

# Constitution of the Michigan Tech Alumni Board of Directors

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## Terminology

1. The Michigan Technological University Alumni Board of Directors is hereinafter referred to as the Board.
2. Members of the Board, whether elected or appointed, are hereinafter referred to as Directors.
3. Michigan Technological University is hereinafter referred to as the University, MTU, or Michigan Tech.
4. Anyone who has completed one semester equivalent at Michigan Tech is automatically referred to as an Alum, Alumnus, or Alumnae.
5. The Officers of the Board shall consist of President, Vice President – Recognition & Recruitment, Vice President - Traditions, Vice President – Community & Board Secretary, and President Emerit.
6. The Officers of the Board constitute the Executive Committee.
7. Life Directors are past Board members who have completed a full term or are recognized as such by the Executive Committee 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: Membership**

1. From time to time, the Board may, by a three-fourths vote, bestow honorary alumni status on an individual for service to Michigan Tech, students, Alumni, or the world.
2. Alumni shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Board, be nominated to serve on the Board, receive communications from the Board, present proposed amendments to this Constitution for consideration, and receive invitations to attend various events.
3. In line with University policies the Board shall not discriminate against any member or person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, height, weight, genetic information, marital status, disabled veteran status, veteran status, or disability.

## **Article IV: Directors**

1. The Board of Directors normally consists of 18 to 24 members.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Student Director terms shall be up to 2 years or as determined by simple majority vote of board.
5. One of the Directors shall be a Michigan Tech faculty member (preferably a Michigan Tech graduate), selected by the Provost of the University. This Director's term of office and all other aspects of office shall be the same as other Directors except as specifically noted.
6. The Michigan Technological University President, Vice President of Advancement and Alumni Engagement (or current equivalent), and Alumni Engagement leadership as designated by the Vice President of Advancement and Alumni Engagement (or current equivalent) shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Board.
7. Directors shall serve a term of six years in office. Directors shall not be eligible for reelection or appointment to two consecutive terms.

8. Directors' terms shall end when replacement Directors' terms of office begin as defined by the Bylaws.
9. 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 – Recognition & Recruitment, Vice President - Traditions, Vice President – Community & Board Secretary, and President Emerit. 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 President Emerit shall be filled by the President upon completion of their term as President and shall last for two years.
4. If the immediate past President is unable to serve in this position, a former President Emerit may be appointed.
5. A Director may be elected as an officer if the term of that office 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 office term.
6. Directors can extend their current term only once by being elected as an officer of the Board.

## **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 Alumna/Alumnus.
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 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.

Ratified August 8, 2014 at the Awards Dinner of the Michigan Tech Alumni Association.

Amended June 3, 2020 at the Board of Director's meeting of the Michigan Tech Alumni Association.

Amended February 7, 2025 at the Alumni Board of Directors Meeting. Changes update general verbiage and terminology, define a new process for the election of Student Directors and adds an appointment option for the office of President Emerit.

Amended February 5, 2026 at the Alumni Board of Directors Meeting. Changes modify Officer names to be: President, Vice President – Recognition & Recruitment, Vice President - Traditions, Vice President – Community & Board Secretary, and President Emerit.

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Alumni Association constitution adopted in 1954 and revised by amendment:

- 1962
- 1964
- 1970
- 1978
- 1988
- 2002
- 2006
- 2012
- August 2014
- June 2018
- June 2020
- February 2025
- February 2026