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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY



The Constitution of Chi Epsilon

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RE: New Chi Epsilon Constitution

The National Council has undertaken the task of modernizing the Chi Epsilon governance documents. A completely new Constitution was presented to the General Assembly during the 2018 Chi Epsilon Convention held in Arlington, Texas on March 14-17, 2018. The attached document represents the final wording of the new Constitution. More than three-quarters of the delegates attending the Convention voted to approve the new wording. This wording was then transmitted to all active chapters for ratification.

The undersigned National Officers confirm ratification of the amended Constitution by a three-quarters vote of the official delegates at the 2018 National Conclave in Arlington, TX during the General Assembly meeting on March 17, 2018.

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National President

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The Executive Director confirms ratification of the amended Constitution by three-quarters of the active Chapters of Chi Epsilon occurred on October 15, 2018

Chi Epsilon, Inc.
Executive Director

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Preamble

We, the members of the civil engineering community, at various colleges and universities, believing that a mark of distinction should be placed on the students and professionals who have upheld the honor of the community by high scholastic achievement, and believing that a society with the broad principles of scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability would be an incentive to greater achievements in the civil engineering community, do adopt this constitution as a guiding instrument for this organization.

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Chi Epsilon. The approved abbreviation of the name shall be XE.

Article II. Vision, Purpose, and Mission

Section 2.01 Vision

By recognizing outstanding students, graduates, and members of the civil engineering community for their scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability, Chi Epsilon seeks to foster excellence, connectivity, and engagement among those in the civil engineering community to improve our world.

Section 2.02 Purpose

Chi Epsilon is organized exclusively for academic and charitable purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Chi Epsilon's academic and charitable purposes are advanced through co-curricular educational activities and scholarships and other awards.

Section 2.03 Mission

The mission of Chi Epsilon is to achieve its vision through its four pillars:

Scholarship—recognizing **excellence** and **achievement** in academic and professional endeavors

Character—upholding the **integrity** and **responsibility** of the civil engineering community through our **service** and the **ethical practice** of our profession

Practicality—**educating** and **encouraging** our members to improve our world through innovative and impactful solutions

Sociability—**connecting** our members while **engaging** the broader civil engineering community

Article III. Organization and Membership

Section 3.01 Organization

Chi Epsilon shall consist of (1) a National Council, (2) an Advisory Board, (3) such chapters as have been or shall be regularly established in engineering schools and colleges, and (4) such alumni councils as have been or shall be regularly established.

Section 3.02 Basis for Membership

Candidates for membership shall be chosen from within the civil engineering community. The selection of members shall be based upon Scholarship, Character, Practicality, and Sociability—the four primary attributes of a successful engineer.

No person shall be denied membership on account of race, color, sex, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, gender identity or expression, marital status, pregnancy, size, physical appearance, ancestry, sexual orientation, political affiliation, socioeconomic background, union membership, or veteran status.

Section 3.03 Chapter Membership

Undergraduate members shall be chosen from among students who have completed at least one-fourth (25%) of the curricular requirements for the bachelor's degree.

Chapters may also elect as members graduate students, post-doctoral associates, faculty, and alumni in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 3.04 Chapter Honor Membership

Chapter Honor Membership shall be in recognition of outstanding professional accomplishments in the civil engineering community.

Section 3.05 National Honor Membership

National Honor Membership shall be in recognition of outstanding professional accomplishments in the civil engineering community, and preeminent contribution to the mission of Chi Epsilon.

Section 3.06 Affiliate Status

Chi Epsilon may also grant Affiliate status to individuals, organizations, or corporations that have made significant contributions of time or resources to further the mission of chapters, districts, or Chi Epsilon.

Article IV. Government

Section 4.01 Government of the Society

1. The government of Chi Epsilon shall be vested in a duly authorized General Assembly and a duly elected National Council.
2. The General Assembly shall consist of an official delegation consisting of one active undergraduate or graduate member selected from each active chapter in good standing with the Society.
3. Chapters shall be grouped into geographical districts with one District Councilor selected from each district.
4. A District Councilor shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates from that district. To qualify as a candidate for the position of District Councilor, the candidate must be a member of Chi Epsilon and may not be a student member.
5. Collectively, the District Councilors shall be known as the National Council. The National Council shall facilitate operation of chapters and provide liaison between the chapters and the Advisory Board and the Executive Director, and shall oversee the ceremonial and recognition aspects of the Society.
6. The Advisory Board shall review policies and issues related to the society's finances and business operations and provide advice to the Executive Director. The Advisory Board shall also provide leadership regarding fundraising activities in support of the society's mission.
7. The initial Advisory Board shall be an interim Board selected by the Executive Director in consultation with the National Council. Subsequent Board members shall be elected to staggered terms by the General Assembly.
8. The National Council shall appoint an Executive Director in consultation with the Advisory Board. The Executive Director shall execute the day-to-day operation of the society. The Executive Director shall report to the National Council.
9. The Executive Director must be a member of Chi Epsilon and may not be a student member.

Section 4.02 Government of Chapters

1. Each chapter shall have full control of its individual affairs, subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of Chi Epsilon.
2. Each chapter shall have a Faculty Advisor, who shall be elected by the chapter.

Article V. Meetings

Society-wide conventions shall be convened at established periodic intervals. A special convention may be called by a majority vote of the National Council. Active chapters may petition the National Council to hold a special convention. Business at a convention shall be conducted by the General Assembly.

Article VI. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is located, exclusively for such exempt or public purposes or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized exclusively for such purposes.

Article VII. Methods of Amending

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly, followed by the ratification of more than one-half of the active chapters. Each chapter ratification shall require approval of more than one-half the active members of the chapter.

Article VIII. Effective Date

This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification according to the amendment requirements of the previous Constitution of Chi Epsilon. This Constitution abolishes all previous Constitutions.

REVISION HISTORY

In accordance with the requirements of the previous Constitution of Chi Epsilon, this Constitution was approved on March 17, 2018 by more than a three-quarters majority of the 45th Conclave of the Chi Epsilon National Civil Engineering Honor Society in Arlington, Texas.

It was ratified by more than three-quarters of the active chapters of Chi Epsilon and became effective on October 15, 2018.

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