

EASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Introduction

The Eastern Oklahoma State College Alumni Association is organized for charitable non-profit purposes. The Eastern Oklahoma State College Alumni Association will promote, aid, develop, and advance the prosperity and welfare of Eastern Oklahoma State College.

Article I–Name

This organization shall be known as the Eastern Oklahoma State College Alumni Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”).

Article II–Purpose

Section 1.

The Association has the following purposes:

1. to serve as the center for organizing the alumni into a cohesive force so they can demonstrate their interest in the College and have input into its on-going programs;
2. to serve as a catalyst to keep alumni in touch with the College and former students;
3. to encourage and promote appropriate personal and corporate financial support for Eastern Alumni initiatives;
4. to provide professional growth for students by utilizing the alumni as a valuable resource;
5. to provide a forum for the regular exchange of information and ideas among the Association membership in order to help implement and enhance the educational concept of Eastern through cooperation, coordination, planning, and development.

Article III–Membership

Section 1.

The Association recognizes four types of memberships: (1) Active, (2) Associate, (3) Honorary, and (4) Business Sponsors. Members of all types may vote and serve on committees. Only Active Members may serve as officers or directors.

Section 2.

The School was founded in Wilburton in 1908. All former students (whether or not they graduated) of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, Eastern Oklahoma College, Eastern Oklahoma A&M College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, or other designated titles of the College shall be considered alumni and eligible to become Active Members of this Association.



Section 3.

Associate Members shall include faculty and staff members who are not current or former students of Eastern Oklahoma State College or any other persons who demonstrate genuine interest in the welfare of the College and the Association. Such persons may become Associate members by paying the annual or lifetime membership dues stated in Section 5 below.

Section 4.

Business sponsors shall become annual members of the alumni association at one of four levels:

Platinum \$5,000+

Gold \$1,000

Silver \$500

Bronze \$100

Business sponsors will not have voting privileges, but may attend social functions of the Alumni Association

Section 5.

Annual memberships in the Association shall be 12 months from the date of the payment of membership dues. Dues shall be \$25.00 per person on an annual basis or \$200.00 for a lifetime membership. Lifetime membership may be paid out in a 12-month period.

Section 6.

Recent graduates shall receive two free years of membership in the Association. Membership period shall be effective from the date of graduation

Article IV–Meetings

Section 1.

A minimum of four annual Board of Directors' meetings shall be held at the designated time, date, and location as set forth by the Board of Directors. A meeting shall be held the second Saturday of the following months: January, April, July, and October.

Section 2.

An Annual Membership Meeting shall be held on Homecoming Day.

Section 3.

Special Board of Directors' meetings may be called by the President of the Association for consideration of matters pertaining to the College or the Association.



Article V–Quorum

Section 1.

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of said Board.

Section 2.

A quorum for a Membership Meeting shall be 15 members.

Article VI–Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Association shall be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The officers shall be chosen by nomination and election at the annual membership meeting. Any at large member of the Board is eligible for election as an officer.

Section 2.

The term of office of the above mentioned elected officers shall be one year in length. Officers may serve a second term if nominated and elected thereto. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 3.

Vacancies in any elected officer position shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Association subject to confirmation by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Article VII–Board of Directors

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

1. Twelve members–at–large. Each will be elected for a three–year term.
2. If his/her Board term has expired, the immediate Past President will serve as an ex–officio voting member of the Board of Directors.
3. The President of the College shall be an ex–officio, non–voting member of the Board of Directors.
4. The Director of the Alumni Association shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board. The Director shall work with the Board and its leadership and provide administrative support and assistance to the Association. The Director shall serve as a liaison between the Board and the School.

Section 2.

Vacancies in any Board of Directors’ position shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Association subject to confirmation by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors. The appointment will be for the duration of the unexpired term of the vacant office.



Section 3.

All board members shall be subject to removal for just cause at any time by affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors as constituted. Three consecutive absences, without justification, to be considered just cause.

Section 4.

Policy making authority of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 5.

Business of the Board of Directors between regularly-scheduled meetings may be conducted by mail, e-mail, teleconferencing, and/or electronic conferencing at the discretion of the President of the Board. For adoption, action by mail, e-mail, teleconferencing, and/or electronic conferencing shall require two-thirds vote of the members eligible to vote, and shall be recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting.

Article VIII-Elections

Section 1.

At the October Board Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall recommend a candidate for each position to be filled. These names shall be presented to the entire membership at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 2.

Other nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 3.

All voting shall take place at the Annual Membership Meeting. No provisions shall be made for absentee ballots.

Section 4.

Winners shall be determined by a majority vote. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be determined by the flip of a coin.

Section 5.

Winners shall be notified and will take office immediately.

Article IX-Committees

Section 1.

Standing Committees of the Association are permanent committees and are listed below. The President may form additional ad hoc committees as required. The President shall appoint the members of all committees and may appoint no more than two Association members to each committee. The President of the Board shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.



Section 2.

Awards Committee—The Awards Committee is chaired by the 1st Vice President and consists of the Chairperson plus three Directors. This committee is responsible for the Association’s awards to include nominations for the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni.

Section 3.

Membership and Nominating Committee—The Membership and Nominating Committee is chaired by the 2nd Vice president and consists of the Chairperson plus three Directors. This committee is responsible for efforts to attract new members, retain current members, and submitting nominations for board members and the annual election.

Section 4.

Special Events & Projects Committee—The Special Events & Projects Committee is chaired by the President and consists of the Chairperson plus three Directors. This Committee is responsible for all special events conducted by the Association with particular emphasis on Homecoming activities and is responsible for all campus projects approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.

Finance Committee—The Finance Committee is chaired by the Secretary/Treasurer and consists of the Chairperson plus three Directors. This Committee is responsible for all financial and revenue gathering matters of the Association.

Article X–Ratification

The originating bylaws were implemented and took effect upon approval thereof by majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association and the issuance of a charter originally issued November 1987 and replaced May 14, 2007, by the Secretary of the State of Oklahoma acknowledging incorporated status for the Eastern Alumni Association, Inc.

Article XI–Amendments

Unless otherwise required by law, these bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, and after a proposed amendment is reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Adopted November 5, 1988
Amended November 3, 2006
Amended February 10, 2007
Amended November 2, 2007
Amended July 25, 2008
Amended November 7, 2008
Amended April 4, 2009
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