

#### **Celebrating Traditions. Creating Connections.**

Constitution of the Michigan Tech Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2010 Amended August 2014

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# Terminology

- 1. The Michigan Technological University Alumni Association Board of Directors is hereinafter referred to as the Board. The Director of Alumni Relations and any Alumni Relations staff may participate as ex-officio non-voting members of the Board.
- 2. Members of the Board, whether elected or appointed, are hereinafter referred to as Directors.
- 3. The Michigan Technological University Alumni Association is hereinafter referred to as the Association (also known as MTUAA and the Michigan Tech Alumni Association).
- 4. Michigan Technological University is hereinafter referred to as the University, MTU, or Michigan Tech.
- 5. Anyone who has completed one semester equivalent at Michigan Tech is automatically a member of the Association and is referred to as an Alum, Alumnus, or Alumna. Collectively the members of the Association are referred to as Alumni.
- 6. The Officers of the Board are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Immediate Past President.
- 7. The officers of the Board constitute the Executive Committee.
- 8. Life Directors are past Board members who wish to remain engaged in the activities of the Board.

# **Article I: Mission & Vision Statements**

The mission of the Board is: "Celebrating Traditions. Creating Connections."

The vision of the Board is: "We are passionate champions of Michigan Tech's unique traditions and we continuously strengthen our alumni community."

#### Article II: Purposes

The purposes of the Board are:

- 1. Engaging the worldwide Alumni network;
- 2. Communicating with Alumni on behalf of Michigan Tech;
- 3. Communicating with Michigan Tech on behalf of Alumni;
- 4. Recognizing outstanding Alumni and friends of Michigan Tech;
- 5. Developing and sponsoring events for Alumni that allow them to contribute to the University's strategic goals and to engage with other Alumni;
- 6. Building a culture of philanthropy and encouraging service to Michigan Tech and the world;
- 7. Creating opportunities for former Directors to stay engaged with the Board and the University.

#### Article III: Association Membership

- 1. From time to time, the Board may, by a three-fourths vote, bestow honorary Association membership on an individual for service to Michigan Tech, students, Alumni, or the world.
- 2. Retired and current Michigan Tech faculty and staff who are not regular members shall be known as Associate Members of the Association for special programs and events designated by the Board.
- 3. Regular members of the Association shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association, and of the Board, be nominated to serve on the Board, receive communications from the Association, present proposed amendments to this Constitution for consideration, and receive invitations to attend various events held by the Association.
- 4. In line with University policies the Board shall not discriminate against any member or person on the basis of race, sex, creed, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or other circumstance.

# Article IV: Directors

- 1. The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, normally consisting of 18 to 24 members.
- 2. One of the Directors shall be an undergraduate or graduate student designated by the Michigan Tech Student Foundation, selected in a manner to be determined by that organization.
- 3. One of the Directors shall be a graduate student designated by the Michigan Tech Graduate Student Government, selected in a manner to be determined by that organization.
- 4. One of the Directors shall be an undergraduate student designated by the Michigan Tech Undergraduate Student Government, selected in a manner to be determined by that organization.
- 5. Student Directors shall serve two year terms.
- 6. One of the Directors shall be a Michigan Tech faculty member, selected by the Provost of the University. The faculty member so selected shall be a regular member of the Association. This Director's term of office and all other aspects of office shall be the same as other Directors except as specifically noted.

- 7. The Michigan Technological University President, Vice President of Student Affairs and Advancement (or current equivalent), and Director of Alumni Relations shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Board. The Director of Alumni Relations shall also serve as Executive Director of the Association.
- 8. Directors shall serve a term of six years in office. Directors shall not be eligible for reelection or appointment to two consecutive terms.
- 9. Directors' terms shall end when replacement Directors' terms of office begin as defined by the Bylaws.
- 10. Upon completion of a term of six years as a Director or upon election by the executive committee upon completion of a term of less than six years, a Director shall become a Life Director.

# Article V: Officers

- 1. Officers of the Board shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Immediate Past President. Officer terms shall be two years.
- 2. An Officer shall be permitted to serve more than one term in an office, except for the President, who shall be limited to one term in that office.
- 3. The office of Immediate Past President shall be filled by the President upon completion of their term as President and shall last for two years.
- 4. Directors shall not be elected to an office, except that of President, if the term of the office would extend past the term of their Directorship.
- 5. A Director may be elected to the office of President if the term of that office, or the term of Immediate Past President to follow the term as President, extends past the end of the Director's Board term. The Director's Board term shall then be extended the length of time necessary to fulfill the offices of President and Immediate Past President.

# Article VI: Amendments

- 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds approval vote of the Board members present at two consecutive meetings.
- 2. Proposed amendments may be submitted to the Board by any Director or Association member.
- 3. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board four weeks prior to the first Board meeting at which they will be considered.
- 4. Proposed amendments appropriately submitted to the Board shall be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

#### Article VII: Enactment of Bylaws of the Board

- 1. Bylaws to govern the business of the Board and the Association not specified in this Constitution may from time to time be enacted or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the Board.
- 2. The Bylaws must be consistent with this Constitution.

# Change History

Ratified August 6, 2010, at the Biennial meeting of the Michigan Tech Alumni Association. Amended August 3, 2012, at the Board of Director's meeting of the Michigan Tech Alumni Association Amended August 7, 2014, at the Board of Director's meeting of the Michigan Tech Alumni Association.

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Alumni Association constitution adopted in 1954 and revised by amendment:

- 1962
- 1964
- 1970
- 1978
- 1988
- 2002
- 2006
- 2012
- August 2014

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