

Constitution

of the

National Association of Engineering Student Councils, Incorporated.

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Preamble

We, the National Association of Engineering Student Councils, Inc., recognize the need to enhance communication and promote coordination between engineering student councils nationwide. We acknowledge the necessity to develop a unified, comprehensive representation of such councils. The efforts of the National Association of Engineering Student Councils, Inc. shall be directed toward the improvement of service to the engineering student bodies represented by the member councils. To realize this vision, we dedicate this organization to promote and advance engineering student councils through a single, collective voice.

Article I - Name

The name of this not-for-profit organization [501(c)(3)] shall be the National Association of Engineering Student Councils, Inc. (herein NAESC, Inc.).

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of NAESC, Inc. is to serve engineering student councils by facilitating communication among member councils, promoting engineering education, organizing programs and events, providing a resource of information about engineering student activities, and serving as a collective voice for engineering student councils.

Article III - Membership

- Section 1 A "council" is defined as a group of students that advise, govern, and/or represent all engineering students at its respective school. All councils recognized by their college or university as a representative group and are part of an engineering school accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (herein ABET).
- Section 2 Regional membership is determined by the regions defined in Article III, Section 2 of the NAESC, Inc. Bylaws.
- Section 3 NAESC, Inc. shall have both voting and non-voting members.
- A. Voting member councils are those that submit annual association dues as specified in the bylaws. Voting member councils shall designate one Voting Delegate for voting purposes at the NAESC, Inc. national conference. Current Executive Board members may be designated as Voting Delegates by their respective schools, with the exception of the President of the Executive Board. The President shall vote only in case of a tie. Voting member councils shall have all rights and privileges defined in the NAESC, Inc. Bylaws.
- B. Non-voting member councils shall be all other members
- Section 4 No qualified council will be denied membership nor will any student be subjected to discriminatory treatment or be excluded from participation in any NAESC, Inc. program or activity on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, sexual preference, age, national origin, or handicap. NAESC, Inc. shall not tolerate such actions by its member councils.

Article IV - National Organizational Structure & Election of Officers

- Section 1 The national organizational structure shall consist of an Executive Board charged with the coordination of all NAESC, Inc. business and activities according to the guidelines established in this document.
- Section 2 The Executive Board shall consist of a President, a Vice President of Finance, a Vice President of Communication, a Vice President of Administration, a Vice President of Relations, a Vice President of Outreach, a Director of the National Conference, and a Regional President from each region defined by Article III, Section 2 of the NAESC, Inc. Bylaws. The Executive Board shall carry out the duties specified by the NAESC, Inc. Bylaws.
- Section 3 The President and the Vice Presidents shall be elected by a simple majority ballot vote of all Voting Delegates at the national conference. Regional Presidents shall be elected by a simple majority ballot vote of the Voting Delegates from their respective regions in accordance with their respective regional constitutions.
- Section 4 The terms of office for the members of the Executive Board shall follow the fiscal year, 1 May to 30 April.
- Section 5 A. Any member of the national executive board may move to impeach any other member of the executive board during a closed meeting. The motion shall require a second and an immediate vote by the executive board. A three-fourths majority vote shall be required to pass a motion to impeach.
- B. The executive board shall immediately notify the impeached member and the regional executive board. The member will be given the opportunity to submit a rebuttal to the Executive Board of NAESC, Inc. within a period not to exceed one week from the date of notification.
- C. After the submission and review of the rebuttal, the Executive Board shall vote on removal from office during a closed meeting. Each position on the Executive Board shall be granted one vote and votes not submitted within one week shall be considered an abstention. A motion for removal shall pass by a three-fourths majority vote of the Executive Board.
- D. If the motion for removal passes, the removed officer and the regional executive board shall be notified within a period not to exceed one week. The vacated position shall be filled in compliance with the NAESC, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section 6 A. In case that the President of the Executive Board is unable to finish his/her term of office, the Executive Board shall select a replacement President from the current Vice Presidents by a simple majority vote.
- B. In the case that a Vice President is unable to finish his/her term of office, the remaining members of the Executive Board shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term by a simple majority vote.
- C. In the case that a Regional President is unable to finish his/her term of office, the National President along with members of the respective Regional Executive Board shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term by a simple majority vote.
- Section 7 An Advisory Board will be composed of individuals appointed by the Executive Board at the National Conference. The Advisory Board will act in accordance with

the responsibilities outlined in the NAESC, Inc. Bylaws.

- Section 8 A. The Executive Board shall oversee three standing committees each year. The standing committees shall be the Communications Committee, the Relations Committee and the Outreach Committee and shall be chaired by the Vice Presidents of Communications, Relations and Outreach, respectively.
- B. Participation in a standing committee shall be open to any individual who is defined as an active council member by any NAESC, Inc. member council.
- C. The Regional Vice Presidents of Communications, Relations and Outreach shall serve on the national standing committee appropriate to their position.

Article V - Meetings

- Section 1 Official voting business meetings shall be defined as meetings where the Voting Delegates or Executive Board members discuss issues relating to their functions as defined in this Constitution and in the NAESC, Inc. Bylaws, be this in person or via moderated electronic communications. The dates of these meetings will be posted on the website at least one month in advance of the meeting, and will be open for public observation.
- Section 2 All official business meetings shall be run according to the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 3 The President shall preside over all official business meetings of the Executive Board, with the exception of the Voting Delegates meetings at the national conference. The Executive Board is responsible for providing someone to preside over the Voting Delegates meetings as stated in Article I, Section 1 of the bylaws.
- Section 4 An absolute majority, more than half, shall constitute a quorum for all official voting business meetings.
- Section 5 At least two face-to-face meetings of the Executive Board shall be held each year outside the national conference.
- Section 6 All Executive Board business shall be official following approval by an affirmative absolute majority vote of the Executive Board. The President may call a vote of the board without calling to order an official business meeting. In this event, the President shall inform all board members of the vote and give them at least 48 hours to discuss the issue(s) after the last member is informed of the vote.
- Section 7 The Voting Delegates shall meet once a year at the national conference.
- Section 8 The Executive Board shall have the right to actively participate and set any motions before the floor during official business meetings.

Article VI - Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws

- Section 1 The constitution may only be amended at the Voting Delegates' meeting of the NAESC, Inc. national conference.
- Section 2 The approval of a constitutional amendment shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Voting Delegates present at the Voting Delegates' meeting.
- Section 3 Any member council may propose an amendment to the constitution or bylaws. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the President and the Director of the National Conference at least one month prior to the national conference. An amendment submitted by a council after the deadline will require approval of two-thirds of the Voting Delegates present to bring it to the floor of the Voting Delegates' meeting.

- Section 4 NAESC, Inc. shall not adopt any bylaws that are in conflict with the constitution.
- Section 5 Executive Board members may also propose amendments to the constitution. An amendment proposed by an Executive Board member must receive approval of an absolute majority of the Executive Board to be introduced at the Voting Delegates' meeting.
- Section 6 Proposed amendments may be amended during the Voting Delegates' meeting.
- Section 7 Amendments to the NAESC, Inc. Bylaws shall require a three-fifths majority vote of the Voting Delegates.
- Section 8 Amendments passed will become effective immediately unless otherwise specified in the motion to amend.