

BYLAWS OF ME³ - NCSU Chapter

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1 – Name: The name of the organization shall be **ME³ - NCSU Chapter** (Pronounced "M.E. Three"). It shall be a student organization chapter of the 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization, ME³, which is incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Section 2 – Purpose: ME³ - NCSU Chapter is organized exclusively for charitable purposes. The purpose of this corporation is to:

1. Improve the student knowledge, awareness, and outlook on philanthropy, charitable causes, volunteerism, and service.
2. Motivate students to become more active in their communities, educate them on how to do so, and empower them with the tools, information, and training to get started.
3. Recognize students and organizations that make a difference at NCSU and in our community and beyond.

Article II – Membership

Section 1 – Membership: Membership within ME³ - NCSU Chapter is to be determined by participation in organization activities. No dues will be required.

Article III – Board of Directors

Section 1 – Board role, size, and compensation: The ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the organization, and delegates responsibility of day-to-day staff and volunteer operations to the staff/volunteers and committees. The Board shall have up to 7, but not fewer than 4, Directors. Directors receive no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

Section 2 – Terms: All ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board members shall serve for a period of up to one year or until resignation or impeachment, except for the founding Directors who may serve for up to two years so that board terms in the future shall be staggered. Upon the expiration of a Board member's term, the Board shall choose a person to serve an additional one-year term. Directors may serve an unlimited number of terms.

Section 3 – Meetings and notice: The ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board shall meet at least four times annually, at an agreed upon time and place.

Section 4 – Board Elections: ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board candidates are selected by the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Election Procedures: New ME³ - NCSU Chapter Directors shall be elected by majority vote by the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Directors. Directors shall be elected at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a vote of a majority of the directors then in office. The election of directors shall be a part of the order of business at the annual or special meetings when a re-election or election of a new candidate is due. Each ME³ - NCSU Chapter director elected shall hold office until his or her term expires and until his or her successor is elected and qualifies.

Section 6 – Quorum: Quorum for the organization shall be at least fifty percent of all Board members for the transaction of business.

Section 7 – Officers and Duties: There shall be four officers appointed by the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board of Directors; a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 8 – Contracts and Partnerships: Contract agreements, financial, legal, or otherwise with third parties require the signature and approval of both the ME³ - NCSU Chapter President and ME³ President. Contract agreements or Partnerships with third parties can be proposed by any ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board member.

Section 9 – Drafting Checks: All checks written must be signed by the ME³ - NCSU Chapter President. In the absence of the ME³ - NCSU Chapter President, the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Treasurer can sign checks upon receiving the approval of the President.

Section 10 – Vacancies: When a vacancy on the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board exists, the Board will accept informal requests to fill the vacant position. New Board members will be elected by the Board by a majority vote.

Section 11 – Resignation, termination, and absences: Resignation from the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board must be in writing and received by the Board. A Board member shall be terminated from the Board due to excessive absences, more than twenty-percent of unexcused absences from scheduled Board meetings in a year. A Board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the Board, but only upon notice in writing of the proceeding being sent to the Board member and at least two weeks between the date of transmittal of the notice and the date of the meeting at which such vote shall take place.

Section 12 – Meetings: Meetings of the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board shall take place regularly but no fewer than four times a year. The ME³ - NCSU Chapter President shall give notice of each meeting of the Board by any usual means of communication not less than three days before the meeting.

Section 12.1 – Special Meetings – Special meetings of the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board may be called by or at the request of the ME³ - NCSU Chapter President or any two Directors. Notices of special meetings shall be sent out by the member of the Board which called the meeting at least five business days prior to the time at which the meeting will be held.

Article IV – Committees

Section 1 – Committee formation: The ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, volunteer management, public relations, data collection, etc.

Section 2 – Executive Committee: Four officers serve as members of the Executive Committee, who shall advise the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board of Directors and other committees. In the event of the death, resignation or other vacancies in the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board exceeding fifty percent of the members of the Board, the Board shall be dissolved and the remaining officers shall appoint new members of the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board of Directors.

Article V – Amendments

Section 1 – Amendments: These bylaws may be amended when necessary by a seventy-five percent vote of the ME³ - NCSU Chapter Board of Directors.