



The American Society of Civil Engineers

The University of Texas at Austin Student Chapter

CONSTITUTION

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Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be The University of Texas at Austin Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. This organization will use the name or its acronym, UT-ASCE, in all publicity materials and correspondence.

Article II - Objectives

The objectives of UT-ASCE shall be:

- To encourage the development of a professional consciousness
 - Facilitating knowledge of career interest and opportunities from industry professionals.
 - Foster acquaintances and establish relationships from corporate contacts.
 - Provide members with advice and information which will prepare them for their transition into further education or the work force.
 - Increase involvement with the Austin Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (Austin ASCE).
- To gain technical understanding from team competitions such as Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe.
- To grow camaraderie between the student body, student organizations, faculty, and professionals in the surrounding communities.
- To develop well-rounded students through community, applying engineering knowledge outside of the classroom, and serving as an open and welcoming organization.

Article III - Membership

Section 1 – Scope of Membership

Membership in UT-ASCE shall be open to all students at The University of Texas at Austin regardless on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, handicap, or veteran's status. Membership shall consist of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty/staff, alumni, and associate members, with the exception of a person granted honorary membership by conferment upon such members of the faculty, as UT-ASCE would deem eligible.

Section 2 – Membership Status

Membership in UT-ASCE shall be granted upon completion of a membership form and payment of dues in the amount outlined in the by-laws. A member will retain active membership status and the benefits associated with it unless:

- Such status is resigned at the request of the said member
- The member fails to pay dues

Section 3 – Privileges of Membership

Any member, who is regularly enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin, shall be eligible to vote at general meetings and hold office. The following may not vote or hold office as noted in this Constitution:

- Alumni
- Faculty/Staff
- Faculty Advisors
- Practitioner Advisors

Article IV – General Meetings

The general membership of UT-ASCE shall meet bi-weekly and whenever special sessions are called by the President.

All general meetings of the student chapter are open to all students, faculty/staff, or alumni of The University of Texas at Austin, or any others who wish to attend.

Article V – Leadership Team

Section 1 – Officer Positions

UT-ASCE shall maintain the following officer positions by an election process as outlined in the By-Laws:

- President
- Vice President Executive
- Vice President Corporate
- Secretary
- Treasurer

UT-ASCE shall maintain the following officer positions by an interview process as outlined in the By-Laws:

- Steel Bridge Captains (2-3)
- Steel Bridge Competition Coordinator*
- Concrete Canoe Captains (2-3)
- Concrete Canoe Competition Coordinator*
- Outreach Chairs (2)
- Social Chair
- Intramural Sports Chair
- Membership & Retention Chair
- SEC Representative
- Historian

*Denotes that position is only available when UT-ASCE host either a regional or national technical competition.

Section 2 – Eligibility

Members of UT-ASCE are more than welcome to run for different positions within our Leadership Team with exception to the President, Vice President Executive, and Vice President Corporate positions in which a member is only eligible to run for any of these three positions if they have served at least one term as an officer of UT-ASCE.

Section 3 – Term of Office

All officers shall hold office from the day of their election until their successor is elected.

Section 4 – Officer Meetings

Officers of UT-ASCE shall meet bi-weekly opposite of the general meetings and meet at special sessions called by the President. Officers should attend all officer meetings. If an officer is going to be absent at the officer meeting, he/she should notify the President and make arrangements accordingly.

Section 5 – Officer Duties

Duties of the officers shall be such outlined as provided for in the By-Laws.

Section 6 – Officer Nominations & Elections

Nominations and elections of officers shall be such outlined as provided for in the By-Laws.

Section 7 – Succession & Removal of Officers

If the President is removed from office, resigns, or is otherwise incapacitated, the Vice President Executive shall fall first to assume the responsibilities of the President, following the Vice President Corporate, then to the Secretary, and next to the Treasurer.

Should any officer (besides the President) be unable to fulfill his/her own duties, the President shall appoint a replacement to assume those duties. Should an officer choose to resign from office, notice of resignation shall be delivered to the President. The resigning officer shall continue to fulfill the duties of office or arrange for them to be fulfilled until the next officer meeting when a replacement can be selected.

Section 8 – Recall

The general UT-ASCE membership may call for the resignation of any officer by three-fourths vote of the present members at a general meeting. Upon such a vote, the officer in question shall deliver his/her resignation at the next officer meeting.

Article VI – Revisions to the Constitution

Section 1 – Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution must be made through the following procedure:

- An officer of his/her own will, or at the request of a general member, must make a motion for the consideration of an amendment.
- The amendment must subsequently be approved or denied by at least two-thirds vote of the Leadership Team.

Section 2 – By-Laws

The By-Laws of this Constitution must be reviewed on at least an annual basis. Revisions to the By-Laws must pass with a two-thirds vote of the Leadership Team but need not be ratified.

Section 3 – Other Revisions

No method other than listed in Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 may be used to alter this Constitution unless such a method is unanimously approved by the Leadership Team.