

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA
SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I
Name and Purposes

Section 1. This Association shall be called THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY.

Section 2. Its purposes shall be to advance the interests, influence and reputation of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology by fostering and developing the continuing interest and active support of its alumni and friends in maintaining, through excellence of faculty, student body, and facilities, the highest educational standards; fostering and developing its relations with its alumni and friends, encouraging the enrollment of qualified students; and aiding and counseling students to the end that they may honor themselves, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and this Association.

ARTICLE II
Members

Section 1. There will be two classes of membership: Regular and Associate.

Section 2. All persons who have received a degree, academic or honorary, from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology are hereby constituted Regular Members.

Section 3. Former students who were regularly enrolled for at least one term are hereby constituted Associate Members. Members of the faculty of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Friends of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, on application, may be elected Associate Members by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Contributions to the Association shall be voluntary, and payment of dues shall not be a prerequisite to membership in good standing.

ARTICLE III
Officers, Council, and Committees

Section 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Executive Vice President, one Area Vice President from each Area, Managing Director, Secretary, and Treasurer.

All officers, except for the Managing Director, Secretary, and Treasurer, must be Regular Members who have received an academic degree from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Each Area Vice President shall be a resident of the Area for which he or she is elected.

Section 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. There shall be a Board of Directors composed of the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Managing Director, and twelve (12) Regular Members.

The twelve Regular Members on the Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members from Rapid City or vicinity and three (3) members at large.

There will be three Classes of Regular Members on the Board of Directors. Each Class will be composed of four (4) Regular Members: three (3) from Rapid City or vicinity, and one (1) at large. In the initial organization, the first Class will serve one year, the second Class will serve two years, and the third Class will serve three years. Thereafter, each Class shall serve three years, and after the first year of organization, annually one Class will be elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years.

Section 3. COUNCIL. There will be a Council composed of the members of the Board of Directors and the Area Vice Presidents.

Section 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. There will be an Advisory Committee appointed on an annual basis by the Board of Directors from among retired Presidents and Regular or Associate Members with whom the Board of Directors may desire to consult individually or collectively as occasion may arise.

Section 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. There will be a Nominating Committee appointed on an annual basis by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE. There shall be a Relationship Committee, a majority of whom shall be residents of South Dakota. It will be appointed on an annual basis by the Board of Directors from among Regular or Associate Members. The Board of Directors will designate the Chairman, who shall report to the Board of Directors.

Section 7. STUDENT COMMITTEE. There shall be a Student Committee, all of whom shall be from South Dakota and a majority shall be from Rapid City or vicinity. It will be appointed on an annual basis by the Board of Directors from among Regular or Associate Members. The Board of Directors will designate the Chairman, who shall report to the Board of Directors.

Section 8. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. There shall be an Investment Committee. It will be appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis from among Regular or Associate Members. The Board of Directors shall designate the Chairman, who shall report to the Board of Directors.

Section 9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee will consist of the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Member at Large from the Board of Directors.

Section 10. The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, from time to time appoint special committees or agents to aid or act for, and under the direction of, the Board of Directors in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of Officers, Council, and Committees

Section 1. OFFICERS. The duties of the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association shall be those commonly pertaining to such offices and such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time prescribe. They shall also be the officers of the Executive Committee, and of the Council.

The President, and in his absence the Executive Vice President, will preside. The President and Executive Vice President may mutually agree on a presiding officer for Executive Committee meetings or Council meetings in case neither can attend.

The Area Vice Presidents, Managing Director, Secretary, and Treasurer shall report to the Board of Directors.

Section 2. COUNCIL. Administration of the affairs of this Association except as otherwise expressly provided by the Constitution, shall be vested in the Council. The Council shall be responsible for carrying out the purposes of this Association.

Section 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors of the Association shall also be the Board of Directors of the Council. It shall have power to act as and for the Council when the Council is not in session.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill, for the remainder of the term, any vacancy occurring in any elective office, or in any class of membership of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall pass upon all applications for Associate Membership.

The Board of Directors shall direct all solicitation of contributions and make all expenditures.

The Board of Directors shall, in its sole discretion, from time to time establish the Areas from which Area Vice Presidents shall be elected.

The Board of Directors shall have supervision and management of all assets of the Association, and shall arrange for the annual audit of the accounts of the Association.

Section 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Advisory Committee shall work in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee. The President of the Association shall be Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Section 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Nominating Committee shall nominate from the eligible membership of the Association annually at least one (1) candidate for each office, and at least one (1) candidate for each membership on the Board of Directors to be filled in such year by election.

Section 6. RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE. The Relationship Committee shall be responsible for fostering and developing relationships with the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, the Board of regents, and the State, and shall otherwise promote good public relations for the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and this Association, all in accordance with policies established by the Board of Directors to which it shall report.

Section 7. STUDENT COMMITTEE. The Student Committee shall foster and develop attendance of qualified students and aid, counsel and advise students, all in accordance with policies established by the Board of Directors to which it shall report.

Section 8. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. The Investment Committee shall direct and administer the funds for the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Alumni Association in accordance with policies prescribed by the Board of Directors to which it shall report.

Section 9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee shall set the agenda for Board of Directors Meetings, set staff salary policy and function on behalf of the Board of Directors in the event of an emergency situation.

ARTICLE V Elections and Appointments of Officers

Section 1. The President, President Elect, and Immediate Past President of this Association will be elected on an annual basis in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws.

Section 2. The Executive Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected from Rapid City or vicinity for a three-year term in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws.

Section 3. Each year one Class of Regular Members of the Board of Directors will be elected for three (3) years in the manner provided in the By-Laws.

Section 4. The Managing Director and Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and tenure will be at its pleasure.

Section 5. The Area Vice Presidents will be elected for a three-year term in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

The Council will meet upon call by the President or Executive Vice President or any two members of the Board of Directors, on notice as provided in the By-Laws.

The Board of Directors will meet upon call by the President, on notice as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any time as herein provided.

Section 1. Proposed amendments, either recommended by the Council or endorsed by one hundred fifty (150) Regular Members, shall be mailed under the direction of the Board of Directors to each Regular Member at his last known address with notice of the time set for closing the vote, which time shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date on which the notice of the proposed amendment is mailed to each member.

Section 2. In order to be counted, a vote for or against the proposed amendment must be signed by the Regular Member casting the vote and received by the Board of Directors before the time so noticed for closing the vote.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall canvass all ballots and announce the result. A proposed amendment shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast by Regular Members.