and paid by, every chapter that fails to complete required reports by the deadline.</i></p> <p><i>(b) These fines shall be increased the same amount for each failure of the chapter to reply within two weeks to the request for the belated report or remittance.</i></p> <p><i>(c) All fines shall be applied automatically and without discrimination, and shall be billed to the chapter as soon as the infractions for which fines may be assessed shall occur. If the chapter can show reason why it should not be fined, the Executive Director may reduce the fine.</i></p> <p>SECTION 3. Probation and Annulment. <i>(a) A chapter shall automatically be placed on probation, subject to appeal to the Council when it:</i></p> <p><i>(1) has acted in a manner contrary to the Constitution or prejudicial to the Association's interests as reported to the Council or the Convention by twenty-five alumni or by three other chapters;</i></p> <p><i>(2) conducts more than one unapproved initiation in a period of two consecutive fiscal years; or</i></p> <p><i>(3) fails to hold at least one approved initiation during a fiscal year.</i></p> <p><i>(b) A chapter's probation will continue until:</i></p>	<p>for each failure of the chapter to reply within two weeks to the request for the belated report or remittance.</p> <p>(c) All fines shall be applied automatically and without discrimination, and shall be billed to the chapter as soon as the infractions for which fines may be assessed shall occur.</p> <p>(d) If the chapter can show a reason why it should not be fined, the Executive Director may reduce the fine.</p> <p>SECTION 9.03. Probation and Annulment.</p> <p>(a) A chapter shall automatically be placed on probation, subject to appeal to the EC when it:</p> <p>(1) Has acted in a manner contrary to the Bylaws or prejudicial to the Association's interests as reported to the EC or the Convention;</p> <p>(2) Conducts more than one unapproved initiation in a period of two consecutive fiscal years; or</p> <p>(3) Fails to hold at least one approved initiation during a fiscal year.</p> <p>(b) A chapter's probation shall continue until:</p> <p>(1) Action is taken by the Convention following it being placed on probation under the provisions of Bylaw 9.03(a)(1); or</p> <p>(2) The chapter demonstrates one year of successful operation and at least one approved initiation, as determined by the EC, when placed on probation under the provisions of Bylaw 9.03(a)(2) or 9.3(a)(3); should the EC not end the probation after one year, the chapter may appeal to the Convention whose decision shall be final.</p> <p>(c) The chapter's probation may be continued by a three-fourths vote, taken by roll call, of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention.</p> <p>(d) In the event of continued probation, the chapter shall be called at the next Convention to show reason why its charter should not be annulled as prescribed in</p>	<p>As fines are, in fact, a fee levied against chapters, the Convention must approve them. See Policy PO 10, Chapter Fines.</p> <p>The original text was grammatically incorrect.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Since the probability of getting 25 alumni or three chapters to file a joint complaint is negligible and as far as can be determined has never happened, this provision is deleted.</p> <p>"Shall" makes it mandatory.</p> <p>"Whose decision shall be final" needs to be added for consistency.</p>
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<p><i>(1) action is taken by the Convention following it being placed on probation under the provisions of Const. Art. XII, Sec. 2(a)(1) or</i></p> <p><i>(2) the chapter demonstrates one year of successful operation and at least one approved initiation, as determined by the Council, when placed on probation under the provisions of Const. Art. XII, Secs. 2(a)(2) or 2(a)(3). Should the Council not end the probation after one year, the chapter may appeal to the Convention.</i></p> <p><i>(c) The chapter's probation may be continued or its charter may be annulled by a three-fourths vote, taken by roll-call, of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention. In the event of continued probation, the chapter shall be called at the next Convention to show reason why its charter should not be annulled.</i></p> <p><i>(d) A chapter's probation shall entail: Such penalties as are deemed appropriate by the Council or the Convention; and continuation of chapter activities in support of the Association's objectives.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article IX <i>The Convention</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Assembly. The Convention shall meet annually except as provided in Const. Art. X, Secs. 5(h) and 5(i). The Convention shall be called to order by the Association President (see Cont. Art. XI, Sec. 2(a)), or in the absence of the President, by the Vice President (see Cont. Art. XI, Sec. 2(b)) or other member of the Council, or, if there are none present, by the delegate from the oldest chapter represented.</p> <p><i>(i) Changing the Convention meeting time and place and suspending the meeting of the same for a period not to exceed one year, provided that the written consent of two-thirds of the chapters shall be obtained to any postponement exceeding two months.</i></p>	<p>Bylaw 6.04.</p> <p>(e) A chapter under probation shall continue chapter activities in support of the Association's objectives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 10 <i>The Convention</i></p> <p>SECTION 10.01. Assembly</p> <p>(a) The Convention, which shall meet annually (except as provided in Bylaw 10.02(b)), shall be called to order by the Association President (see Bylaw 12.01(a)), or in the absence of the President, by the Vice President or other member of the EC, or, if there are none present, by the voting delegate from the oldest chapter represented.</p> <p>(i) If necessary, the EC may change the Convention meeting time and place, suspend, or cancel the Convention, provided that the written consent of two-thirds of the chapters shall be obtained to any cancellation or postponement exceeding two months.</p> <p>SECTION 10.02. Special Convention</p> <p>(a) Upon receipt of a written petition from a majority of the active chapters, the EC shall convene a special Convention, or the EC may do so for a specific purpose upon its own initiative.</p> <p>(b) Chapters shall be notified of the special Convention not less than one month in advance, and the Convention shall be convened within three months after receiving the petition unless a later time is stipulated in the petition.</p> <p>SECTION 10.03. Privilege of Member Any member shall be granted the privilege of the floor at a meeting of the Convention as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 10.04. Voting Delegates</p> <p>(a) The members attending the Convention entitled to</p>	<p>"Charter may be annulled" deleted as it is covered under the following provision. Separate provision.</p> <p>Reference to definition of annulment added for clarity.</p> <p>Simplified to reflect current practice. There is no evidence that either body has ever levied additional penalties.</p> <p>"Voting," added to make clear that it must be the voting delegate. Moved from Constitution Article X, SECTION 5(i). Without the words, "If necessary" added, it could be inferred that the EC must always change the meeting time or suspend the Convention. See Policy PG XX Suspension of Convention (TBS). Provision for cancellation added to account for unforeseen circumstances preventing a Convention for longer than one year. Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 5(h) as it makes more sense to define Special Conventions under Bylaw 9, rather than under Bylaw 10.05. Wording modified for new context.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p>
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<p><i>(h) Calling a special Convention upon receipt of a written petition from a majority of the active chapters or calling a special Convention for a specific purpose upon its own initiative. Chapters shall be notified of the meeting not less than one month in advance, and the meeting shall be held within three months after receiving the petition unless a later time is stipulated in the petition.</i></p> <p>SECTION 2. Privilege of Member. Any member shall be granted the privilege of the floor at a meeting of the Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Voting Delegates. The members attending the Convention entitled to vote include one delegate from each collegiate and alumni chapter, the Council members, the Executive Director, the Director of Rituals, the Director of Fellowships, the Director of Engineering Futures, the Director of Alumni Affairs, and one director per district. Proxies shall not be permitted. A chapter delegate shall represent only one chapter. An individual person shall not be entitled to more than one vote.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Quorum. Representatives of a majority of the collegiate chapters shall constitute a quorum and the Executive Director shall determine and report if a quorum is present. The Executive Director shall appoint a committee to examine the voting delegates' credentials and certify to the Convention the number of chapters properly represented and the number of other voting delegates present.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Order of Business. The President and the Executive Director shall, prior to the Convention, prepare an order of business for recommendation to the Convention. The order of business shall include a report by the President on the</p>	<p>vote shall be one delegate from each collegiate and alumni chapter, the EC members, the Executive Director, the Program Directors (see Bylaw 12.05(b)), and one District Director per district.</p> <p>(b) Proxies shall not be permitted.</p> <p>(c) A chapter delegate shall represent only one chapter.</p> <p>(d) An individual member shall not be entitled to more than one vote.</p> <p>SECTION 10.05. Quorum</p> <p>(a) Representatives of a majority of the collegiate chapters shall constitute a quorum, and the Executive Director shall determine and report if a quorum is present.</p> <p>(b) The Executive Director shall appoint a committee to examine the voting delegates' credentials and certify to the Convention the number of chapters properly represented and the number of other voting delegates present.</p> <p>SECTION 10.06. Order of Business</p> <p>(a) The President and the Executive Director shall, prior to the Convention, appoint a Convention Secretary and prepare an order of business for recommendation to the Convention.</p> <p>(b) The order of business shall include a report by the President on the activities of the EC and reports by other Association Officials.</p> <p>(c) Following the reports and adoption of an order of business, the permanent Convention Chair, appointed by the EC, shall assume the Chair.</p> <p>(1) Chapters and Association Officials may submit nominations for the permanent Convention Chair to Headquarters by June 1.</p> <p>SECTION 10.07. Committees</p> <p>(a) Prior to the Convention, the Executive Director shall appoint an appropriate number of delegates to the following committees: Awards, Chapter and Association Financial Affairs, Bylaws, Convention Site, Petitions, Resolutions, and Ritual, and such</p>	<p>Reference to the parliamentary authority added to reflect the rules associated with a member taking the Convention floor.</p> <p>"Shall be" is more precise than "include".</p> <p>First reference to Program Directors. No need to identify the various Program Directors. These are identified in the respective Program Charters. Separate provision. Separate Provision. Separate provision. "Member" more precise than "person."</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article 10, Section 5(n) as it more logically belongs here.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision. The fact that the Permanent Convention Chair is appointed by the EC needs to be here rather than in Bylaw 10. Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 5(m) as it more logically belongs here. Redundant words deleted.</p>
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<p>activities of the Council and reports by other Association Officials. Following the reports and adoption of an order of business, the permanent Convention Chair (see Const. Art. X, Sec. 5(m)) shall assume the Chair.</p> <p>(m) Appointing a permanent Convention Chair. The chapters and Association officials may submit nominations for the permanent Convention Chair by June 1.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Committees. Prior to the Convention, the Executive Director shall; appoint an appropriate number of delegates to the following committees: Awards, Chapter and Association Financial Affairs, Constitution and Bylaws, Convention Site, Petitions, Resolutions, and Rituals, and such other committees as the Council may authorize. One or more Association Officials shall be appointed to act as advisor(s) to each committee. These committees shall meet on the first day of the Convention to consider the respective subjects and later shall present their reports to the Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 7. Responsibilities. In addition to the responsibilities defined elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, the responsibilities of the Convention include:</p> <p>(a) Adopting rules for the conduct of its business and such other matters as may properly come within its jurisdiction.</p> <p>(b) Levying such assessments upon the chapters as may be necessary for the support of the Association.</p> <p>(c) Determining the reimbursable expenses for chapter delegates for the subsequent Convention and reviewing any unusual Convention expenses.</p> <p>(d) Fixing the time and place of the Convention.</p> <p>(e) Suspending or removing the Executive Director per the provisions of Const. Art X, Sec. 5(d).</p> <p>(f) Creating and ending all official programs</p>	<p>other committees as the EC may authorize.</p> <p>(b) One or more Association Officials shall be appointed to act as advisor(s) to each committee.</p> <p>(c) The committees shall meet on the first day of the Convention and subsequent days, as needed, to consider the respective subjects and later shall present their reports to the Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 10.08. Responsibilities In addition to the responsibilities defined elsewhere in these Bylaws, the responsibilities of the Convention shall include:</p> <p>(a) Adopting rules for the conduct of its business and other matters as may properly come within its jurisdiction;</p> <p>(b) Levying assessments upon the chapters as may be necessary for the support of the Association;</p> <p>(c) Determining the reimbursable expenses for the chapter delegates at the subsequent Convention and reviewing any unusual Convention expenses;</p> <p>(d) Approving the target years and locations of future Conventions;</p> <p>(e) Acting as the final blue court of blue appeal in all questions of interpretation of these Bylaws and in all matters of discipline (see Bylaw 1.05 and Bylaw 9); and</p> <p>(f) Enacting Association Bylaws and amendments thereto (see Bylaw 16).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 11 <i>The Executive Council</i></p> <p>SECTION 11.01. Structure</p> <p>(a) The Convention shall set the size of the EC, which shall be no more than twelve voting members and no fewer than three voting members who shall serve</p>	<p>“Constitution” removed to reflect this revised document.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>“And subsequent days, as needed” added to reflect reality.</p> <p>“Shall” added for style consistency.</p> <p>“Such” is redundant.</p> <p>“Such” is redundant.</p> <p>Wording modified to more accurately reflect reality. Headquarters establishes the time of the Convention. Moved to Bylaw 12.04(c). Moved to new Bylaw 13, Association Programs.</p> <p>Remainder redundant, as there is now only the one Bylaws document.</p>
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<p>which shall be listed in the Bylaws.</p> <p>(g) Acting as the final Court of Appeal in all questions of interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws and in all matters of discipline. See Const. Art. II, Sec. 5 and Art. XII</p> <p>(h) Enacting Bylaws for the Association. The amending procedure for the Bylaws shall follow the same requirements for amending the Constitution as set forth in Article XVII.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article X <i>The Executive Council</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Structure. The Convention shall set the size of the Executive Council, herein defined as the Council, which shall be no more than twelve voting members and no fewer than three voting members. They shall serve without compensation for staggered terms of three years, or until their successors are chosen and qualified. Voting members are limited to two consecutive three-year terms with at least one year off before being eligible to take office again. The Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting member of the Council.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Nominations. (a) Any chapter may nominate Association alumni who are interested and willing to serve on the EC. Such nomination shall be sent to Headquarters by July 1.</p> <p>(b) A list and information concerning each person nominated shall be published in July to the chapters.</p> <p>(c) If a nominee becomes unavailable for election, the nominating chapter may present the name of a replacement to Headquarters for distribution to each chapter delegate prior to the election.</p> <p>(d) The Convention shall vote only on the nominated individuals, except if the number of nominees is less than the number of vacancies, any</p>	<p>without compensation for staggered terms of three years, or until their successors are chosen and qualified.</p> <p>(b) Voting members are limited to two consecutive three-year terms after which they must take at least one year off before being eligible to be elected to office again.</p> <p>(c) The Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting member of the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 11.02. Nominations</p> <p>(a) Any chapter may nominate to Headquarters by July 1, eligible alumni members who are interested in and willing to serve on the EC.</p> <p>(b) An EC member who chooses to run for second term must be re-nominated by a chapter.</p> <p>(c) A list of nominees and information on each shall be published in July to the chapters.</p> <p>(d) If a nominee becomes unavailable for election, the nominating chapter may present the name of a replacement to Headquarters for distribution to each chapter delegate prior to the election.</p> <p>(e) If the number of nominees is equal to or less than the number of vacancies, any delegate to the Convention may nominate eligible alumni members who are willing to serve on the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 11.03. EC Member Election</p> <p>(a) Elections for the EC shall occur annually at the Convention for voting members of the EC whose terms expire prior to the end of that year.</p> <p>(b) The election shall be conducted using preferential (ranked choice) voting where each voting delegate shall be provided a private ballot to rank each candidate.</p> <p>(c) The election shall be conducted using an electronic voting system that allows for preferential voting.</p> <p>(d) The results of the voting shall be made known to the Convention.</p>	<p>EC preciously defined in Bylaw 1.05.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Be elected to” more accurately reflects the situation than “take.”</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>Terminology consistency. “Eligible” added for consistency with (e), below.</p> <p>This needs to be stated. As it is currently not stated, one could infer that an incumbent member could run for an additional term without being re-nominated.</p> <p>This is the nomination, not election, section, so moved to Bylaw 10.3. Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>Wording modified to read better.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>“EC member” added to distinguish from other elections. “At the Convention” added for clarity.</p> <p>Currently, terms expire at the end of the calendar year. This change corrects an error. “Of the EC” added for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision. “Shall” added for style consistency.</p> <p>“Shall” added for style consistency.</p>
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<p>(a) Assuming leadership of the Association. It shall study, or appoint committees for studying such subjects as from time to time seem desirable. The Council may prepare legislation, amendments, proposals for change, etc., for consideration by the chapters, or by the Convention, or both;</p> <p>(b) Amending the Articles of Incorporation as needed and reporting any changes to the next Convention;</p> <p>(c) Establishing and setting the policies for the retirement plan and other benefits for the Association's employees.</p> <p>(d) Determining the Executive Director's salary and appointing a member of the Association to fill this role. When the Convention is not in session, the Council may suspend or remove the Executive Director for inability to fully and satisfactorily discharge the duties of the office, moral delinquency, incompetence, dereliction of duty, or malfeasance of office;</p> <p>(e) Assuming oversight of the Association's finances. It is responsible for the Association's investments and funds and shall ensure all gifts, bequests, and endowments are administered in accordance with their provisions. It may create additional funds beyond those specified in Const. Art. XIII, Sec. 2.</p> <p>(f) Setting the subscription price of <i>The Bent</i> (See Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 6), subject to review by the Convention.</p> <p>(g) Making such investigations for and reports to the Convention as may be directed by the Convention.</p> <p>(h) Calling a special Convention upon receipt of a written petition from a majority of the active chapters or calling a special Convention for a specific purpose upon its own initiative. Chapters shall be notified of the meeting not less than one month in advance, and the meeting shall be held within three months after receiving the petition unless a later time is stipulated in the petition.</p>		<p>Moved to Bylaw 12.04.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted. Moved to Bylaw 12.04.</p> <p>Moved to Policy PG 02, Executive Council Responsibilities.</p> <p>Moved to Bylaw 15.06.</p> <p>Moved to Policy PG 02, Executive Council Responsibilities.</p> <p>Moved to Bylaw 9.02.</p> <p>Moved to Bylaw 10.01(b).</p> <p>Moved to Policy PG 02, Executive Council Responsibilities.</p> <p>Moved to new Bylaw 12.</p>
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<p>(i) Changing the Convention meeting time and place and suspending the meeting of the same for a period not to exceed one year, provided that the written consent of two-thirds of the chapters shall be obtained to any postponement exceeding two months.</p> <p>(j) Making a written report of its activities during the preceding year to the Convention.</p> <p>(k) Creating, modifying, and ending trial programs. Trial programs may be for up to three years in length. After three years, the Executive Council may request the Convention continue the trial or make it an official program.</p> <p>(l) Determining the number of districts and the chapter assignments thereto and set, for the District Program (see Const. Art. V, Sec. 2 (a)).</p> <p>(m) Appointing a permanent Convention Chair. The chapters and Association officials may submit nominations for the permanent Convention Chair by June 1.</p> <p>(n) Appointing a Convention Secretary.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Vacancy. If a vacancy occurs on the Council, the remaining Council members shall appoint a-qualified member of the Association to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term or to serve until a successor is duly elected and qualified. The appointment shall be submitted to the next Convention for confirmation by a simple majority vote.</p> <p>SECTION 7. Meetings. The EC shall hold at least four meetings per year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article XI <i>Association Officers, Directors, and Officials</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Officers, Directors, and Officials. The Association Officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Director. <i>The Association Directors</i></p>	<p>SECTION 11.05. EC Vacancy</p> <p>(a) If a vacancy occurs on the EC, the remaining EC members shall appoint an alumnus member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term or to serve until a successor is duly elected and qualified.</p> <p>(b) The appointment shall be submitted to the next Convention for confirmation by a simple majority vote.</p> <p>SECTION 11.06. Meetings The EC shall meet at least four times per year, either virtually or in-person, at which a quorum shall comprise more than 50 percent of the voting members.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 12 <i>Association Officers and Officials</i></p> <p>SECTION 12.01. Officers</p> <p>(a) The Association Officers shall be a President, who shall serve as the EC Chair, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be EC members elected by the EC, and the Executive Director.</p> <p>(1) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President or the inability of the President to act.</p> <p>(2) The Secretary shall have primary responsibility for accurate EC meetings minutes, which shall be maintained at Headquarters.</p> <p>(3) The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the Association's financial policies and shall work with the Executive Director to prepare an</p>	<p>Moved to Policy PG 02, Executive Council Responsibilities.</p> <p>Moved to Bylaw 10.06(c)(1).</p> <p>Moved to Bylaw 10.06(a).</p> <p>“EC” added for clarity.</p> <p>“Qualified” unnecessary. Style consistency.</p> <p>Separate provision</p> <p>Roberts’ Rules of Order Newly Revised requires virtual meetings and board quorum be specified in bylaws. This is not a change to current practice.</p> <p>(NOTE: The term “director” has multiple meanings. The Four Corners EC was responsible for this Article getting muddled. Now is the time to fix it; and it is not a material change.) “Directors” fall under the category of Officials. Moved from Constitution Article XI, Section 3. Provision modified from what was in Constitution Article X, Section 4. See Policy PG 10, Association Officer Elections. Information on Directors moved to Bylaw 12.05.</p> <p>Engineering Futures Facilitators must logically be defined along with the Engineering Futures Program, which has been moved to the Policy PA 10, Official Programs and Program Charter CP 01, Engineering Futures. Moved from Constitution Article XI, Section 3 with minor word changes for clarity.</p>
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<p><i>shall be Councillors, Program Directors, and District Directors. The Association Officials shall be the aforementioned officers and directors, any Executive Directors Emeritus, members of the Fellowship Board and Trust Advisory Committee, Engineering Futures Facilitators, and other members as appointed by the Council.</i></p> <p><i>(b) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President or the inability of the President to act.</i></p> <p><i>(c) The Secretary shall have primary responsibility for accurate Council meetings minutes, which shall be maintained at Headquarters.</i></p> <p><i>(d) The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the Association's financial policy. The Treasurer shall work with the Executive Director to prepare an annual budget and an annual report detailing the Association's financial condition.</i></p> <p><i>(f) Additional duties of each office include those assigned by the Convention or by the President, and those applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.</i></p> <p><i>The Vice President shall automatically become the President the following year.</i></p> <p><i>The newly elected Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall take office on January 1 of the year following their election and serve for one year or until their successors take office.</i></p> <p><i>(b) If a vacancy occurs in any Council office, the Council shall select a voting member to fill the vacancy.</i></p> <p>SECTION 2. Appointment. The Council shall appoint all Association Officials unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution. These officials shall</p>	<p>annual budget and an annual report detailing the Association's financial condition.</p> <p>(b) Additional duties of each office include those assigned by the Convention or by the President, and those applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.</p> <p>(c) The incumbent Vice President shall normally become the President the following year.</p> <p>(d) The newly elected Officers shall take office on January 1 of the year following their elections and serve for one year or until their successors take office.</p> <p>(e) If an Officer vacancy occurs, the EC shall elect a voting member to fill the vacancy.</p> <p>SECTION 12.02. Officials The Association Officials shall be the Association Officers, the other members of the EC, Program Directors, the District Directors, any Executive Directors Emeritus (see Bylaw 12.06), and other alumni members appointed by the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 12.03. Appointment of Officials</p> <p>(a) The EC shall appoint all Association Officials unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.</p> <p>(b) Association Officials shall serve terms of not more than three years, be alumni members, serve without compensation, and may be reappointed unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.</p>	<p>Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 4. Wording modified for clarity. See Policy PG 10, Association Officer Elections.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 4. Wording modified for clarity.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 4. Wording modified for clarity.</p> <p>This needs to be a separate section. Moved from Constitution Article XI, Section 1 and rephrased.</p> <p>First reference to "Executive Director Emeritus." "Alumni" added for accuracy. "Of Officials" added for clarity,</p> <p>Separate provision. Terminology consistency.</p> <p>Moved to Bylaw 11.01. Redundant words deleted.</p>
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<p>serve terms of not more than three years, be Association alumni, serve without compensation, and may be reappointed unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Council Officers. (a) The President shall serve as Council Chair and shall be the Association's executive head.</p> <p>(b) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President or the inability of the President to act.</p> <p>(c) The Secretary shall have primary responsibility for accurate Council meetings minutes, which shall be maintained at Headquarters.</p> <p>(d) The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the Association's financial policy. The Treasurer shall work with the Executive Director to prepare an annual budget and an annual report detailing the Association's financial condition.</p> <p>(e) Councilors shall perform such duties as required by the Constitution Sec Const. Art. X, Sec. 5.</p> <p>(f) Additional duties of each office include those assigned by the Convention or by the President, and those applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall:</p> <p><i>Determining the Executive Director's salary and appointing a member of the Association to fill this role.</i></p> <p><i>Suspending or removing the Executive Director per the provisions of Const. Art X, Sec. 5(d).</i></p> <p>When the Convention is not in session, the Council may suspend or remove the Executive Director for inability to fully and satisfactorily discharge the duties of the office, moral delinquency, incompetence, dereliction of duty, or malfeasance of office;</p> <p>(a) Employ such individuals as may be necessary</p>	<p>SECTION 12.04. Executive Director</p> <p>(a) The Executive Director shall be an alumnus member appointed by the EC.</p> <p>(b) The EC shall set the Executive Director's salary and benefits.</p> <p>(c) The EC or Convention may suspend or remove the Executive Director for inability to discharge the duties of the office, moral delinquency, incompetence, dereliction of duty, or malfeasance of office.</p>	<p>Councilors are, by definition, not officers, and since this section deals with officers these words are redundant.</p> <p>"Alumnus" needs to be stated; the Executive Director cannot be a student member. Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 5(d). Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision. Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 5(d). "Or Convention" added to include the provision of Constitution Article IX, Section 7(e). Redundant words deleted.</p> <p>The remainder of Constitution Article X Section 4 is moved to Policy PG 03, Executive Director Responsibilities.</p>
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<p>by the Director of Fellowships, the number of which shall be determined by the Council upon recommendation of the Director of Fellowships. The Fellowship Board shall select those members to be awarded a fellowship or scholarship in accordance with the program rules, the number authorized, and the funds made available by the Council. The Director of Fellowships shall serve as chair of the Fellowship Board. See Const. Art. XI, Sec. 4(e).</p> <p>SECTION 10. Trust Advisory Committee. The Council shall set the size of the Trust Advisory Committee. A Trust Advisory Committee member shall not be at the same time be an Association officer or director. Those appointed to the Trust Advisory Committee by the Council shall be members with outstanding business competency and judgment. The senior member of the Trust Advisory Committee shall be the chair unless the Council appoints another committee member as chair. Decisions of the Trust Advisory Committee shall require the concurrence of at least two of its members.</p> <p>SECTION 11. Director Vacancy. In the event that any Association Director position except that of Councillor becomes vacant, the Council shall fill the vacancy as promptly as possible, and in any event within one year of the date on which the director position becomes vacant. The responsibilities, duties, and authority of any vacated director position shall rest with the Council until such vacancy is filled.</p> <p>SECTION 11. Bond. All officers, directors, and Headquarters employees shall be bonded to a proper amount or have equivalent insurance protection at the Association's expense.</p>	<p>(c) A Trust Advisory Committee member shall not at the same time serve in any other official Association capacity.</p> <p>SECTION 12.08. Association Official Vacancy</p> <p>(a) If any Association Official position, other than a member of the EC, becomes vacant, the EC shall fill the vacancy as promptly as possible but no later than one year after the date on which the position becomes vacant.</p> <p>(b) The responsibilities, duties, and authority of any vacated Association Official position shall rest with the EC until such vacancy is filled.</p> <p>SECTION 12.09. Bond</p> <p>All Officers, Officials, and Headquarters employees shall be bonded to a proper amount or have equivalent insurance protection at the Association's expense.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 13 <i>Association Programs</i></p> <p>SECTION 13.01. Trial Programs</p> <p>(a) The EC may charter, modify, or end trial programs, as it deems necessary.</p> <p>(b) Trial programs may be up to three years in duration.</p> <p>(c) After three years, the EC may request the Convention to continue the trial or make the program an official Association Program.</p> <p>SECTION 13.02. Official Programs</p> <p>(a) The Convention shall vote on whether to approve, modify, or end programs as requested by the EC.</p> <p>(b) Upon approval of an Official Association Program, the EC shall appoint an alumnus member as its Program Director.</p>	<p>The purpose of the TAC needs to be stated.</p> <p>First reference to the Trust.</p> <p>Separate provision. Currently it is not stated that the EC appoints the TAC members; however, it could be inferred since the EC appoints all Association Officials. Adding "and appoint"</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>The procedure for election of TAC Chair is delineated in Committee Charter, CC 09, Trust Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Misuse of word Director already discussed.</p> <p>Edited for conciseness.</p> <p>EC vacancy covered in Bylaw 10.06.</p> <p>Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>See previous comments regarding the term "directors."</p> <p>New Bylaw added to cover Association Programs.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 5(k).</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p>
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<p><i>(k) Creating, modifying, and ending trial programs. Trial programs may be for up to three years in length. After three years, the Executive Council may request the Convention continue the trial or make it an official program.</i></p> <p><i>(f) Creating and ending all official programs which shall be listed in the Bylaws.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article XII <i>Chapter Discipline</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Methods. A chapter may be disciplined by fines, probation, or by annulment of its charter.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Fines. (a) A uniform system of fines shall be enumerated in the Bylaws, and these fines shall be assessed against, and paid by, every chapter that fails to complete required reports by the deadline.</p> <p>(b) These fines shall be increased the same amount for each failure of the chapter to reply within two weeks to the request for the belated report or remittance.</p> <p>(c) All fines shall be applied automatically and without discrimination, and shall be billed to the chapter as soon as the infractions for which fines may be assessed shall occur. If the chapter can show reason why it should not be fined, the Executive Director may reduce the fine.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Probation and Annulment. (a) A chapter shall automatically be placed on probation, subject to appeal to the Council when it:</p>		<p>Moved from Constitution Article IX, Section 7(f). Wording modified for accuracy. See Policy PA 15, Association Programs. This needs to be added to reflect reality.</p> <p>Constitution Article XII moved to Bylaw 9.</p>
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<p>(1) has acted in a manner contrary to the Constitution or prejudicial to the Association's interests as reported to the Council or the Convention by twenty-five alumni or by three other chapters;</p> <p>(2) conducts more than one unapproved initiation in a period of two consecutive fiscal years; or</p> <p>(3) fails to hold at least one approved initiation during a fiscal year.</p> <p>(b) A chapter's probation will continue until:</p> <p>(1) action is taken by the Convention following it being placed on probation under the provisions of Const. Art. XII, Sec. 2(a)(1) or</p> <p>(2) the chapter demonstrates one year of successful operation and at least one approved initiation, as determined by the Council, when placed on probation under the provisions of Const. Art. XII, Secs. 2(a)(2) or 2(a)(3). Should the Council not end the probation after one year, the chapter may appeal to the Convention.</p> <p>(c) The chapter's probation may be continued or its charter may be annulled by a three-fourths vote, taken by roll-call, of those present and entitled to vote at the Convention. In the event of continued probation, the chapter shall be called at the next Convention to show reason why its charter should not be annulled.</p> <p>(d) A chapter's probation shall entail: Such penalties as are deemed appropriate by the Council or the Convention; and continuation of chapter activities in support of the Association's objectives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article XIII <i>Association Finances</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Audit. An audit shall be made on an annual basis of the Association's accounts after the close of the fiscal year by a Certified Public Accountant. The Auditor's report shall be provided to each Council member and to each Convention</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 14 <i>Association Finances</i></p> <p>SECTION 14.01. Audit. An audit shall be made on an annual basis of the Association's accounts after the close of the fiscal year by a Certified Public Accountant whose report shall be provided to each EC member and to each Convention voting delegate.</p> <p>SECTION 14.02. Trust Funds</p> <p>(a) To further its programs and activities, the Association shall maintain a trust apportioned into funds by the EC and administered by a trustee in accordance with Bylaw 14.04 and 14.05, unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.</p> <p>(b) The custody, responsibility, and accountability for the funds' assets shall rest with the trustee.</p> <p>(c) The EC may place other Association moneys, except those specifically assigned to other management, under the trustee's administration.</p> <p>SECTION 14.03. Investment Options. The trustee and the Trust Advisory Committee shall</p>	<p>"Voting," added as it is not necessary for all attending delegates to receive this information.</p> <p>This is where it is stated that the EC can establish funds. We must not confuse the funds into which the trustee invests the Trust's moneys (the common use term for sums of money) with the funds established by the EC for management purposes. See Policy PF 01, Trust Management. Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision. The EC deals with money, not funds.</p> <p>Funds listed in Policy PF 01, Trust Management.</p>
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<p>delegate.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Trust Funds. To further its programs and activities, the Association shall maintain a trust consisting of funds administered by a trustee in accordance with Const. Art. XIII, Secs. 7 and 8 unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution. The custody, responsibility, and accountability for the funds' assets shall rest with the trustee. The Council may place other Association funds, except those specifically assigned to other management, under the trustee's administration. Funds administered by the trustee, including, but not limited to, The Bent Life Subscription Fund, the Contingency Fund, the Convention Fund, the Engineering Futures Fund, the Fellowship Fund, the Scholarship Fund, and the Student Loan Fund, may be mingled.</p> <p><i>SECTION 8. Investment Options. The trustee and the Trust Advisory Committee shall invest the funds by purchasing some combination of:</i></p> <p><i>(a) Shares of fixed income and equity mutual funds,</i></p> <p><i>(b) Preferred and common stocks,</i></p> <p><i>(d) Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)</i></p> <p><i>(e) Money market funds,</i></p> <p><i>(r) Corporate bonds and debentures,</i></p> <p><i>(g) Certificates of deposit, and</i></p> <p><i>(h) Direct obligations of the United States Treasury and of legal agencies of the United States Government.</i></p> <p>SECTION 3. Fund Basis and Use. The principal of the funds listed in Const. Art. XIII, Sec. 2 or created by the Council shall be composed of moneys transferred to them by the Council. The income and principal shall be used to provide support for their respective purposes as prescribed in the Bylaws or as defined by the Council.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Life Subscription Fund. All moneys collected as life subscriptions to <i>The Bent</i></p>	<p>invest the funds by purchasing some combination of:</p> <p>(a) Shares of fixed income and equity mutual funds;</p> <p>(b) Preferred and common stocks;</p> <p>(c) Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs);</p> <p>(d) Money market funds;</p> <p>(e) Corporate bonds and debentures;</p> <p>(f) Certificates of deposit;</p> <p>(g) Direct obligations of the United States Treasury and of legal agencies of the United States Government;</p> <p>SECTION 14.04. Fund Basis and Use</p> <p>(a) The principal of the Trust funds shall comprise moneys transferred to them by the EC.</p> <p>(b) The income and principal shall be used to provide support for their respective purposes as prescribed in these Bylaws or as defined by the EC.</p>	<p>Moved from former Constitution Article XIII, Section 8 as it fits more logically here.</p> <p>"And" removed for style consistency.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted. The referenced section refers to "trust funds". "Comprise" reads better than "composed of."</p> <p>Funds are now listed in Policy PF 01, Trust Management.</p>
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<p>shall be paid into <i>The Bent</i> Life Subscription Fund which to be used to offset the cost of publication of <i>The Bent</i> for life subscribers. Upon a life subscriber's death, the amount paid on that subscription shall be transferred to the Fellowship Fund.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Student Loan Fund. In addition to funding available from the student loan fund, loans may be provided from the prepaid subscriptions to <i>The Bent</i> magazine. A portion of this fund shall be set aside to provide loans to cover the initiation fees for new members as needed.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Contingency Fund. (a) This fund is to provide for unanticipated expenses and to maintain a proper operating level of the Association in periods of major income reduction. The fund's amount shall be set by the Council.</p> <p>(b) To assure liquidity, the Contingency Fund's assets shall be invested in mutual funds, the Association's Trust, or United States Government securities.</p> <p>SECTION 7. Trustee. (a) The trustee shall be an incorporated bank, a trust company, or a registered investment advisor authorized by the laws of any state in the United States of America to engage in the business of acting as a trustee of private trusts. Such trustee shall be selected by the Council in consultation with the Trust Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(b) The trustee shall have the responsibility for investing and reinvesting all assets placed under its jurisdiction to meet the funds' objective, subject in its investment actions to the Trust Advisory Committee's direction.</p> <p>(c) The trustee shall review and either concur with or challenge any investment decision or action of the Trust Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(d) In the event the trustee does not concur in an investment decision or action of the Trust Advisory Committee, the matter shall be presented to the Council. The Council's decision shall prevail, and the</p>	<p>SECTION 14.05. Trustee</p> <p>(a) The trustee shall be an incorporated bank, a trust company, or a registered investment advisor authorized by the laws of any state in the United States of America to engage in the business of acting as a trustee of private trusts who shall be selected by the EC in consultation with the Trust Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(b) The trustee shall have the responsibility for investing and reinvesting all assets placed under its jurisdiction to meet the funds' objectives, subject in its investment actions to the Trust Advisory Committee's direction.</p> <p>(c) The trustee shall review and either concur with or challenge any investment decision or action of the Trust Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(d) In the event the trustee does not concur in an investment decision or action of the Trust Advisory Committee, the matter shall be presented to the EC whose decision shall prevail.</p> <p>(e) The trustee shall make reports to the Trust Advisory Committee at least quarterly, and to the EC and the Executive Director at least annually.</p> <p>(f) The Executive Director shall report to the Convention concerning the financial management of the trustee.</p>	<p>Simplified wording for clarity.</p> <p>The plural "objectives" is grammatically correct.</p> <p>Redundant words deleted. The last part deleted as it goes without saying that if the EC's decision prevails, and the trustee must follow it.</p> <p>Separate provision.</p> <p>Moved to before Bylaw 13.03.</p>
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form indicated in the figure. The reverse of the key shall have engraved on the cap of the Bent the name of the electing chapter (state and Greek letter) and on the sill of the Bent the name of the owner and the member's graduation year at the time of initiation.

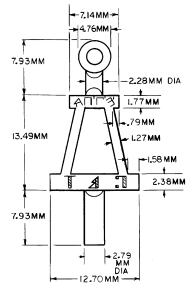


Figure 1

(d) The official flag shall consist of three equal vertical stripes, the two end ones of seal brown and the center one of white bearing a Bent in seal brown. The flag shall be two units high and three units long. The Bent on the center stripe shall be 1 1/4 units high and of the proportions shown in Figure 1.

(e) The official membership certificate, except for those elected under **Const. Art. II, Sec. 5**, which shall be prescribed by the **Council** shall be as shown in Figure 2. Chapters may, at their discretion, issue certificates in their native language in addition to the official certificate.



Figure 1

- (d) The official flag shall consist of three equal vertical stripes; the two end ones of seal brown and the center one of white bearing a Bent in seal brown.
 - (1) The flag shall be two units high and three units long.
 - (2) The Bent on the center stripe shall be 1 1/4 units high and of the proportions shown in Figure 1.
- (e) The official membership certificate, except for those elected under **Bylaw 2.05** whose certificate shall be prescribed by the **EC**, shall be as shown in Figure 2; however, chapters may, at their discretion, issue certificates in their native language in addition to the official certificate.

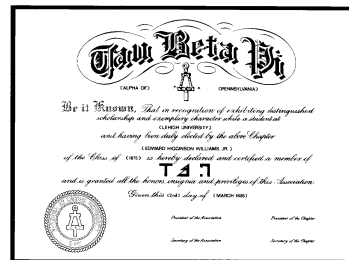


Figure 2

- (g) The official seal shall be as shown in Figure 3.

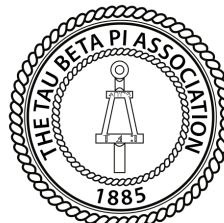


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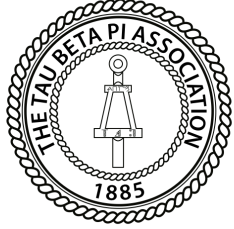
SECTION 15.03. Use of Insignia Replica
Replicas of the badge or other insignia shall not be used

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<p>Figure 2</p> <p>(g) The official seal shall be as shown in Figure 3.</p>  <p>Figure 3</p> <p>SECTION 3. Use of Insignia Replica. Replicas of the badge or other insignia shall not be used unless authorized by the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Ritual. The initiation ritual to be used by all chapters shall be kept secret. The Convention shall designate portions of this ritual as mandatory or optional. Portions designated as optional may be omitted by a chapter with prior approval of the chapter's Advisory Board. Any exception to the above requires approval of the Council. Copies of the ritual shall be prepared only by a member of the Association. When copies of the ritual become obsolete or badly worn, they shall be destroyed.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Creed. The creed shall be "Integrity and Excellence in Engineering."</p> <p>SECTION 6. Publications. The official publications shall be known as <i>The Bent of Tau Beta Pi</i> and <i>The Bulletin of Tau Beta Pi</i>.</p> <p>(f) Setting the subscription price of <i>The Bent</i> (See Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 6), subject to review by the</p>	<p>unless authorized by the EC.</p> <p>SECTION 1504. Ritual</p> <p>(a) The initiation ritual and copies thereof, which shall be used by all collegiate chapters shall be kept secret from all non-members except those being initiated.</p> <p>(b) The Convention shall designate portions of this ritual as mandatory or optional.</p> <p>(c) A chapter may omit those portions designated as optional with prior approval of the chapter's Advisory Board.</p> <p>(d) Under exigent circumstances, the EC may authorize temporary variances to the ritual.</p> <p>(e) Only an Association member shall incorporate changes to or prepare copies of the ritual.</p> <p>(f) When copies of the ritual become obsolete or badly worn, they shall be destroyed.</p> <p>SECTION 15.05. Creed The creed shall be "Integrity and Excellence in Engineering."</p> <p>SECTION 15.06. Publications</p> <p>(a) The official publications shall be known as <i>The Bent of Tau Beta Pi</i> and <i>The Bulletin of Tau Beta Pi</i>.</p> <p>(b) The EC shall set the subscription price of <i>The Bent</i>, subject to approval by the Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 15.07. Parliamentary Authority The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw 16 <i>Amendments</i></p> <p>SECTION 16.01. Proposal Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by:</p> <p>(a) Any chapter, the EC, the Convention Bylaws</p>	<p>"Shall" makes it mandatory. "Copies thereof," added for clarity. "Collegiate," added, as it does not apply to alumni chapters. If this is not stated there can be confusion as to from whom it is secret. Separate provision.</p> <p>Separate provision. Put in active voice.</p> <p>Separate provision. Reworded because as currently written, it is not clear what "exceptions" means. Separate provision. Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision. Put in active voice. Because only members may see the Ritual, a member must incorporate changes.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article X, Section 5(f).</p>
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<p><i>Convention.</i></p> <p>SECTION 7. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article XV <i>Amendments</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Proposal. Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed by:</p> <p>(a) Any chapter, the Council, or the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws or a delegate at Convention; or</p> <p>(b) The Council upon publication to all chapters.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Adoption. (a) Any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Const. XV, Sec. 1(a) or (b) may be adopted by the approval of at least three-fourths of those present and entitled to vote at a regular Convention, and ratification by at least three-fourths of the chapters by at least a three-fourths favorable vote of the active membership present and entitled to vote at that chapter meeting, or</p> <p>(b) Any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Const. Art. XV, Section 1(a) may be adopted by the approval of at least three-fourths of the chapters by at least a three-fourths favorable vote of the total active membership of each chapter.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Time Limit of Chapter Vote. (a) For any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Const. Art. XV, Sec. 1(a) or 1(b), each chapter must report its action, or vote, to Headquarters by the following April 1.</p> <p>(b) For any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Const. Art. XV, Section 1(b), each</p>	<p>Committee, or a delegate at the Convention; or</p> <p>(b) The EC upon publication to all chapters.</p> <p>SECTION 16.02. Adoption</p> <p>(a) Any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Bylaw 16.01(a) may only be adopted by the approval of at least three-fourths of those present and entitled to vote at a regular Convention.</p> <p>(b) To be enacted, adopted amendments shall be ratified by at least three-fourths of the chapters.</p> <p>(1) Ratification by a chapter shall require a three-fourths favorable vote of a quorum.</p> <p>(c) Any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Bylaw 16.01(b) may only be adopted by the approval of at least three-fourths of the chapters.</p> <p>(1) Adoption by a chapter shall require a three-fourths favorable vote of a quorum.</p> <p>SECTION 16.03. Time Limit of Chapter Vote</p> <p>(a) For any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Bylaw 16.01(a), each chapter must report its action, or vote, to Headquarters by the following April 1.</p> <p>(b) For any amendment proposed in the manner specified in Bylaw 16.01(b), each chapter must report its action, or vote, to Headquarters by the date specified in the proposal as determined by the EC, which shall be no less than four months from the date of publication.</p> <p>(c) Failure to provide the report as specified in Bylaw 16.03(a) or 16.03(b) shall be construed as giving the EC the authority to act and vote for that chapter as the EC believes to be in the Association's best interests.</p> <p>SECTION 16.04. Report Amendments to these Bylaws shall be reported to each chapter and shall be printed in the official Association publications.</p>	<p>Correct name for the committee.</p> <p>"Only" added for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision. Reworded for clarity.</p> <p>Separate provision. Reworded for clarity.</p>
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<p>chapter must report its action, or vote, to Headquarters by the date specified in the proposal as determined by the Council, which shall be no less than four months from the date of publication.</p> <p>(c) Failure to provide the report as specified in Const. Art. XV, Secs. 3(a) or 3(b) shall be construed as giving the Council the authority to act and vote for that chapter as the Council believes to be in the Association's best interests.</p> <p>SECTION 17.04. Report. Amendments to the Constitution shall be reported to each chapter and shall be printed in the official publications of the Association.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article XVI Enactment</p> <p>This Constitution, being a revision of the Constitution adopted by the Convention of 1965, and enacted on June 6, 1966, by ratification of the chapters, was proposed by the Council, with the advice of the Conventions of 2016 and 2017 and of the chapters, and was enacted on <TBD>, by ratification of the chapters, and thus became the law of the Association.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article XVII (Ratified December 27, 1973) Merger of Sigma Tau into the Association</p> <p>Solely for the purpose of consummating the merger of the Sigma Tau Fraternity and the Sigma Tau Foundation, Inc., into the Association, this Article constitutes a waiver where necessary of applicable provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws in the following regards:</p> <p>(a) Sigma Tau Chapters at schools without Tau Beta Pi Chapters will, upon approval of school authorities, be converted into Tau Beta Pi Chapters.</p> <p>(b) All active members and faculty advisors of Sigma Tau Chapters at the time the merger becomes effective, who are not already members of Tau Beta</p>		<p>Wording rearranged for clarity.</p> <p>Moved to the preamble.</p> <p>Interesting historical information, but it does not belong in the Bylaws. Sigma Tau eligibility moved to Bylaw 2.07.</p>
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Pi, will be initiated into Tau Beta Pi. Their national initiation charge will be paid from funds made available to the Association from assets of the Sigma Tau Fraternity.

(c) Alumnus members of Sigma Tau may become members of Tau Beta Pi by paying to Headquarters the standard national initiation charge, participating in an initiation process determined by the Executive EC, and receiving the materials provided to new members.

Bylaw I

Association Programs

~~SECTION 1.01. **Chapter Recognition.** The Association shall annually recognize chapters for their achievements.~~

~~(a) Chapter Excellence Awards are presented to chapters that excel in the areas of chapter operations, membership recruitment, program participation, and reporting.~~

~~(b) Chapter Project Awards are presented to chapters that conduct outstanding activities in a broad range of areas.~~

~~(c) The J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award recognizes chapters that excel in improving recruitment of new members.~~

~~(d) The R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award encourages and recognizes high quality projects, chapter operations, and reporting.~~

~~(e) The R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter recognizes major improvement in chapter development, including project work and reporting.~~

~~SECTION 1.02. **Chapter Support and Assistance.** The Association shall maintain programs that provide training, support, and financial assistance to the chapters and their members.~~

~~(a) The Alumni Affairs Program works to maintain relationships with members after graduation through Alumni Chapters and participation in Association activities. See Const. Art. XI, Sec 4(a)~~

~~(b) The District Program provides leadership~~

All programs listed in Bylaw I are listed in Policy PA 15, Association Programs. Information moved to Policy PO 01, Chapter Excellence Award, and Policy PO 04, Annual Chapter Awards.



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<p>development through conferences and meetings and individualized chapter support through visits and participation in chapter activities by District Directors. See Const. Art. V, Sec. 2 and Art. XI, Sec. 5.</p> <p>(e) The Engineering Futures Program advances the interests of the engineering profession and enhances the technical educational process by promoting the learning of interpersonal nontechnical skills which are essential for a well-rounded, effective engineer.</p> <p>(d) The Greater Interest in Government Program provides grants to chapters interested in conducting public-oriented projects.</p> <p>(e) The MindSET Program provides grants to chapters to conduct hands-on activities with K-12 students to enhance preparation and promote interest in the STEM disciplines.</p> <p>(f) The Ritual Program is overseen by the Director of Rituals (see Const. Art IX, Sec. 4(d)) and ensures chapter officers are trained to conduct a proper initiation ceremony and the necessary resources are available to the chapters. —</p> <p>SECTION 1.03. Member Support and Assistance. The Association offers financial support through a number of programs.</p> <p>(a) The Association shall maintain a Fellowship Program insofar as its financial condition permits as determined by the Council. The Fellowship Program's purpose shall be to advance the interests of the engineering profession, to stimulate graduate study and research, and to recognize deserving members for demonstrating outstanding scholarship and exemplary character. See Const. Art. XI, Secs. 5(e) and 9.</p> <p>(1) Fellowships shall be granted to members strictly for graduate work towards an advanced degree. The graduate study shall be in a field that enables the recipient to contribute to the engineering profession as determined by the Fellowship Board.</p>		<p>Moved to Program Charter CP 04, Alumni Affairs Program.</p> <p>Moved to Program Charter CP 03, District Program.</p> <p>Moved to Program Charter CP 01, Engineering Futures Program.</p> <p>Moved to Policy PO 02, Greater Interest in Government Grants.</p> <p>Moved to Program Charter CP 06, Mindset Program.</p> <p>Moved to Program Charter CP 05, Ritual Program.</p> <p>Moved to Program Charter CP 02, Fellowships.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Schedule of Fines</i></p> <p>SECTION 3.01. Chapter Fines. (a) A chapter that fails to send to Headquarters a required report within two weeks of the stated deadline shall be assessed and shall pay a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) unless a different amount is provided for in the Constitution or Bylaws. See Const. Art XII, Sec. 2.</p> <p>A chapter that holds an initiation without approval shall be assessed a flat fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). See Const. Art IV, Sec. 1 and Const. Art XII, Sec. 2.</p> <p>A chapter that initiates a candidate who is ineligible shall be assessed a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per ineligible initiate, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per initiation. See Const. Art. IV, Sec. 6.</p> <p>A chapter that initiates a candidate elected as a member under the eligibility provisions of Const. Art. II, Secs. 3, 4, 5, and 6 without submitting the required documentation or without receiving approval shall be assessed a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per ineligible initiate, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per initiation.</p> <p>A chapter that fails to file the appropriate 990 form as required by the IRS for two consecutive fiscal years shall be assessed a flat fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bylaw IV <i>Amendments</i></p> <p>SECTION 4.01. Proposal. An amendment to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Council, any chapter to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, a delegate directly to the Convention, or the Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws directly to the Convention.</p> <p>SECTION 4.02. Adoption. An amendment to the Bylaws proposed at the Convention may be adopted by the same Convention on any day following its formal presentation to the Convention</p>		<p>Moved to Policy PO 10, Chapter Fines.</p> <p>No longer needed, as there is only the Bylaws. Covered by Bylaw 16.</p>
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~~by at least a three-fourths vote of those present and entitled to vote. Any proposed amendment may be laid over until the next Convention upon at least a three-fourths vote of those present and entitled to vote. Any proposed amendment may be referred to the chapters upon at least a three-fourths vote of those present and entitled to vote. Ratification balloting on an amendment referred to the chapters shall be conducted in accord with the procedures required for adoption of Constitution amendments (See Const. Art. XV, Sec. 2). Each chapter must report its vote to the Executive Director in accord with Const. Art. XV, Sec. 3, or forfeit its vote to the Council. Any proposed amendment that has been laid over until the next Convention or referred to the chapters may be reconsidered and voted upon at a later day at the same Convention.~~

~~—SECTION 4.03. **Report on Amendment:**~~

~~Amendments to the Bylaws shall be reported to each chapter, printed in the official publications, and the law of the Association.~~

~~SECTION 4.04. **Restriction:**~~

~~These amending procedures shall apply to all Bylaws except Bylaw IV. This Bylaw may be amended only in accordance with Const. Art. XV.~~