

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be The American Society of Civil Engineers University of Massachusetts Amherst Student Chapter.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

The American Society of Civil Engineers University of Massachusetts Student Chapter was created to fulfill the following objectives:

1. To enhance the education and professional development of civil engineering students.
2. To promote the College of Engineering.
3. To serve the community through various service projects.
4. To provide a medium for students to develop relationships with fellow students, faculty, and professionals.

ARTICLE III: ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1. AFFILIATION

The American Society of Civil Engineers University of Massachusetts Amherst Student Chapter will be an affiliated chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The organization possesses the right to adopt its own rules and regulations as well as University of Massachusetts Amherst rules and regulations. This Student Chapter will be a part of the Region I Division as defined by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

SECTION 2. NON-DISCRIMINATION

No person shall be denied membership in this organization due to race, color, sex, handicap, nationality, marital status, veteran status, religious affiliation, or sexual preference.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The American Society of Civil Engineers University of Massachusetts Amherst Student Chapter members shall consist of undergraduate or graduate students interested in the field of Civil Engineering.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP DUES

All student members shall be responsible to pay chapter dues in the Fall semester. The chapter dues are \$10 per year or \$5 per semester. Chapter dues shall be waived for all freshman and transfer students.

SECTION 3. NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Student members are expected to become free National ASCE student members. The school membership code is 3917. The Recording Secretary will keep a list of all National Members on record.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT

The President is the leader of the chapter and the manager of the chapter affairs. As a leader he/she is to motivate subordinates so that they perform their respective duties with diligence, initiative and responsibility. As a manager, he/she must delegate to each subordinate the authority of his/her respective position and ensure that he/she accepts and performs the responsibilities of that position so as to enhance progress.

SECTION 2. VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer and/or at the incapability or request to perform those duties delegated.

SECTION 3. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep a complete and up-to-date account of chapter monies. Standard accounting and bookkeeping practices should be followed in maintaining these accounts.

SECTION 4. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The Corresponding Secretary is in charge of all correspondence for the chapter.

SECTION 5. RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary is the custodian of the chapter records. The duties of this office require organization and neatness.



SECTION 6. PUBLICITY OFFICER

The Publicity Officer is in charge of spreading the news of the chapter.

SECTION 7. CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Class representatives shall be appointed by the President of the Chapter and serve as a liaison between the executive board and their respective classes.

SECTION 8. ELECTIONS

Elections shall be held every December at the final general body meeting to determine new officers. Student members will nominate themselves for each position. Each student member can vote once for each position. A simple majority is needed for election into an office. If a tie occurs, the officers shall vote to break that tie. A simple majority is needed.

SECTION 9. IMPEACHMENTS

When any member feels that an officer is not fulfilling his/her duty to the Chapter, a formal notice shall be given to the officer in question after his/her first offense. If the offense is not resolved, the reason for the impeachment shall be presented to the officer in writing within one week of the second complaint. During the impeachment process, the case will be presented to the Executive Board. The officer under investigation will be given every opportunity to present his/her defense before any action is taken. A majority vote by the officers will decide whether the impeachment will be carried out. A regular member will be nominated and elected to fill the vacant position as described in Article V Section 8.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

SECTION 1. GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

The Chapter is required to hold at least one meeting a month to update the status of the Chapter. The meetings are open to all faculty, staff, alumni, students or anyone else interested in ASCE and its activities. Officers are required to attend general body meetings.

SECTION 2. OFFICER MEETINGS

Officers shall hold Officer's Meetings at regular intervals determined at the beginning of the year. The President shall conduct all meetings. If for some reason the President cannot attend a meeting the Vice President shall conduct the meeting.

ARTICLE VII: REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. ATTENDANCE



The student chapter will send representatives to the regional conference every year unless extreme circumstances arise.

SECTION 2. COMPETITION

It is at the officer's discretion on whether or not the Chapter will compete in any competitions held that year. Every effort should be made to compete.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

In order for a student member to attend the regional conference they must meet the following requirements.

1. He/she must be a good standing student member of the University of Massachusetts Chapter of ASCE (i.e. he/she must have paid all dues).
2. He/she must be a National Student Member of ASCE.

SECTION 4. CAPTAINS

Captains shall be picked by the previous years' captains. If there were no prior captains, a person must gain majority approval by the executive board. It is recommended that there be one senior captain, and one junior captain as to better hand down information to the following year's team.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendment(s) to these bylaws of the American Society of Civil Engineers University of Massachusetts Amherst Student Chapter shall be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary who will distribute to the membership at a general body meeting. The membership will review the proposed amendment(s) and a vote for adoption will take place at a general body meeting. A favorable vote of 2/3 of the voting members present on the issue is required to adopt the amendment.

