EERI Ohio State University Student Chapter

Organization Constitution

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**Article I**

Section 1: Name

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Section 2: Purpose

Members will participate in the EERI yearly Seismic Design Competition held by The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute each spring. They will build a balsa wood model in accordance with the yearly rules and create programed models to show deflections based on different seismic wave magnitudes. Finally, students will learn more about lateral systems and wood design to collaborate on a presentation that will be presented at the EERI competition.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy

This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, EERI Ohio State University Student Chapter expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at http://titleIX.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at [titleIX@osu.edu](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).

**Article II**

This organization shall be compromised of undergraduate students with the guidance of graduate students. Student members will be given the chance to travel (given the yearly funding) to the EERI Seismic Design Competition.

**Article III**

III.a. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

III.c. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

**Article IV**

This organization shall have the following leadership positions:

Primary Leader: Responsible for conducting meetings, coordinating with EERI, and membership.

Secondary Leader: Assist primary leader in all their tasks.

Treasurer: Responsible for acquiring funding for the group and coordinating how the funding will be used.

**Article V**

Elections will be held in the spring for the following fall semester. Any member of the organization can run for a position.

**Article VI**

No executive committee will be present in this organization.

**Article VII**

No additional committees will be present in this organization.

**Article VIII**

Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications. Advisor is responsible for assisting the students during the design process and teaching students how to use different engineering programs.

**Article IX**

Members are required to attend all meetings unless special circumstances occur.

**Article X**

The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution.

**Article XI**

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

**Article XII**

If organization were to be dissolved, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from the website.