

CONSTITUTION

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING/ ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING ALUMNI SOCIETY

Article I – Name

The name of this organization is The Ohio State University Electrical Engineering / Electrical and Computer Engineering Alumni Society, (also referred to herein as “The Society”). It shall be an integral part of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., the official alumni organization of The Ohio State University.

Article II – Object

This Society is formed to promote the advancement of the best interests of The Ohio State University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering by providing fellowship and the furtherance of professional relationships among the alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the Society. The Society will also promote and support the mission of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Article III – Membership and Dues

Section 1: All graduates of The Ohio State University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (formerly Department of Electrical Engineering) are eligible for membership in the Society.

Section 2: Such non-alumni who by their interest and activity have distinguished themselves by their work for the Society may be entitled to honorary membership by special action of the Board of Governors of the Society, and upon approval of the Board of Directors of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Section 3: Dues may be as established by the Board of Governors.

Section 4: Membership in good standing is defined as having applicable membership dues paid for the current year.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom must be sustaining or lifetime members of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be such as are generally exercised by such officers, and such as may be assigned to them respectively by the Board of Governors from time to time.

Section 3: Board officers will be elected by the board for one 1-year term or serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Article V – Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and shall be chairperson of the Board of Governors and an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 2. Vice President: If the office of the President becomes, the Vice President shall become President. The Vice President shall be a member of the Board of Governors.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall have the custody of the names and addresses of the alumni in the area provided by the President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. The Secretary shall record all changes, notifying immediately the President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. of any additions or corrections to the list. The Secretary shall not release the list for political or commercial purposes, subject to expulsion from office by the Board of Directors of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. Release of the list shall be made only on approval of the President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., subject to the constitution of the Association. The Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Governors.

The Secretary shall send out all notices of meetings and shall send reports of all meetings and activities of the Society to the President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. The Secretary shall assist the President and shall be an ex officio member of all alumni committees.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall supervise all receipts and expenditures and will be in charge of handling financial arrangements for the meetings. If dues are charged, the Treasurer shall collect and disburse them subject to the approval of the Board of Governors. The treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Governors.

Article VI – Board of Governors

Section 1: Board of Governors, shall consist of:

- a. Twelve members elected to the board by the membership of the Society as outlined in Article IX who must be sustaining or lifetime members of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.
- b. The President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. or the President/CEO's designee as an ex officio voting member.
- c. The Department Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering as an ex officio voting member.
- d. At least one student representative selected by the board to serve as an ex officio voting member.
- e. The Society's Campus Alumni Relations Liaison (CARL) as an ex officio non-voting member.

Section 2: The Board of Governors shall have full power to fill all vacancies.

Section 3: The Government of the Society and the direction of its activities shall be vested in the Board of Governors.

Section 4: A meeting of the Board of Governors must be called by the President of the Society upon request of at least three members of the Board of Governors.

Section 5: The Board of Governors shall hold two meetings a year and others at the discretion of the President.

Article VII – Membership Meetings

Section 1: At least one membership meeting must be held each year. Failure to comply with this provision shall make the Society charter subject to revocation by The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Section 2: There shall be such other meetings each year as the President, with the approval of the Board of Governors of the Society, deem desirable.

Section 3: The President of the Association must call a membership meeting upon the request of five percent of the members of the Society. Upon failure of the President to call such a meeting within ten days of such request, the meeting may be called by any other officer or member of the Board of Governors, or by the petitioning members. In such instance, the President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. shall be notified, and the President/CEO shall send due notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting to all members of the Society.

Section 4: Where this constitution fails to provide authority for procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall be used.

Article VIII – Committees

Section 1: The President of the Society shall appoint the following standing committees with the approval of the Board of Governors:

a. Meetings and Programs: It shall be the function of this committee to organize the meetings of the Society; plan the program; obtain the publicity for them; and to get notification by mail, phone or email, or some combination, to the alumni of the Society.

b. Membership: It shall be the duty of this committee to check the names of all eligible for membership with the President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. and to use all means possible to encourage non-members to do their share in furthering the interests of the Society by joining The Ohio State University Electrical Engineering / Electrical and Computer Engineering Alumni Society. The committee will also encourage membership in The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. whenever possible.

Section 2: The President of the Society, with the approval of the Board of Governors, shall appoint such additional committees as in the President's judgment the interests of the Society may require, and may prescribe the duties of such committees.

Article IX – Elections

Members of the Board of Governors shall be elected each year at the annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified. The terms will be staggered. Twelve board members shall be elected in 2008, four for one-year terms, four for two-year terms, and four for three-year terms. Elections will be held at the annual meeting to replace board members whose terms have expired. The Board of Governors of the Society will select the aforementioned officers.

Article X – Bylaws

The Society is permitted to establish bylaws at any regular board meeting of the Society, a quorum being present, by a two-third vote of all board members present, provided that notice of such proposed bylaw shall have been mailed to each board member at least ten days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to the bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the Society constitution.

Article XI – Adoption

This constitution shall be officially adopted upon its approval by a majority vote of the members of the Society in attendance at any regular or special meeting of the Society. It shall take effect upon the granting of the charter of the Board of Directors of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., authorizing its functioning as one of the official alumni constituent societies of The Ohio State University.

Article XII – Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of all members present at any duly-called meeting of the members of the Society. No amendments shall take effect until duly approved by the Board of Directors of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Adopted

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