



ORDER OF THE ENGINEER CODE OF REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I.

Name, Symbol and Logo

The name of this organization shall be the Order of the Engineer. Its symbol shall be a stainless steel ring to be worn on the little finger of the working hand. Its logo shall be as approved by the National Board of Governors.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose

The purpose of the Order shall be to foster a spirit of pride, individual integrity and responsibility in the engineering profession; to bridge the gap between education and practice; and to present the public with a visible symbol identifying the engineer.

ARTICLE III.

Members

Section 1. The following persons shall be eligible for membership in the Order:

- a. Graduates in engineering from engineering programs accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc. (EAC of ABET);
- b. Seniors in EAC of ABET-accredited engineering programs within one academic year of graduation;
- c. Graduate Students in EAC of ABET accredited programs, and graduate students enrolled in other engineering programs housed in departments that administer EAC of ABET accredited undergraduate programs;
- d. Licensed professional engineers;
- e. Members of the Canadian Calling by reciprocity;
- f. Individuals who are deemed worthy of the Order as described in the guideline document "Eligibility of Special Individuals" included in Appendix 1.

Section 2. Each Link is responsible for verifying the eligibility of individuals to be inducted

Section 3. Membership fees shall include an initial charge to cover the cost of the certificate and the ring which is passed on to links at cost, and a one-time membership fee set by the National Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Order shall be a

Chair, a Vice-chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by this Code of Regulations and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Order. An assistant secretary and an assistant treasurer may be appointed if deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. At the annual meeting of the Board of Governors, a Nominating Committee will be named composed of the most immediate available past-chairman and two members elected by the Board. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the offices and the open Governor positions to be filled at the next annual meeting.

Section 3. The Officers shall be elected for one-year terms or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected.

ARTICLE V.

National Board of Governors

Section 1. The National Board of Governors shall be composed of not fewer than eight or more than twenty-one members, and shall include the four Officers. To the extent feasible, in the election of Governors an effort will be made to maintain an equitable distribution of Governors among the four geographical regions. An effort shall also be made to maintain a reasonable balance of educators and non-educators.

Section 2. Terms of Governors shall normally be three years. Where continuing interest is demonstrated, re-election to additional terms is permissible.

Section 3. The National Board shall establish all matters of policy and operation within the scope of this Code of Regulations.

Section 4. The National Board shall direct the investment and care of the funds of the Order

and shall make appropriations for specific purposes.

Section 5. There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Board composed of the Chair, the Vice-chair, the immediate Past Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and one Governor elected by the National Board. Within the provisions of this Code of Regulations, the Executive Committee shall act for the National Board between Board meetings. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to approval by the National Board.

Section 6. At the discretion of the National Board, retiring Governors who have given dedicated service to the Order may be given Emeritus status. Such Governors may be invited to participate in National Board meetings, but without vote.

Section 7. The headquarters of the Order shall be in a location approved by the National Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VI. ***Committees***

Section 1. Standing committees of the National Board of Governors of the Order shall include the following:

- a. Executive Committee
- b. Nomination Committee
- c. Audit/Budget Committee
- d. Planning Committee

Section 2. Special committees shall be appointed by the Chair as needed.

ARTICLE VII. ***Meetings***

Section 1. An annual meeting of the National Board shall be held at a time and location determined by the Executive Committee. Additional meetings of the National Board may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee or if requested by a majority of the National Board.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at the discretion of the Chair.

Section 3. A quorum at meetings shall be a majority of members of the National Board or

Executive Committee attending their respective meetings.

ARTICLE VIII. ***Administrative Regions***

The administrative regions of the United States shall be as follows:

Region I. Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont.

Region II. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

Region III. Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin.

Region IV. Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

ARTICLE IX. ***Links***

Section 1. The National Board shall be responsible for the chartering of Links authorized to conduct ceremonies initiating new members into the Order.

Section 2. Each Link shall identify a Link Board of Governors of at least three members of the Order, including the Link Chair who shall serve as the liaison with the National Board of Governors.

Section 3. Link Charters, issued by the National Board, shall contain the name of the Link, the number of the charter, the date of issue, the signatures of the Chair and the Secretary of the National Board, and shall display the logo of the Order.

Section 4. A minimum of two members of the Order are required to conduct new member induction ceremonies. Records of ring ceremonies, including names of inductees and dates and places of presentation, shall be kept as a permanent record by the individual Links and

the information forwarded to national headquarters.

Section 5. The privilege of the Order is extended to engineering organizations of the United States and its territories or others as approved by the National Board of Governors, consistent with this Code of Regulations. Each Link shall conduct its own ceremonies and shall abide by the Code of Regulations of the Order.

ARTICLE X.
Member Inductions

Section 1. Obligation Certificates, as approved by the National Board of Governors and copyrighted by the Order of the Engineer, Inc., shall be presented at the initiation ceremony. These shall contain the Obligation, the logo of the Order, the name and signature of the recipient, the date and place of presentation, and the name of the Link.

Section 2. A ring of stainless steel of plain design, shall be presented at the induction ceremony and shall be worn on the little finger of the working hand.

Section 3. The induction ceremony into the Order shall be brief, dignified, and impressive. Basically, it shall consist of:

- a. Three or more members should participate in an induction ceremony, but never fewer than two.
- b. A charge to the applicants giving the history and purpose of the Order;
- c. Reading of the significance of the Order, which shall include an explanation of the Ring;
- d. Acceptance of the Obligation;
- e. Presentation of Obligation Certificate and Ring; and
- f. Reception for members and guests.

ARTICLE XI.
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Order in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Code of Regulations and any special rules of order that the Order may adopt.

ARTICLE XII.
Indemnification

In the event any Officer, Governor, agent or employee of the Order of the Engineer becomes, or is made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was such Officer, Governor, agent or employee, the National Board of Governors shall have the authority in their sole discretion to indemnify such persons against part or all of any judgments, fines, or penalties levied against him or her in connection with such action provided that the National Board of Governors believes that such Officer, Governor, or agent acted in good faith. The expenses paid of the damages assessed against such individual may be paid in advance of final disposition of the action.

ARTICLE XIII.
Amendment of Code of Regulations

This Code of Regulations may be amended at any regular meeting of the National Board of Governors by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

Eligibility of “Special Individuals”

Per the Order of the Engineer Code of Regulations, ARTICLE III Section 1 (f), special individuals are eligible for membership in the Order. The National Board of Governors grants links the autonomy to evaluate an individual’s credentials to determine his/her eligibility. This document provides guidance to links for making that determination.

Oftentimes, links have chosen to induct special individuals because of a desire to help perpetuate the Order. For example, engineering deans may wish to be inducted so that they can conduct or be involved in future ceremonies at their institution. However, a link should not grant eligibility to an individual for the purpose of financial gain or distinction to a link – or to the link’s associated institution, society, or organization.

These guidelines are not intended to be overly restrictive or exclusive, but rather inclusive to individuals who are viewed by others as significantly connected to and influential on the engineering profession.



Guidance for Links

Individuals who do not have degrees from EAC/ABET-accredited programs or who are otherwise not eligible for membership as specified in the Order of the Engineer Code of Regulations, ARTICLE III Section 1 (a)-(e), may still be eligible for membership. A link may deem a special individual with an appropriate education to be eligible for the Order by reason of eminence or experience. The individual must have earned a degree at least at the baccalaureate level.

Appropriate education includes degrees in engineering from a program that is not EAC/ABET-accredited or in a field that is closely allied with or foundational to engineering. Closely allied fields include degrees in engineering, science or mathematics. An advanced degree in one of these fields would weigh heavily towards eligibility.

In addition to appropriate education, the individual must also demonstrate eminence or substantial experience in engineering.

EMINENCE:

Eminence may be attained by an individual through contributions of unusual importance in engineering practice or academia. Eminence may be deserved because of technical accomplishments, exemplary scholarship activities, intellectual achievements, or exceptional service. Such activities must be related to engineering education, the engineering profession, or the practice of engineering. Eminence is earned over the long-term during an individual’s career. If considered alone, monetary contributions or success in business ventures would not qualify one for eligibility by eminence.

EXPERIENCE:

Individuals who may be deemed eligible by reason of experience include scholars, scientists, educators, practitioners, or others who have advanced the practice or profession of engineering. Positive consideration should be given to individuals whose knowledge and contributions require ethical conduct to protect the public’s health, safety and welfare. Experience includes those who have authority over, or significant influence on, engineering students in EAC/ABET-accredited programs, such as deans of engineering. Instructors within EAC/ABET programs who deliver engineering content to students also fall into this category.