Constitution of the Alumni Association of Michigan Technological University

Article I Name and Mission

Section 1 The name of this organization is the Alumni Association of the Michigan Technological University, or any other name by which the University shall be known in the future.

Section 2 The Mission of the Michigan Technological University Alumni Association is to provide a mutually beneficial link between Michigan Tech Alumni and a) the University, b) other alumni, and c) MTU students (future alumni).

Article II Membership

Section 1 There shall be two classes of membership: Regular and Honorary.

Section 2 All former students of the University whether they have earned a degree of any type or not and all persons directly connected with the University in an administrative or faculty capacity shall be Regular members of the Association.

Section 3 Persons of distinction in our University affairs and any others whom the Association may wish to honor shall be eligible for Honorary membership. Such persons may be elected to membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 The Association shall recognize those individuals who financially support the organization with gifts, at a prescribed level, with special recognition and naming, as developed and reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors. Such recognition shall not be construed to be a different class of membership.

Article III Dues

Section 1 The Board of Directors has the authority to fix the amount of the annual dues and to solicit funds from the members for any general or specific purpose.
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Article IV  Directors and Officers

Section 1  The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, who together with sixteen to twenty-two (16-22) other members constitute a Board of Directors.

Section 2  Two (2) members of the Board of Directors shall be graduate or undergraduate selected in a manner determined by the Michigan Tech Student Foundation. Each year, one student shall be selected for a term of two years.

Section 3  One (1) member of the Board of Directors shall be a representative from the Michigan Tech Fund Board of Trustees, chosen in a manner determined by that Board.

Section 4  The Board of Directors shall be in executive charge of all matters pertaining to the Association. Their duties shall be those regularly pertaining to these offices.

Section 5  Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected each two (2) years at the regular Biennial Meeting of the Alumni Association and shall serve for a period of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. They shall assume their office at the conclusion of the Biennial Meeting.

Section 6  Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining members.

Section 7  The President of the Alumni Association shall automatically take a seat on the Board of Directors for two (2) years immediately following election of his or her successor, unless he or she shall be entitled to two (2) years by reason of an unexpired term on the Board.

Article V  Election of Officers and Directors

Section 1  Solicitations of candidates for Directors shall be made through Alumni Association publications and local chapters. Solicitations shall be sent out 120 days prior to the regular Board of Directors' winter meeting in the even numbered years.

Section 2  Applications from candidates must be made in writing and presented to the Alumni Association 60 days prior to the Board of Directors' winter meeting in the even numbered years.

Section 3  Nominations for Directors and Officers shall be made by the Nominating Committee.
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Section 4 A slate of nominees for Directors and Officers shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors for approval at the regular winter Board meeting in the even numbered years.

Section 5 Six (6) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected each two (2) years for a term of six (6) years at the Biennial Meeting of the Association.

Section 6 The new Directors and Officers shall be presented and assume their offices at the conclusion of the Biennial Meeting. All new Directors shall receive an orientation as to the mission, structure, and operation of the Alumni Association.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1 The Biennial Meeting of the Association, including the election of Directors, shall be held at the call of the Directors or on petition of fifty (50) Regular members during each even numbered year. Fifty (50) Regular members shall constitute a quorum for the regular biennial meeting.

Section 2 The calls for the biennial Meetings shall be mailed to each Regular member at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3 Meetings of the Association for business or social purposes shall be at the call of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 The Board of Directors shall hold at least two (2) meetings a year, the time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee.

Section 5 The Executive Committee shall meet at the request of the President or any two (2) members of the committee.

Article VII Committees

Section 1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, Secretary, the immediate Past President, and all committee chairs.

Section 2 A Nominating Committee of at least three (3) Regular members shall be duly appointed by the President.

Section 3 All other committees, except those specifically provided herein, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
Article VIII  Alumni Chapters

Section 1  Alumni Chapters provide a means of communicating with Alumni, an opportunity for alumni to serve the University and a conduit for professional and social contacts.

Section 2  There shall be three types of Alumni Chapters. Local Chapters are those formed in a specific geographic region. Corporate Chapters are those formed within the structure of a corporation or business. Interest Group Chapters are those formed by individuals having some common interest.

Article IX  Amendments

Section 1  Any amendments to the Constitution or any By-Laws proposed for adoption must be first submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and approved by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board before presentation to the Association. A two-thirds vote of the members voting in person or by letter ballot shall be necessary for the adoption of such proposed amendment or By-Laws.

Article X  Removal of Directors and Officers

Section 1  The Board of Directors has the power to remove an Officer or Director for lack of participation or malfeasance of duty.

Section 2  Removal of an Officer or Director may be made by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present at a regularly scheduled meeting, upon written notice to be made to the entire Board of Directors no less than thirty (30) days prior to regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 3  The Board of Directors has the power to suspend the privileges of a member for malfeasance of duty or lack of participation until the next scheduled meeting of the Board. Suspension may consist of the removal of some or all powers and rights of a Board member or Officer as defined by the Board and the Constitution except that of speaking and voting at meetings.

Section 4  Suspension of an Officer or Director may be made at any time by three-quarters (3/4) vote of the directors. Such vote may be taken at a regularly scheduled meeting or an emergency meeting called for such a purpose.

Section 5  A quorum for removal of a Director or Officer shall consist of two thirds of the Board of Directors.