



ENGINEERING COUNCIL
EC GENERAL MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2006

Prepared by Jeff Keith
EC Secretary / Treasurer

Meeting Began at 7:00 PM

I. Welcome

II. Officer Announcements

A. Society Photos – [Matt Tomkowiak](#)

1. Pictures are now been completed
2. Present society representatives picked up their photos during the meeting
3. Absent societies should email Matt in order to pick up their photo

B. Society Awards – [John Yu](#)

1. Society of the Month – October 2006
 - a) Biomedical Engineering Society
2. Society Member of the Month – October 2006
 - a) From Illinois Space Society

C. Service Opportunities – [Meagan Simantz](#)

1. Clothing Drive
 - a) November 27 – December 8
 - b) Goes until this Friday
 - c) Societies can drop off clothing in the EC office (103C Engineering Hall)
2. 2nd Annual Broomball Tournament
 - a) February 3, 2007
 - b) 25 cans or \$30 required donation to participate
 - c) Societies can register online at <http://service.ec.uiuc.edu>

D. Engineering Olympics – [Scott Banjavcic](#)

1. Saturday, February 10, 2007
2. Design competition to promote interaction between students and faculty

E. Engineers Week Society Competition – [Casey Roth](#)

1. February 19 – 24, 2007
2. Every society should appoint an “E-Week Captain” to act as the liaison between the society and the E-Week committee



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3. First captains meeting is this Thursday, December 7 at 7 PM in 106B8 Engineering Hall
 - a) Please send your designated captain or a temporary society representative

F. Academic Programs Committee – [Mike Stephens](#)

1. The Illinois Journal for Undergraduate Research (IJUR) is now accepting article submissions
2. Submission will be accepted until February 1, 2007
3. For more information, visit <http://academic.ec.uiuc.edu/ijur> or email Mike

III. Business

A. Program Fund Presentations

1. Audio Engineering Society
 - a) Subwoofer Building Workshop -
2. Illinois Society of General Engineers
 - a) Fall 2006 Broomball – November 29, 2006
3. National Society of Black Engineers
 - a) High School Visitation – November 3-4, 2006
4. Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
 - a) Fall High School Visitation – November 9-12, 2006

B. Conference Fund Presentations

1. American Concrete Institute
 - a) ACI Fall 2006 National Convention – November 4-7, 2006
2. American Society of Mechanical Engineers
 - a) ASME Congress 2006 – November 10-11, 2006
3. Engineers Without Borders
 - a) EWB Regional Conference – October 20-22, 2006
4. Eta Kappa Nu
 - a) HKN Regional Leadership Conference – November 3-4, 2006
5. Illinois Space Society
 - a) Space Vision Conference 2006 – November 9-12, 2006
6. National Society of Black Engineers
 - a) Fall Regional Conference 2006 – November 10-12, 2006
7. Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
 - a) Midwestern Expo 2006 – November 1-4, 2006



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IV. EC Bylaw Changes

A. Motion 2006.12.6.1: Election Procedures (Constitution Update)

1. Written by Justin Lewis and Gregory Schuh (*Attached*)
2. Currently there is no defined procedure for the Engineering Council elections
3. Constitution update basically includes the current election procedures into the EC constitution
4. Amendment to Motion 2006.12.6.1: Election Procedures
 - a) Written by Patrick Sykes (*Attached*)
 - b) Amendment passes by a unanimous vote
5. Motion passes by a unanimous vote

B. Motion 2006.12.6.2: Corporate Director Transition (Bylaws Update)

1. Written by Justin Lewis (*Attached*)
2. Sets a timetable for the corporate discussion
3. Motion passes by a unanimous vote

V. Other Announcements

VI. Pizza

VII. Next General Meeting – Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM

NOTICE:

If any part of this transcript of the meeting is incorrect or inaccurate, please contact Jeff Keith at jcketh2@uiuc.edu

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Motion 2006.12.6.1

Title: Election Procedures

Written By: Justin R. Lewis and Gregory R. Schuh

Whereas there currently is no defined procedure for the election of Engineering Council Officers, and

Whereas it is necessary to have an outline for the election of Officers,

Therefore Be It Resolved That, Article II, Section I order shall be modified as follows:

Section I: The Executive Board officers of the Engineering Council shall be:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Corporate Director
- d) Engineering Open House Director
- e) Director of Leadership
- f) Secretary/Treasurer
- g) Dean's Student Advisory Committee Director
- h) Academic Programs
- i) Engineering Information Bureau Director
- j) Student Introduction to Engineering Director
- k) Awards Chair
- l) Publicity Chair
- m) Social Affairs Chair
- n) Service Chair
- o) Director of Information
- p) Knight's of St. Patrick Chair

Therefore Be It Also Resolved that, Article II, Section III shall be amended to read as follows:

Section III: Election procedures shall follow policies outlined in bylaws 700. The Elections Chair shall be the senior most member of the outgoing executive board according to rank as defined in Article II, Section I. The Elections Chair may not be petitioning for office on the new Executive Board.

Therefore Be It Also Resolved that, Article II, Section IV shall be eliminated and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

Therefore Be It Also Resolved that, Article II, Section VIII shall read as follows:

In the case that the office of President is vacated, the Vice-President shall serve in both capacities until the Executive Board appoints a new Vice-President. The new Vice-President shall be subject to approval by the Council by a plurality vote at the general meeting immediately following the appointment. In the event that any other office becomes vacated during the year, the Executive Board shall appoint an interim officer. This appointment will be subject to approval by the Council by a plurality vote. In the event that an interim officer can not be found by the Executive Board or the Council does not approve the interim officer appointed by the Executive Board, an open election subject to the terms in the Bylaws and Constitution, will be held. Between the time an officer steps down and a replacement is appointed by the Executive Board, the Executive Board will assume the responsibilities of the vacant office. Immediately following the appointment by the Executive Board, the interim officer shall assume these responsibilities.

Therefore Be It Resolved that, Bylaws 700 shall read:

701. Elections shall be conducted at the first April General Meeting
702. Each position must be voted on individually, regardless of number of petitioners.
703. Petitions for offices of the Executive Board of Engineering Council shall be accepted from one month prior to elections to two weeks prior.
704. All candidates for office shall be required to complete an electronic petition to be considered for office.
705. Candidates shall be required to meet the following standards to be considered for office:
 1. Be an engineering student as defined in Bylaws 101 actively pursuing a degree;
 2. Have at least a 2.7 cumulative grade point average;
 3. Not be on academic probation;
 4. The candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President, and Corporate Director shall be undergraduates for the term of office. The Corporate Director must be a student at the University of Illinois up through the fall Employment EXPO.
706. If a petition for an executive board position is submitted and the petitioner is unable to attend the election, the following rules shall apply:
 1. If the petitioner is unopposed, his or her petition shall be submitted to the general body for approval during elections.

2. If the petitioner is opposed, his or her petition shall be disqualified and the remaining present candidates shall be submitted to the general body for election.

707. In the case that no petition is submitted for an executive board position, the previous board member holding that position shall remain in office. No nominations shall be accepted from the floor. Petitions for a special election, to be held at the EC General Meeting following elections, shall be accepted by the new executive board for a duration of two weeks after elections. In the case that no petitions are submitted, the executive board shall be given the power to appoint a person permanently for the position. The appointee shall be approved by the general body at the General Meeting following the appointment.

708. In the case that a candidate or candidates are given a no confidence vote by the general body, the procedure for a position with no candidates (Bylaw 707) shall apply. Additionally, the candidate(s) given a no confidence vote are not eligible for the special election or for appointment by the new executive board.

709. Elections shall be conducted as follows:

1. All candidates for office shall be allowed to address the general body. The candidates for President, Vice-President, Corporate Director, and Engineering Open House (EOH) Director shall be allotted two (2) minutes. Candidates for all other positions shall be given one (1) minute. For positions in which there is more than one candidate, only the candidate addressing the Council shall be allowed to be in the room.
2. Candidates for offices of President, Vice-President, Corporate Director, and EOH Director shall participate in a debate immediately following the completion of all speeches. The format of the debate will be as follows:
 - a) Questions for the debate will be predetermined by graduating seniors from the outgoing Executive Board. In the event there are no seniors, Executive Board members not petitioning for offices subject to the debate shall compose the questions.
 - b) The number of questions asked shall be determined by the number of candidates. The number of questions shall be twice the number of candidates, up to a maximum of four (4) candidates, at which point the number of questions shall be equal to the number of candidates.
 - c) The order in which candidates are asked questions shall be randomly determined by the Elections chair.
 - d) The candidate to which the question is directed will have 45 seconds to respond. All other candidates will be given 30 seconds for a response.

- e) Any response deemed inappropriate by the Elections chair, including negative comments made towards other candidates, shall be subject to a penalty determined by the Elections chair. Penalties may range from a warning to disqualification from the election of the office in which the debate is taking place.
3. At the conclusion of the debate all candidates for the position under consideration shall be required to leave the room. Each candidate may then have two (2) persons, present at elections, speak on their behalf. Each person shall be given 30 seconds to speak. Any persons addressing the Council may not speak negatively about any candidate, subject to penalties determined by the Elections chair.
 4. Each candidate shall be allowed to create a flyer which must adhere to the following rules:
 - a) Copied, in black and white, on plain white paper
 - b) Size must be exactly 8.5" x 11"
 - c) Weight must be exactly 20lb paper
 - d) Restricted to one side
 - e) If a candidate is petitioning for more than one office, he/she may make a flyer for each position
 - f) Flyers shall be submitted electronically to the Elections chair no later than two (2) weeks prior to elections. Flyers must be submitted in PDF format. Flyers will be posted on the Engineering Council website in alphabetical order according to office.
 - g) Each candidate shall make his/her own copies of the flyers and submit them to the Elections chair prior to the start of elections. Flyers will be distributed individually for each office. It shall be incumbent upon the candidate to make enough flyers for the entire Council.
 5. The only materials to be handed out during the elections process include: flyers, candidate information packet, and ballots. No additional items or materials may be handed out by the candidate or on behalf of the candidate.
 6. Questions to candidates, other than those defined in the debate rules, and discussion are not permitted during elections.
 7. The Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for tallying election votes. If either of these officers is running for an office, the Elections Chair shall appoint other officers, not running for office, to tally the votes.
 8. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the presiding officer (the Elections Chair) shall cast the deciding vote by secret ballot.

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Amendment to Motion 2006.12.6.1

Written By: Patrick R. Sykes

Amend Bylaw 706 to read:

1. If a petitioner is unopposed or opposed only by other absentee candidates, his or her petition shall be submitted to the general body for approval during elections.
2. (no changes)
3. If all candidates for an office are absent, there shall be a period of discussion on candidates of length determined by the elections chair.

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Motion 2006.12.6.2

Title: Corporate Director Transition

Written By: Justin R. Lewis

Whereas, there is no explicit time schedule for transition from Expo Director to Corporate Director

Whereas, previous conflicts have arisen on transition from Expo Director to Corporate Director

Therefore Be It Resolved that, Bylaw 203.10. shall be appended to read as follows:

The transition from Expo Director to the new Corporate Director shall occur no later than 4 weeks after the last day of the Fall Engineering Employment Expo. Transition shall be defined as changing the RSO registration, the Expo Core Committee e-mail distribution list, and all other relevant matters pertaining to the Engineering Employment Expo to reflect the change to the new committee.