

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE LOUISIANA TECH STUDENT CHAPTER**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

**SECTION 1.** The name of the Chapter shall be the Louisiana Tech Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE**

**SECTION 1.** The objective of this Chapter shall be to encourage the development of a professional consciousness, to afford an opportunity for civil engineering students to become acquainted and to practice working together effectively, to promote a spirit of congeniality among them, and to provide friendly contact with the engineering profession.

# **BY-LAWS OF THE LOUISIANA TECH STUDENT CHAPTER**

## **ARTICLE I. CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1.** The Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be held during the month of December.

**SECTION 2.** The regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held at least once a month on Wednesday nights throughout the academic year.

## **ARTICLE II. CHAPTER DUES**

**SECTION 1.** The annual dues of the Chapter shall be \$15.00 per year, \$6.00 per quarter and are due and payable at the beginning of the academic year (or calendar year).

## **ARTICLE III. CHAPTER COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1.** The following shall be standing committees of the Chapters:

- (a)** Program Committee
- (b)** Membership Committee
- (c)** Annual Report Committee
- (d)** Hospitality Committee
- (e)** Student Conference Committee
- (f)** Publicity Committee

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1.** Active members of this Chapter shall be undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the university who are interested in civil engineering and who are in good standing as evidenced by the payment of Chapter dues. Meetings are open to all students of the university and to alumni or others who may care to attend.

## **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1.** The officers of this Chapter shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer.

**SECTION 2.** The President and Vice-President shall be members of the Senior and Junior Class.

### **SECTION 3.**

The officers shall be elected from the nominees chosen by a nominating committee, composed of three active members who shall be appointed by the President. Nominations may also be made by an active member during the meeting at which the elections are held. Officers shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Officers shall be elected by secret ballot - the ballots to be distributed to and collected from the Active Members. For each office and candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Elections shall take place at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1.**

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by presenting to the Chapter Secretary a petition stating the desired amendment and containing the signature of thirty percent (30%) of the Active Members of the Chapter. This petition shall be read at the next regular meeting. The proposed Bylaw Amendment shall be voted on by not less than a majority of the chapter active Members and shall receive an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the Active Members voting to be adopted.

## **ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1.**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and shall perform such other duties as are incumbent on such an office. The President shall appoint the Chairperson and members of all Chapter committees.

### **SECTION 2.**

The Vice-President shall assist the President and shall assume the duties of the President when the latter is in any way unable to discharge the duties of his office. He or she shall be ex-officio member of all Chapter Committees.

### **SECTION 3.**

The Secretary shall keep a record of all transactions of the Chapter and shall, with the assistance of a committee appointed for the purpose, attend to all notifications of meetings. He/She shall also keep a roll of all the members of the Chapter. He/She, with the assistance of a committee appointed for the purpose, shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of the annual (calendar year) report of the Chapter to the ASCE.

### **SECTION 4.**

The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds belonging to the Chapter, shall be responsible for their proper disbursement, and shall render an accurate account at each meeting. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall end on June 30.

## **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1.**

An amendment to this constitution may be proposed by presenting to the Chapter Secretary a petition stating the desired amendment and containing the signature of the thirty percent (30%) of the Active Members of the Chapter. This petition shall be read at the next regular meeting. A three-fourths favorable vote of the active membership of the Chapter shall be required for adoption.