Bylaws of the Portland State University Civil Engineering Honor Society
Adopted April 20, 2006

Article I. Purpose and Objectives

Section 1.1 - We hereby name this organization the Portland State University Civil Engineering Honor Society.

Section 1.2 - We, students and faculty of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Portland State University, in the belief that distinction should be bestowed upon the undergraduate who has upheld the honor, integrity and scholastic achievement as determined by the department, and believing that a society with the broad principles of scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability would be an incentive to greater achievements in the civil engineering profession, do adopt these bylaws as a guiding instrument for this organization.

Section 1.3 - The objectives of the Portland State University Civil Engineering Honor Society shall be:

(a) to contribute to the improvement of the civil engineering profession as an instrument for the betterment of society and to assure future generations of continued service and quality from the profession of civil engineering.

(b) to identify those characteristics desirable in the civil engineer and to encourage all civil engineers to develop these characteristics.

(c) to support at any and all times any movement to advance the quality of engineering education; actively support; and to endeavor to aid the civil engineering department in bettering its services to the students, public, and industry.

Article II. Membership

Section 1.1 - To become a member of the Portland State University Civil Engineering Honor Society a student must be invited and accept membership.

Section 1.2 – Membership eligibility as described in Article II, Section 1.3 will be reviewed by the faculty advisor the Winter Quarter of each academic year and provided to chapter officers to invite new members.

Section 1.3 – Eligibility requirements for students are:

(a) Undergraduate Students. To be eligible for membership, an undergraduate must have completed at least one-half of the work required for their bachelor's degree and rank scholastically in the upper one-third of his or her class in a curriculum leading to a baccalaureate degree in civil engineering. Junior and seniors are considered separately. This requirement is the only scholastic criterion for membership. The candidate must also satisfy the additional requirements of possessing broad principles of scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability.

(b) Graduate Students. To be eligible for membership, a graduate student must have shown outstanding ability and have completed the equivalency of one-half of one academic year in the graduate program. The student must be nominated by a faculty member of Portland State University and approved by elected officers of the Portland State University Civil Engineering Honor Society. A graduate student who was initiated as an undergraduate may continue as an active member of the chapter if continuing their education at Portland State.

Article III. Governance

Section 1.1 - The chapter officers shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and a Faculty Advisor.

Section 1.2 - The chapter officers shall be elected (after nomination and acceptance) by a majority vote at a general meeting called for that purpose in the Spring Quarter. Officers serve one year appointments.

Article IV. Amendments to Bylaws

Section 1.1 - These Bylaws may be amended at any time by a favorable vote of the majority of the members present at a general meeting.