

CONSTITUTION  
of the  
NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE OF STUDENT CHAPTERS AND CLUBS  
of the  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

Adopted: 2002 Regional Conference  
Revised: March 16, 2007 at the  
New England Regional Business Meeting, University of Connecticut

**PREAMBLE**

We the members of the New England Conference of Student Chapters and Clubs of the American Society of Civil Engineers, in order to foster desirable relations among the Student Chapters & Clubs and among the student bodies of our respective schools and to further the knowledge of the standards and ethics of the engineering profession, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Conference of the Student Chapters and Clubs of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**ARTICLE I**

Section 1. Members shall include the following Chapters or Clubs:

1	Club	Central Connecticut State University	C (Sub Regions)
2	Chapter	University of Connecticut	C
3	Chapter	University of Hartford	C
4	Chapter	Universite Laval	A
5	Chapter	University of Maine – Orono	A
6	Chapter	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	B
7	Chapter	University of Massachusetts – Amherst	A
8	Chapter	University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth	C
9	Chapter	University of Massachusetts – Lowell	B
10	Chapter	Merrimack College	B
11	Chapter	University of New Hampshire	A
12	Chapter	University of New Haven	C
13	Chapter	Northeastern University	B
14	Chapter	Norwich University	A
15	Chapter	University of Rhode Island	C
16	Club	Roger Williams University	C
17	Chapter	Tufts University	B
18	Chapter	United States Coast Guard Academy	C
19	Chapter	University of Vermont	A
20	Club	Vermont Technical College	A
21	Club	Wentworth Institute of Technology	B
22	Chapter	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	B

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Section 2. Any member school finding that for geographical or other considerations it cannot take part in the conference or sub region may petition the conference to be released from said conference or sub region. Inability to attend the meeting of the conference may not be considered sufficient reason for such action. The *ASCE Committee on Student Activities* shall grant release from the *conference* upon acceptance of such a petition. *Attending members of the conference* at the annual meeting shall grant transfer from one *sub region* to another upon acceptance of such a petition.

**ARTICLE II**

Section 1. New members or previously released members shall be admitted upon the favorable vote of two-thirds of the member Chapters or Clubs, and when admitted they shall be added to the roster of Article I, Section 1.

**ARTICLE III**

Section 1. The officers of the Conference shall be the officers of the Student Chapter or Club that has been designated as the Host Chapter or Club.

Section 2. The executive committee shall be made up of the presidents, or appointed proxy, of each Chapter or Club deemed eligible per Article 111, Section 3.

Section 3. Any Chapter or Club that fails to attend the conference as least once every two years will be considered ineligible to vote. If a Chapter or Club is unable to attend the conference a letter of nonattendance is required as an acknowledgement of the conference.

Section 4. The privilege to vote can be reinstated upon petition and approval of two-thirds of the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE IV**

Section 1. The conference shall provide for three annual regional events by designating a host for each event at the preceding annual meeting. The three events shall be: 1) a regional conference 2) a regional steel bridge competition and 3) a regional concrete canoe competition.

Section 2. The regional conference shall be held every year in conjunction with and prior to the steel bridge competition. The host school shall choose a specific date coinciding with the above dates. In order to receive funding from ASCE, the regional conference must consist of at least a business meeting and a paper competition. The specific details about both the meeting and the competition, along with any other activities, which may include but are not limited to a community service project or engineering competition, is the responsibility of the host school.

Section 3. The regional steel bridge competition should ideally be held every year in the Spring. The host school shall choose a specific date coinciding with the above dates.

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Section 4. The regional concrete canoe competition should ideally be held every year in the month of April. The host school shall choose a specific date coinciding with the above dates.

Section 5. The regional concrete canoe competition and regional steel bridge competition shall not conflict with the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam.

Section 6. The conference shall be arranged in three sub regions. Each member Chapter or Club is placed in a sub region (see Table I). One Chapter or Club is responsible for the corresponding event assigned to that sub region (see Table 2).

**Table I Sub Regions as specified in Article IV, Section 6.**

<b>Sub Region</b>	<b>Schools</b>	
<b>A</b>	<b>UMaine - Orono UNH Norwich</b>	<b>Vermont Technical UMass-Amherst UVM Universite Laval</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>MIT Northeastern Tufts</b>	<b>Merrimack UMass - Lowell Wentworth WPI</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>CCSU U. Conn U. Hartford U. Newhaven</b>	<b>URI Roger Williams UMass - Dartmouth</b>

**Table 2 Hosting Cycle as specified in Article IV, Section 6.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location (Region)</b>
2002	Canoe Bridge Conference	UMaine (A) UConn (C) -
2003	Canoe Bridge Conference	UMass-Amherst (A) WPI (B) UMass-Amherst (A)
2004	Canoe Bridge Conference	Hartford (C) Northeastern (B) Northeastern (B)
2005	Canoe Bridge Conference	UConn (C) UMaine (A) Northeastern (B)
2006	Canoe Bridge Conference	UMass-Dartmouth (C) UMaine (A) UMaine (A)
2007	Canoe Bridge Conference	Wentworth (B) UConn (C) UConn (C)

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Section 7. Each host Chapter or Club shall provide a web page with the following event information at minimum:

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|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Host Chapter or Club      | 5 | Arrangements for Accommodations |
| 2 | Contact Person            | 6 | Registration Information        |
| 3 | Location(s) of Event      | 7 | Parking Information             |
| 4 | Directions to Location(s) |   |                                 |

**ARTICLE V**

Section 1. Each Chapter or Club shall be responsible for securing a Chapter or Club e-mail address. This e-mail address shall be made available to the Chapters and Clubs of the conference at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Chapters and Clubs shall be notified of the web pages for each event. All updates to the event shall be posted on the event web page and notice shall be e-mailed to the Chapters and Clubs.

Section 3. A post conference report, as outlined by the ASCE Committee on Student Activities (CSA) shall be distributed to all conference Chapters and Clubs in addition to the distribution requirements of CSA.

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**APPENDIX**

The Following Rotational Hosting cycle for the Steel Bridge competition was decided at the captains meeting on March 16, 2007. The rotation will begin in 2008.

1. University of New Hampshire (Possible Volunteer)
1. Tufts University (Possible Volunteer)
2. Universite Laval
3. Northeastern University
4. UMass-Amherst
5. University of Vermont
6. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
7. Wentworth Institute of Technology
8. Merrimack College
9. University of Maine
10. University of Connecticut

Both possible volunteers at the top of the list will respond back to the conference by the fall on whether or not they can definitely host the event.

The Rotational Hosting cycle for the concrete canoe competition will be decided at the competition at Wentworth Institute of Technology on April 27-28, 2007. The cycle will be added to the constitution after the event.

The following will be revised and formally added to the constitution at the 2008 Business Meeting:

Article IV, Section 7: A rotational hosting cycle will be established for both the concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions. Schools that have recently held events shall be placed at the bottom of the list, and the rest of the list shall be randomized. Exceptions will be made to schools who volunteer to host events, upon which they will be automatically placed at the top of the list. These schools must formally decide by early fall so that a final decision on hosting can be made. The cycles for both competitions will be listed in the appendix.

Article IV, Section 8: The rotational hosting cycle shall be revised every year at the steel bridge and concrete canoe competitions. Schools that are not present will be removed from the cycle and subject to Article IV, Section 9.

Article IV, Section 9: Schools wishing to compete in the steel bridge or concrete canoe competitions that are not on the current rotational cycle shall be placed in the cycle so that they must host an event within 3 years of entering the cycle.

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Attached: Submitted Letters of Nonattendance per Article III, Section 3:

Nina Nazarian  
P.O. Box 8988  
Lowell MA, 01853

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the University of Massachusetts Lowell's ASCE Student Chapter, I Nina Nazarian, the acting President, am submitting this letter to acknowledge the nonattendance of our chapter at the Northeast Regional Business Meeting. Our chapter was unable to attend due to inclement weather (i.e. snow).

Thank you,  
Nina Nazarian

Mr. Benjamin Cote  
ASCE Student Chapter President  
University of Connecticut

Dear Mr. Cote,

On Friday, March 16, 2007, representatives of the University of Rhode Island ASCE student chapter were unable to attend the 2007 New England Student Conference Annual ASCE Business Meeting due to inclement weather. Heavy snow and freezing rain provided dangerous driving conditions and it was decided that the trip to and from the University of Connecticut would be unsafe. We apologize for our absence and have reviewed the meeting minutes that have been posted. It is our understanding that our eligibility for the national concrete canoe competition has not been revoked as a result of our nonattendance to abovementioned meeting. We appreciate the time taken to pass a motion keeping us in the concrete canoe competition and will gladly present the paper at that time.

Sincerely,  
James J. Marsland  
ASCE Student Chapter President  
University of Rhode Island

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April 2, 2007

To whom it may concern,

The University of Massachusetts Amherst ASCE Student Chapter regrets that we did not have representatives at the 2007 business meeting due to severe weather conditions.

In order to arrive, at a reasonably early time to the meeting which began at 4:00 pm our team departed from the University of Massachusetts Amherst at approximately 1:30 pm. However, there was a severe snow storm that created very large traffic jams. Also, our school had just been let out for spring break recess and that also contributed to traffic. Under less severe weather conditions our school would have arrived around 3:00 pm giving us plenty of time to check into our hotel and arrive at the business meeting. Unfortunately, the whole trip that was supposed to take an hour and a half took a total of six hours due to severe weather.

We believe our situation is a valid excuse and should not jeopardize our potential advancement in the concrete canoe competition. We fully apologize for our absence, and in the future we will try harder to arrive.

Sincerely,

University of Massachusetts Amherst ASCE Student Chapter