

ENGINEERS FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Engineers for a Sustainable World of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement

Engineers for a Sustainable World is committed to the promotion of sustainability around campus, as well as in the broader community. This promotion will be achieved through the implementation of student lead projects and the hosting of educational events, activities, and tours of local sustainable facilities.

Article II. Membership

Section A. Membership

1. Eligibility – All Students' Association members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Club Connection site.
2. Definition of active member – One who participates on one or more events or projects within the club. In order to maintain active membership, one must attend a minimum of half of the valid meetings held during a given semester.
3. Definition of associate member – A University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate student, or Eastman student who helps organize and plan events & projects within the club. To maintain membership, an associate member must attend a minimum of half of the valid meetings held during a given semester. Associate members have all the rights and privileges of a member without voting rights, and associate members cannot serve on the executive board.

Article III. Meetings and Voting

Section A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as 1/2 the organization's active membership.

Section B. Voting

1. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All members shall have equal voting power.
3. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

Article IV. Officers and Qualifications

Section A. Officer Positions

The executive board consists of one president, one vice president, one business manager, one secretary, and one Biodiesel committee chair. All officers must be

club members for one year prior to taking office and must be elected according to the rules of this constitution.

Section B. Duties of Officers

1. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
2. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
3. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
4. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
5. The president shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
6. The Business Manager will be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
7. The president and the secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. Also, the secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
8. The UR Biodiesel committee chairperson shall report directly to the organization during regular meetings regarding current business of the UR Biodiesel committee.

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure – Nominations will be made at the meeting prior to the election. A candidate will be elected with a majority vote.
2. Elections will be held during the month of March.
3. The term of office will be one year.

Section D. Vacancies, Resignations, and Removals

1. At the valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in the Nominations and Elections Procedure.
2. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the active membership to pass the motion.
3. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given an official meeting's notice. Any member of an organization can call for a vote of no confidence.
4. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

Article V. Committees

Section A. Purpose of Committees

1. A committee shall be an organized group within Engineers for a Sustainable World whose mission coincides and facilitates the overall mission statement of Engineers for a Sustainable World.
2. The goals of every committee must be in accordance and working towards the same goals as Engineers for a Sustainable World

3. Engineers for a Sustainable World shall ultimately be responsible for the actions of its committees.

Section B. Committees

1. UR Biodiesel – UR Biodiesel is a project arm of ESW that uses waste vegetable oil from campus dining centers and converts it into biodiesel at the UR Biodiesel Lab, which is located at 612 Wilson Blvd. UR Biodiesel also oversees side projects that relate to the UR Biodiesel lab. UR Biodiesel has an adviser in the School of Engineering and a liaison in University Facilities and Services.

Section C. Chairperson

1. A committee chairperson shall preside over a committee.
2. The UR Biodiesel committee chairperson shall be appointed by the previous committee chairperson, and confirmed by the ESW Executive Board by a majority vote.
3. A committee chairperson shall report directly to the organization during regular meetings regarding current business of the committee.
4. A committee chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining the committee's Campus Club Connection webpage.
5. The UR Biodiesel committee chairperson shall also sit on the ESW executive board as a permanent position. The committee chair is responsible for overseeing all operations of UR Biodiesel, including (but not limited to): appointing a lab manager and making sure that person fulfills his/her responsibilities; managing advertising contracts; overseeing the UR Biodiesel account; managing the UR Biodiesel website; working with University administrators, the Facilities liaison, and Dining Services; handling media inquiries; ensuring a constant supply of oil and proper disposal of waste; ensure that UR Biodiesel complies with necessary safety regulations; other duties as necessary.

Section D. Membership

1. All members of a committee shall be members of Engineers for a Sustainable World.
2. All members of Engineers for a Sustainable World shall be eligible for committee membership.
3. Any member of Engineers for a Sustainable World may join UR Biodiesel by informing the UR Biodiesel Committee Chair and the ESW President of his/her interest.

Section E. Meetings

1. Meetings shall be presided over by the committee chairperson.
2. Meetings shall be determined by the committee chairperson and committee members as needed.
3. A valid meeting shall follow the same meeting and voting rules as mentioned above in Article III.

Section F. Budget

1. Committee budgets shall be determined and allocated by the organization's executive board in consultation with the committee chairperson.
2. Committee budgets shall be managed by the committee chairperson in consultation with the organization's business manager.

3. All financial requests shall be processed by the organization's business manager.
4. UR Biodiesel has a separate account managed through the Department of Chemical Engineering. The funds in this account may only be used for UR Biodiesel and may not be used for other ESW expenses. The Committee Chairperson for UR Biodiesel will work directly with the Department of Chemical Engineering for management of this account, and will work with ESW's Business Manager for any expenses that come from ESW's general account with the Students' Association.

Section G. Promotion and Publication

1. When promoting a committee, it shall be advertised as "UR Biodiesel is a committee of ESW."
2. When advertising an event sponsored by a committee, it shall be advertised as "X event is sponsored by UR Biodiesel, a committee of ESW."
3. If organization is SA-funded, "ESW is SA-funded" must also be included on all advertisements, publications, and promotions.

Article VI. Finances

Section A. Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.

Section B. Funding

Engineers for a Sustainable World shall be eligible for SA funding.

Article VII. Classification

Section A. Engineers for a Sustainable World shall be classified as a Pre-Professional Organization. A pre-professional organization shall be any SA-recognized organization that fosters and disseminates profession-specific knowledge and supports the professional and personal growth of its members.

Article VIII. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Two-thirds of the active membership, or more if the organization decides, must approve the constitution.

Section B. This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

Section C. This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article IX. Amendments

Section A. Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

Article X. By-laws

Section A. At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the by-laws and any amendments.


Section B. By-laws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA constitution or by-laws.

Article XI. Hazing Policy

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Engineers for a Sustainable World. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

Article XII. Discrimination Policy


Engineers for a Sustainable World of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political affiliation.



Signature of Officer
Submitting Constitution

11/23/09

Date



Signature of SA Speaker
Granting Recognition

11/23/09

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