

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute Student Chapter
Institute of Industrial Engineers
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND LOCATION**

The name of this organization shall be the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Student Chapter, Institute of Industrial Engineers, hereinafter called the "Chapter." The Institute of Industrial Engineers, Inc. will hereinafter be called "IIE."

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSES**

Section 1

The purposes of the Chapter shall be the purposes of IIE as set forth in the IIE Institute Constitution as follows: This Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes. In the furtherance of such purposes, it shall be authorized:

- A. To advance the general welfare of mankind through the resources and creative abilities of the Industrial Engineering profession.
- B. To advance the art and science of Industrial Engineering for the general welfare of mankind.
- C. To encourage and assist education and research in the art and science of Industrial Engineering.
- D. To promote the unrestricted dissemination of knowledge and information by means of meetings and publications relating to the art and science of Industrial Engineering.
- E. To receive, own, and maintain real or personal property, or both, and to use and apply the whole or any part of the income or principal thereof exclusively for scientific or educational purposes in the art and science of Industrial Engineering.
- F. To assist Colleges and Universities in the development and improvement of educational programs in the art and science of Industrial Engineering.
- G. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions which may be construed to the contrary, IIE shall not engage in any activity which is not educational, scientific, or charitable within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code; and on dissolution of IIE, its assets shall be distributed to an organization organized and operated for similar educational, scientific, or charitable purposes. No part of the income or principal of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any Member, Director, or Officer of the corporation or any other private individual. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 2

This Chapter is affiliated with the professional society, Institute of Industrial Engineers, IIE.

Section 3

In order to be consistent with the university mission, the purpose of this group is to convey knowledge through scholarly publication (provided by IIE to student members: Industrial Engineer magazine), to facilitate lifelong learning through membership in a professional society, and to benefit the students with academic, research, and professional endeavors.

**ARTICLE III
CODE OF ETHICS**

The Code of Ethics of the Chapter shall be the Code of Ethics of IIE as set forth in the IIE Institute Constitution.

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP WITHIN STUDENT CHAPTER, WPI**

Section 1

The Chapter membership shall consist of WPI students, consisting mainly of students within the industrial engineering and management engineering majors.

Section 2

The Chapter will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, creed, religion, color, age, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, or national origin.

Section 3

Members have the option to become national members of the IIE professional society. Members have the freedom to discontinue membership at any time. Membership renewal will occur annually. Membership removal will take place if one is convicted of conduct unbecoming of the industrial engineering profession or the student chapter itself.

**ARTICLE V
MEMBERSHIP WITHIN STUDENT CHAPTER, IIE**

Section 1

The Chapter membership shall consist of IIE members whose official mailing address is within the chapter area and those who have requested assignment to the Chapter when registering with IIE.

Section 2

The term "member" (not capitalized) shall refer to all membership grades. The term "Member" (capitalized) shall refer only to membership grades entitled to vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3

The voting rights and other privileges of the members shall be as described in the Chapter Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI
ELECTION, RESIGNATION, AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

Section 1

Persons who wish to join IIE and who feel that they have the required qualifications, may apply by filing an application and submitting it to IIE along with relevant membership dues.

Section 2

Any member may withdraw from IIE at any time by sending a formal statement to that effect to IIE Headquarters with a copy to the Secretary of the Chapter.

Section 3

Any member convicted by the Chapter of conduct unbecoming a member of his/her profession, shall be dismissed and deprived of his/her membership. Such expulsion requires a three-fourths majority of at least one-third of Chapter members voting, and shall be subject to review by the IIE Board of Trustees before the expulsion becomes effective.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Section 1

There shall be a minimum of four officers of the Chapter, including President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional offices may be created and outlined in the Chapter Bylaws addendum.

Section 2

All officers will be elected to one year terms. No officer may be elected for more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 3

In case the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall serve the remainder of the term as President. If the office of any other required officer as outlined in Section 1 becomes vacant, a replacement shall be appointed by the President for the remainder of the term.

Section 4

In case an officer demonstrates neglect of their duties, potentially inhibiting the functioning of the chapter as determined by the other officers, the other officers may remove that person from office. Such expulsion requires a unanimous vote of the remaining members of the officers. The officer will be replaced as described in Section 3.

Section 5

All officers of the Chapter will be full-time WPI students in good academic standing. Officers are required to sign an academic waiver allowing the Chapter faculty advisor to prove they are in good academic standing.

Section 6

All officers of the Chapter will be student members of IIE for the duration of their term in office.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTION AND MEETINGS

Section 1

Officers shall be elected annually as described in the Bylaws.

Section 2

Meetings shall be held no less than once a month with the preferred frequency of twice a month. Meeting notification shall be furnished by the Chapter to all members with a minimum advance notice of five business days. Notification can be sent through any media accessible to members.

Section 3

The faculty advisor, President, and Vice President have the authority to call meetings. If another member feels it necessary to hold a meeting, one of the previously mentioned people must be notified to call a meeting.

Section 4

Meetings will be run informally, with an agenda developed by the President and/or Vice President.

ARTICLE IX BYLAWS

A majority vote of the officers shall have the power to pass, repeal, or modify any Bylaws. Such revisions shall become effective upon approval by IIE. Addendums to the Bylaws can be modified and approved by a quorum vote of the officers.

ARTICLE X FINANCES

The Chapter will be funded from due reimbursement checks from IIE, special event funding requests to IIE, a formal budget granted by WPI's Student Government Association, and special funding requests to WPI's Student Government Association.

ARTICLE XI ADVISOR

Section 1

The Chapter advisor must be a full-time WPI faculty or professional staff member and a member of the professional IIE society.

Section 2

Advisors will be nominated by the current advisor as well as student members. The organization will vote on a new advisor with a majority ruling.

Section 3

To remove an advisor, a letter expressing the reasons for removal must be presented to the Chapter officers. A petition will be required and a meeting will be held to discuss the issue. An advisor cannot be removed until a new advisor is ready to take his/her place.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section 1

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any ten (10) Members, or 10%, whichever is fewer, of the Chapter Members in good standing. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the President and signed by the Members proposing the amendment.

Section 2

The tabulation of votes on amendments shall be conducted in such a manner that the privacy of the member is protected.

Section 3

To become effective, proposed amendments must be affirmatively voted upon by three-fourths of the Members in good standing who are present at the meeting. Following passage, an amendment becomes effective as soon as approved by IIE and at such time as specified in the amendment.

Section 4

The preparation of any amendment to the Constitution that is proposed by written petition shall be financed by the member(s) involved. Amendments proposed by a majority of Chapter officers shall be financed through chapter funds.

Section 5

Amendments to the IIE Constitution that have been approved by the membership and have an effect on the Chapter's Constitution shall automatically become part of the Chapter Constitution. The Secretary shall notify the membership of such changes.

ARTICLE XIII
SOC AND ORGANIZATION AFFIRMATION CLAUSE

The Worcester Polytechnic Institute Student Chapter of Institute of Industrial Engineers agrees to abide by the policies of Worcester Polytechnic Institute as well as all federal, state, and local laws. Any changes to this constitution and/or bylaws will follow, in word and spirit, all WPI policies and all federal, state, and local laws.

ARTICLE XIV
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall be effective upon approval by a quorum of the active Chapter membership and the approval of the IIE Headquarters.