

**AIChE CONSTITUTION**  
**As Amended on December 15, 2016**

**Article I—Name**

The name of this corporation is AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS, and its abbreviated title is AIChE.

**Article II—Objectives**

The objectives of the Institute are (1) to advance chemical engineering in theory and in practice, (2) to maintain a high professional standard among its members, and (3) to serve society, particularly where chemical engineering can contribute to the public interest.

**Article III—Definition of the Profession**

Chemical engineering is the profession in which knowledge of mathematics, chemistry, and other natural sciences gained by study, experience, and practice is applied with judgment to develop economic ways of using materials and energy for the benefit of mankind.

**Article IV—Membership**

**Section 1.**— The membership of the Institute shall consist of FELLOWS, SENIOR MEMBERS, MEMBERS, and STUDENT MEMBERS. A candidate for any grade of membership shall be engaged in an activity and possess scientific knowledge or practical experience which qualify the candidate to cooperate with engineers in the advancement of chemical engineering knowledge and practice. Only FELLOWS, SENIOR MEMBERS and MEMBERS shall have the privilege of holding office, of voting for officers and directors, and of voting on amendments to this Constitution.

**Section 2.**— Eligibility for membership grades of Senior Member and Fellow are provided in the AIChE Bylaws. Election to Fellow shall be by vote of the Board of 4Se)b B8(o)y1(e) e]TJ xpulaiSe)c]TJ ) B8(o)y1(e) e]TJ xt

**Section 5.**— Any member may be suspended for a time, or expelled, by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Board, if, in the opinion of the Board, the member is guilty of professional misconduct, or of abuse or misuse of the privileges of Institute membership, or of action prejudicial to the best interests of the Institute or profession. All charges against a member shall be prepared and filed in writing with the Office of the Secretary for submission to the Board of Directors.

**Section 6.**— Anyone whose membership has been terminated may at any time apply for membership, and such application shall be presented and treated like other applications for membership, provided all sums owed to the Institute by such applicant be first paid in full.

## **Article V —Officers and Directors**

**Section 1.**— The officers of the Institute shall be the PRESIDENT, the PRESIDENT-ELECT, the PAST PRESIDENT, the SECRETARY, and the TREASURER. The directors of the Institute shall be the 5 officers and the 12 elected directors, who together shall constitute the Board of Directors. The duties of the officers and directors shall be those usually pertaining to their offices.

(a) The PRESIDENT-ELECT shall succeed to the presidency and serve as PRESIDENT for a term of one year beginning January 1 following the annual election. If prior to the preparation of the official ballots for the annual election, the office of PRESIDENT-ELECT is not occupied by someone duly elected by the membership, or if the PRESIDENT-ELECT is not elected, the PRESIDENT-ELECT shall be elected by the membership.

as TREASURER. An elected TREASURER who has been elected to an unexpired term as provided in Section 3 shall be eligible for re-election to no more than two

**Section 4.**—In the event of vacancy in the office of Executive Director, the Executive Committee shall appoint an Acting Executive Director to serve until such time as the Board of Directors has filled the Office of Executive Director.

**Section 5.**—A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. Meetings may be held by teleconference, videoconference or other electronic means, and votes may be cast either in person, by mail, or by electronic means.

**Section 6.**—The Board of Directors shall prepare and adopt a set of Bylaws in conformity with the Constituti

**Section 3.**—Amendments proposed by petition shall be considered at the next two regular meetings of the Board of Directors following receipt of the petition.

**Section 4.**—Any proposed amendment, whether by resolution of the Board of Directors or by petition, shall, after due consideration by the Board, be offered for discussion at a general meeting of the Institute.

**Section 5.**—Adoption of the proposed amendment or amendments shall be by ballot of the voting members, as provided in the following paragraphs (a through d).

(a) Within 30 days after such discussion, the Office of the Secretary shall send to each Fellow, Senior Member, and 4-year Member a copy of the amendment or amendments proposed for adoption, with a ballot, together with a copy of any recommendations the Board of Directors may wish to make.

(b) All votes to be counted shall be returned to the Office of the Secretary and be received before a date specified on the ballot. This date shall not be less than 60 days or more than 70 days after the date the ballots are sent to the voting members.

(c) The count of votes shall be verified by two tellers appointed by the Board of Directors and the results reported to the Board at its next meeting.

(d) If two-thirds (2/3) of all votes received are in favor of the proposed amendment or amendments, they shall forthwith become a part of the Constitution. If the total positive votes are less than two-thirds (2/3) of all votes received, the proposed amendment or amendments may, on recommendation of the Board of Directors, be resubmitted to the voting members.

**Section 6.**— Without changing their import, the Board of Directors may re-number the various articles and sections of the Constitution.