

BYLAWS OF THE
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY SIGMA XI CHAPTER
Amended November 6, 2007

ARTICLE I — NAME AND PURPOSE

1. This organization shall be known as the Northern Michigan University Sigma Xi Chapter
2. The object of this Chapter shall be to encourage original investigation in the pure and applied sciences.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership of this Chapter shall be the Members and Associate Members of the Society of the Sigma Xi who are active in the Scientific Community of the Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This includes those active in biological, physical, and social sciences, and those active in engineering or mathematics.

ARTICLE III — ORGANIZATION

1. The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a President-Elect, Past-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
2. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IV — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The duties of the officers shall be those described in the Sigma Xi “Officer’s Toolkit” (available from the Sigma Xi website or from the Chapter Secretary) and such duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
2. The President shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall appoint other committees.
3. The President shall be responsible for arrangements for meetings, for entertainment of visiting speakers, and for publicity.
4. The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Chapter and shall have full power to conduct, manage, and direct the business and affairs of the Chapter in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and the Chapter.

ARTICLE V — ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The officers shall serve for terms of one year.
2. Immediately upon election the newly elected officers will take office.
3. A slate of officers including a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer shall be nominated following the procedure given below. The current President-Elect will normally become President. The current President who served the previous year shall serve as Past President.
4. Interim vacancies in the elective offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee, except that the President-Elect shall assume the office of President in the event or a vacancy in that office.
5. The nomination and election of Chapter Officers shall be in accordance with the following schedule:
 - (a) at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting of the Chapter, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of three members, one of whom must not be a member or the current Executive Committee.
 - (b) at the Annual Meeting the President will present the slate of nominees. The President-Elect shall become President unless unwilling or unable to serve. Further nominations for open offices may be accepted from the floor.
 - (c) each officer shall be elected by a simple majority of the active members present. Associate members and full members are eligible to vote in the election.

ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS

1. The Chapter will have at least one meeting during the academic year. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the Executive Committee or if requested by petition of twenty (20) per cent of active members to the Executive Committee. The time and place of the meeting will be decided by the Executive Committee, who will notify all active members of the Chapter.
2. For the business portion of the Chapter Meetings a quorum shall consist of twenty— five (25) per cent of the active Membership. Special assessments and amendments to the Bylaws shall be governed by Article VII, Section 2, and Article VIII, Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Bylaws. In the absence of a quorum, a business meeting shall adjourn to a later date.

3. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or at the request of two members of the respective Committees. In the absence or a quorum, which shall be three members, called meetings shall adjourn to a later date.

ARTICLE VII - DUES AND FEES

1. National Dues. The annual national dues of the Society are based on the fiscal year (July 1 — June 30).
2. Local Dues. Local dues or assessments of the membership will be assessed for the fiscal year (July 1 — June 30) and may be changed as deemed necessary by a majority vote of the members present at the Chapter Meeting. Each active member shall be notified by mail or email of a proposed change in local dues, or assessments at least two weeks prior to the Chapter Meeting.
3. Default in Dues Payment. A Chapter member who defaults in dues payment for one or more years without prior notice or without a reason, such as sickness, or leave of absence, will be required to pay the dues assessment of the previous year in addition to the current year in order to be reinstated to active membership.

ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. The present Bylaws will have been approved following a favorable vote by seventy-five (75) per cent of the active members present at the Chapter Meeting, the agenda for which included adoption of the Bylaws.
2. A proposed amendment of those Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. If it is approved by the majority of the Executive Committee, the Secretary shall furnish copies of the proposed amendment to all members of the Chapter not less than 15 days in advance of the proposed voting date on same.
3. In the event that the Executive Committee does not approve the proposed amendment, it shall be submitted to the membership by the Secretary in the same manner, upon written petition of twenty (20) per cent of the entire membership.
4. To be adopted, an amendment must receive a favorable vote by seventy-five (75) per cent of the active members at the Chapter Meeting, the agenda for which includes adoption of the amendment