

Nuclear Engineering Graduate Student Association
North Carolina State University

Constitution

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An officer's term shall be for the period of one year to start immediately following the end of the spring semester in which they are elected. If an officer is elected in a special election, their term shall start immediately following their election, and end at the conclusion of the spring semester.

Section 3. President

The President shall conduct the operation of the Nuclear Engineering Graduate Student Association. The President shall represent the NE-GSA in the UGSA. The President shall preside at all regular meetings of the NE-GSA. The President shall appoint all special committees of the NE-GSA with the approval of the Executive Committee.

A semester report shall be prepared by the President at the end of each semester. Upon approval of the Executive Committee, the President's semester report shall be distributed to all members of the society no later than one month after the close of the semester.

Section 4. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall perform all functions of the President at the President's request or when the President is absent. The Vice-President shall also be the alternate representative to the UGSA.

In the event the President is removed from office, the Vice-President shall assume the office of president.

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all money and pay the bills of the NE-GSA that are authorized by the Executive Committee. He/She shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures.

Section 6. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of all activities of the NE-GSA and shall submit a report to the Executive Committee within one month after each Executive Committee meeting. He/She shall be responsible for all correspondences to and from the NE-GSA. He/She shall also maintain a roster of the names and addresses of all the members.

Section 7. Officer Election

The Executive Committee shall call a regular meeting no later than April 1 of each year to accept nominations for the general election of NE-GSA officers. Further nominations shall be accepted by the Executive Committee for one week following this meeting. Nominations shall be made with the approval of the nominee. All nominees must satisfy the criteria for officer eligibility.

When necessary, the Executive Committee shall call a regular meeting for the purpose of accepting nominations for a special election. A regular meeting for a special election may occur at any time during the academic year. The conduct of the special election shall be the same as for a general election.

Voting in the election shall take place for a period of one week, starting two (2) weeks after the meeting in which nominations were given. The Executive Committee shall receive and count all votes cast by the members. All officers shall be elected by a simple majority.

Section 8. Officer Removal

Failure of an officer to maintain their eligibility under Article VI, Section 2 shall result in their immediate removal from office.

In the case of the permanent absence of an officer, the officer shall be deemed to have relinquished his/her position. Permanent absence shall be defined as the absence from two (2) consecutive meetings.

Impeachment of any officer shall be processed by a proposal of Impeachment presented at any regular meeting. A rebuttal and Association vote will be conducted at the next regular meeting. Impeachment will take place if there is a three-fourths affirmative vote from all regular members.

A special election shall be called to fill an office vacancy of greater than one semester.

Article VII. Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee

The affairs of the NE-GSA shall be managed by the Executive Committee under this Constitution, and in general accordance with the Bylaws and Rules as stipulated in Article III.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The Executive Committee shall transact all business affairs of the NE-GSA, including approval of appointments to special committees, and authorization of expenditures.

Section 2. Special Committees

The special committees shall be formed by the Executive Committee when needed, for as long as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Each committee chairman shall submit a report of the special committee's activities at the end of the project, or at regular intervals if deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. One copy shall be forwarded to the Secretary for the NE-GSA files. It shall include, but is not restricted to, procedures, contacts, and suggestions.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings

NE-GSA meetings shall be held no less than once a semester and shall be called by the Executive Committee.

Reasonable measures shall be taken by the Executive Committee to notify all NE-GSA members of regular meetings at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

Section 2. Executive Committee Meetings

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held no less than twice a semester when the regular school year is in session.

Section 3. Quorum

Quorum in a regular meeting in which a motion is passed shall be thirty percent (30%) of the total active membership.

Quorum in an Executive Committee meeting shall be greater than fifty percent (50%) of all elected officers.

Section 4. Agenda for Regular Meetings

The agenda for regular meetings will be decided upon by the Executive Committee. Any proposals for the agenda can be presented to the Executive Committee members one week before a regular meeting.

Article IX. Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be made available to all regular members within one week of its proposal. Amendments shall be read at two consecutive regular meetings prior to adoption. Adoption of the proposed amendments shall require an affirmative vote from two-thirds of the regular members. Voting shall take place for a period of one week, starting immediately after the meeting in which the second reading occurs.