

# **National Society of Black Engineers**

## **Region VI By-Laws**

Revised May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY**

The National Society of Black Engineers Region VI By-Laws describes the manner in which the Region shall be governed and structured. Region VI and these Regional By-Laws shall comply, and be consistent with, the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

### **PREAMBLE**

The National Society of Black Engineers, as a national student and professional based organization, does hereby dedicate itself to the development of intensive programs for increasing Black participation in the fields of engineering, engineering technology, and the physical sciences. These programs will be initiated both within and outside the university community and will serve to strengthen relations between professional industry and the black community. Members of this organization are encouraged to join and participate in their individual professional societies. This organization will endeavor to provide general counseling to all members.

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the governing body shall be the Region VI Executive Board of the National Society of Black Engineers.

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE**

The Region VI Executive Board shall serve as a liaison between the National Executive Board (NEB) and the local chapters, shall carry out the objectives of the National Society by acting as a governing body for regional networking, and shall strive to increase the participation and community awareness of Blacks in the fields of engineering and other technical fields.

### **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS**

The following officers shall be elected to the Region VI Executive Board: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs Chairperson, Standing Committee Chairpersons, Zone Chairpersons, and Alumni Extension Chairperson.

The Region VI Chair-Elect, with the approval of the elected officers, shall appoint the following officers to the REB: Chairperson Emeritus/Parliamentarian, Telecommunications Chairperson, Assistant Treasurer, Regional Leadership Chairperson and Conference Planning Chairpersons.

The Executive Officers of Region VI (REO) are defined as the following elected officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs Chairperson, and the Chairperson Emeritus/Parliamentarian.

There are four (4) Standing Committees of Region VI. They are: Membership, Academic Excellence, Pre-College Initiative (PCI), and Finance.

Zone Chairpersons will select and/or be appointed to an alternate position to serve as a liaison to one of the National Committees: Publications Chairperson, Public Relations Chairperson, Assistant Programs Chairperson, Assistant Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Chairperson and International Chairperson.

The Alumni Extension Chairperson will be elected by the Region 6 Alumni Extension House of Delegates as outlined in the Region VI Alumni Operating Guidelines.

#### **ARTICLE IV – REGIONAL BOARD ZONE STRUCTURE**

The Regional Board shall be divided into operating zones to facilitate discussion among the board as well as allow business to be handled more efficiently.

- A. The Administrative Zone, which consists of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs Chairperson, Chairperson Emeritus/Parliamentarian, Alumni Extension Chairperson and the Regional Advisory Board Chairperson. The Regional Chairperson shall coordinate the work of this zone.
- B. Membership Zone, which consists of the Membership Chairperson, Zone Chairpersons, International Chairperson and the Alumni Extension Chairperson. The Membership Chairperson will coordinate the work of this zone.
- C. Communications Zone, which consists of the Secretary, Telecommunications Chairperson, Public Relations Chairperson and Publications Chairperson. The Regional Secretary shall coordinate the work of this zone.
- D. Finance Zone, which consists of the Treasurer, Finance Chair, Assistant Treasurer, and Fall Regional Conference Chair. The Regional Treasurer shall coordinate the work of this zone.
- E. Programs Zone, which consists of the Programs Chairperson, Assistant Programs Chairperson, PCI Chairperson, Assistant PCI Chairperson, Academic Excellence Chair and Regional Leadership Chair. The Regional Programs Chairperson shall coordinate the work of the zone.

Each zone leader will be responsible for the following:

- 1. Regularly contacting each board member in the zone for updates
- 2. Reporting and relaying information to the Regional Chair
- 3. Participating in REO conference calls
- 4. Ensuring that all zone members are performing their assigned duties and provide them with the support to perform their job effectively

#### **ARTICLE V – REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY**

The Region shall be divided into five (5) geographic zones. Individual zones may be further sub-divided to facilitate interaction between neighboring chapters. The zones will be divided as follows:

- 1. Pacific Northwest Zone: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska
- 2. Northern California Zone: Northern & Central California (including Fresno & San Luis Obispo)
- 3. Southern California Zone: Southern California & Hawaii
- 4. Southwest Zone: Arizona, New Mexico & Nevada
- 5. Rocky Mountain Zone: Colorado, Utah & Wyoming

## ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### Section I - Duties of Elected Officers

The following officers shall be elected to the Region VI Executive Board and hold a vote in REB meetings. The Regional Chair when presiding over a meeting shall vote only in case of a tie.

#### A. Chairperson

- 1) Shall preside over all official meetings of the Region, except committee meetings.
- 2) Shall serve the Region as defined in the Constitution of the National Society.
- 3) Shall serve as a representative of the Region.
- 4) Shall appoint members to all Special Adhoc and vacant committees under the provisions of this document.
- 5) Shall submit names of candidates for appointed positions to be approved by the REB
- 6) Shall sign all minutes to official meetings.
- 7) Shall convene the R6 Advisory Board.

#### B. Vice Chairperson

- 1) Shall serve as internal affairs manager of the Regional Executive Board
- 2) Shall serve as Chairperson Pro-Temp to preside in the absence or inability of the Chairperson.
- 3) Shall oversee the activities of the Conference Planning Committees
- 4) Shall develop and finalize the Regional Executive Board meeting agenda
- 5) Shall oversee the activities of the Membership Zone
- 6) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### C. Secretary

- 1) Shall record the minutes of all regional conferences and meetings, and supply them to each chapter and the NEB.
- 2) Shall prepare the official minutes for the Chairperson's signature within fourteen (14) days of the meeting; all minutes signed after 14 days must also be signed by one Vice Chairperson, the Parliamentarian (Chairperson Emeritus), and the Secretary.
- 3) Shall require from the members of the REB, a record of their activities (transition report) with the Region.
- 4) Shall keep the official membership roster for the officers and members of the Region, to include the Advisory Board.
- 5) Shall oversee the activities of the Communications Zone.
- 6) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### D. Treasurer

- 1) Shall create and manage the Regional Budget in accordance with rules and policies established by the National Executive Board.
- 2) Shall submit all deposits of all funds to the National Finance Zone.
- 3) Shall oversee expenditures for the Region in a manner approved by the REB.
- 4) Shall oversee the Finance Zone of the Region.
- 5) Shall work in conjunction with the CPC regarding all financial matters of the conference
- 6) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### E. Programs Chairperson

- 1) Shall oversee the activities of the Programs Zone of the Region.
- 2) Shall administer National & Regional Programs.

- 3) Shall develop and implement innovative programs consistent with the National and Regional Directives and the Long Range Plan.
- 4) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### F. Finance Chairperson

- 1) Shall identify and contact regional funding sources.
- 2) Shall prepare and finalize solicitation packets for submission to corporations and foundations on behalf of NSBE Region VI.
- 3) Shall assist chapters in developing chapter solicitation and fund raising strategies.
- 4) Shall implement regional fund raisers.
- 5) Shall ensure that a regional resume book is published before the Spring Regional Conference.
- 6) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### G. Pre-College Initiative Chairperson

- 1) Shall assist Black pre-college students by assisting chapters to provide tutoring, counseling and other supportive services.
- 2) Shall coordinate and assist local chapters to charter NSBE Jr. chapters
- 3) Shall coordinate and oversee the annual camping conference(s).
- 4) Shall coordinate and oversee the PCI portion of the Regional Conferences.
- 5) Shall assist chapters in organizing a high school outreach day.
- 6) Shall assist Alumni Extension in organizing Try-Math-A-Lon (TMAL) program.
- 7) Shall in conjunction with National PCI Chair, develop a tracking system to monitor students through PCI program.
- 8) Shall evaluate on annual basis the effectiveness of the various PCI programs.
- 9) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### H. Academic Excellence Chairperson

- 1) Shall develop programs to enhance the academic achievements of members of the National Society.
- 2) Shall compile a listing of academic excellence programs of the chapters of Region Six, to share with the membership.
- 3) Shall organize or facilitate an Academic Excellence workshop at regional conferences.
- 4) Shall oversee the Academic Excellence programs within Region Six.
- 5) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### I. Membership Chairperson

- 1) Shall keep the REB and membership abreast of the charter status of all chapters within the Region
- 2) Shall establish and recruit chapters into the National Society
- 3) Shall distribute all membership and chartering material to university and college campuses as needed
- 4) Shall distribute and present recruitment techniques to chapters of the National Society
- 5) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson

#### J. Alumni Extension Chairperson

- 1) Shall serve as a representative of NSBE-AE to the R6 Executive Board.
- 2) Shall approve in advance, all official communications distributed in the name of NSBE Region Six Alumni Extension.
- 3) Shall make public statements representing NSBE Region Six Alumni Extension.
- 4) Shall compile a brief synopsis of yearly activities for the NSBE Region Six Annual Report.

- 5) Shall ensure NSBE Region Six Alumni Extension activities are consistent with these working rules, approved Alumni Interface Guidelines, Alumni Extension Operating Guidelines, and the NSBE Constitution.
- 6) Shall be a non-voting member of the R6 Executive Board.

#### K. Regional Zone Chairpersons

- 1) Shall serve as the liaison between chapters within their respective zone and the Regional Executive Board.
- 2) Shall facilitate effective chapter and zone level programming.
- 3) Shall maintain extensive communication with chapters within the zone.
- 4) Shall coordinate zone projects.
- 5) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### Section II - Duties of Appointed Officers:

The following officers shall be appointed to the Region VI Board after recommendation from the Chair and approval of the REB. Appointed positions shall have no vote in REB meetings.

#### A. Chairperson Emeritus/Parliamentarian

- 1) Shall serve as an advisor to the Region VI Chairperson.
- 2) Shall use established rules to help conduct regional meetings in an orderly manner.
- 3) Shall conduct the operations of regional meetings using standard procedures.
- 4) Shall appoint an Elections Committee to organize all regional elections.
- 5) Shall verify that all changes to these Working Rules are added and delivered to each chapter of the region, and members of the REB.
- 6) Shall assist the Chairperson/Chairperson Elect in the planning of the Regional Transition Meeting
- 7) Shall serve as a member of the RAB.
- 8) Shall serve as a non-voting member of the REB.

#### B. Telecommunications Chairperson

- 1) Shall develop and update the Region Six homepage on a periodic basis.
- 2) Shall develop and maintain regional electronic mailing lists (list servers: member, REB, REO, Zone, RAB, etc.).
- 3) Shall assist Publications Chairperson in distributing the Region Six newsletter.
- 4) Shall ensure that all R6 Chapter homepages are linked to the homepage of the National Society.
- 5) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### C. Assistant Treasurer

- 1) Shall assist Finance Chairperson in solicitation of corporations and foundations.
- 2) Shall assist CPC's in organizing registration process for conferences.
- 3) Shall perform other duties as assigned by Finance Zone Leader and Region Six Chairperson.

#### D. Regional Leadership Chairperson

- 1) Shall fulfill all of the duties of a conference planning chairperson as outlined in Article VI, Section II E
- 2) Shall develop and coordinate all regional leadership programs in conjunction with the Regional Programs Chairperson
- 3) Shall serve as a member of the National Leadership Institute Planning Committee.
- 4) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

#### E. Conference Planning Chairpersons

- 1) Shall serve as a member of the REB until conference duties have been fulfilled (submission of transition report).
- 2) Shall correspond with the World Headquarters staff and designated conference site Conference Planners.
- 3) Shall work in conjunction with the Finance Zone on all conference financial matters.
- 4) Shall provide periodic updates to REB on organizing activities related to upcoming conference.
- 5) Shall work in conjunction with the PCI Chairperson to coordinate the PCI Mini Conference activities
- 6) Shall work in conjunction with the Alumni Extension Conference Manager to coordinate the Professional Development Conference.
- 7) Shall shadow the Conference Planning Chairperson of the conference immediately preceding conference organizing.

#### Section III - Duties of Alternate Officers:

The five Zone Chairpersons or other appointee as named and approved the Regional Chairperson and board shall hold the following offices.

##### A. Publications Chairperson

- 1) Shall develop a mechanism for establishing and sustaining all regional information.
- 2) Shall publish an edition of a regional newsletter for each regional conference and at National Convention.
- 3) Shall submit periodic articles about Region Six activities to be published in the NSBE Magazine.
- 4) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

##### B. Public Relations Chairperson

- 1) Prepare and submit articles affecting the public image of NSBE to other publications.
- 2) Distribute brochures containing information about NSBE to NSBE chapters, other organizations, corporations, and general public.
- 3) Make official statements for the organization with the approval of the Regional Chair.
- 4) Research, document, and distribute college engineering and scholarship information to high school students through public relations materials.
- 5) Identify other black engineering student/professional organizations for the purpose of collaboration and/or support.
- 6) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

##### C. Regional Assistant Programs Chairperson

- 1) Act as an assistant to the programs zone during program planning and execution.
- 2) Coordinate regional community service activities including all TORCH activities.
- 3) Create/maintain a list of regional community service activities.
- 4) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

##### D. Regional Assistant Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Chairperson

- 1) Act as an assistant to the Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Chairperson during program planning and execution.
- 2) Shall maintain accurate record of the activities of active PCI chapters.
- 3) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

E. Regional International Chairperson

- 1) Coordinate applicable activities of the International Committee on the regional level.
- 2) Identify potential chapters to charter internationally.
- 3) Ensure that international chapters assigned to the region receive the information and materials they need in order to function properly.
- 4) Shall create programs that increase the global awareness of the membership.
- 5) Shall perform the duties as designated by the Chairperson.

Section IV - Shared Officer Duties

Each member of the Regional Executive Board:

- A. Shall complete a strategic plan containing goals and objectives within the designated time frame as set by the Regional Chairperson.
- B. Shall submit monthly reports to respective National Counterparts or other designee and Regional Zone Leader.
- C. Shall serve as a liaison between the REB and their respective chapter counterparts.
- D. Shall produce an official transition report at the close of the term of office.

**ARTICLE VII - TERMINATION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Section I – Removal from Office

Any board member or member of the Advisory Board of Region VI may be removed for a lapse in duties by the affirmative vote of:

- A. No less than two-thirds of the voting delegates; or
- B. All remaining voting officers on the Executive Board of Region VI, not including the officer up for removal.
- C. Prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, all newly elected voting officers on the Executive Board of Region VI, not including the officer up for removal.

Section II – Vacant positions

- A. In the event an officer resigns or is removed, the Chair shall initiate the appointment process to fill the vacancy.
- B. In the event the position of Regional Chairperson becomes vacant due to resignation or removal, the Chairperson Pro-Temp shall assume the position of Chairperson. The Regional Vice Chairperson shall serve as the Chairperson Pro-Temp.

**ARTICLE VIII - ADHOC COMMITTEES**

Region VI reserves the right to add committees at the discretion of the Regional Chairperson and the voting members of the Region VI Executive Board.

## ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

### A. Quorum

1. A quorum for all transactions of business at REB meetings shall be no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the Regional Executive Board.
2. A quorum for all transactions of business at Regional meetings shall be no less than one-third (1/3) of the voting chapters of Region VI.

### B. General

All business meetings of the REB shall be open to the membership and the minutes shall be made available for chapters upon request.

## ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

### Section I - General

- A. A society member shall seek election to a regional position by filing a declaration of intent by a date specified in the Elections timetable.
- B. The Parliamentarian shall approve a declaration of intent upon verification that all requirements for placement on the ballot have been met. These requirements include, but need not be limited to, all requirements as specified in the National and Region VI by-laws.
- C. No candidate shall be elected to office unless an approved declaration of intent is on file with the Parliamentarian.
- D. No candidate shall run for more than one position on the Regional Executive Board in a given election.

### Section II - Candidate Qualifications

Each candidate shall have met the following qualifications in order to be placed on the ballot for Regional positions.

- A. Each candidate shall submit a letter from the Registrar or appropriate university official which states that he/she is registered as a full-time student and the degree program for which the student is enrolled.
- B. Each candidate shall submit a letter from the Registrar or appropriate university official which states that he/she is a student in good academic standing with the university.
- C. Each candidate must state his/her expected graduation date. If the candidate expects to graduate before September 15, he/she is not eligible to run for office unless he/she will be enrolled in graduate school full-time for the elected term of office.
- D. If the candidate expects to graduate before September 15, but has a letter of acceptance for enrollment in a graduate school full-time by January 1, he/she shall be eligible to run.
- E. Candidates must be members in good standing.
- F. Candidates must have at least a junior class standing for the elected term and must meet all the above requirements to be eligible for the office of Region VI Chairperson.

- G. Candidates who are currently co-op students must meet all of the above requirements.
- H. The declaration of intent and the official letter from the Registrar or appropriate university official must be received by the Regional Parliamentarian by the second day of the National Convention.
- I. Candidates for the Zone Chairperson positions must attend a college/university in that Zone unless otherwise approved by majority vote of the Regional Executive Board.

### Section III - Voting

#### A. Voting Qualifications

- 1. Each registered chapter in the Region will be allowed to cast two votes.
- 2. Each chapter shall have two delegates who are appointed by the respective chapter prior to elections.

#### B. Absentee ballots shall not be allowed.

#### C. Counting of votes

- 1. The Regional Parliamentarian and two members of the RAB shall oversee the counting of the ballots immediately following the voting procedure.
- 2. Elections shall take place at the National Convention. Any remaining vacancies of the elected officers shall be appointed by the Chair-Elect with approval of the REB-elect.

### Section IV - Election Results

- A. The winner of each office shall be the person who received the plurality of the votes cast for the office.
- B. In the event of a tie, the current REB shall select the winner by majority vote of elected officers.
- C. The results shall only be announced at the final Regional meeting at National Convention or at another time approved by the REB. At this time, the newly elected REB will be given the oath of office by the current Parliamentarian or an appointee.

### Section V – Elections Committee

- A. The elections committee shall be formed consisting of the Regional Parliamentarian, two members of the RAB and one additional member of the National Elections Committee or Regional Executive Board. The Regional Parliamentarian shall appoint the members of this committee and present these members for approval to the Regional Executive Board by the close of FRC. The Regional Parliamentarian shall chair this committee.

## **ARTICLE XI - REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD**

The Regional Advisory Board shall offer assistance on the chapter level where needed, give advice to Regional officers in carrying out the duties of their offices, help in making policy decisions, and ensure continuity from year to year within the Region.

### Section I - Selection

- A. Individuals interested in serving on the RAB or who have been nominated to serve must send a letter and background information indicating the intent to the Chairperson of the RAB.
- B. Each applicant will be interviewed at a meeting approved by the RAB. The RAB Chairperson shall notify interested parties a least one month prior to the meeting as to the time and location of the interview and will provide a copy of any National and Regional applicable official documents.
- C. The Advisory Board interviews will be conducted by an RAB subcommittee. Recommendations from the RAB subcommittee shall be made to the REB. Candidate recommendations will be considered and will be put to a vote. All applicants will be informed by written notification within two weeks as to the outcome of their application.
- D. New advisors shall take office immediately after receiving notification of acceptance to the RAB.
- E. In the event an Advisory Board Member resigns, a new applicant shall be recommended and the selection process shall begin.

#### Section II - Qualifications

- A. The REB shall actively recruit Advisory Board Members with the following backgrounds: Technical Fields, Industry College Relations, Academia, and Professional Areas.
- B. Advisory Board members shall be selected and regarded by their qualifications as individuals and not by the firm he/she may represent.

#### Section III - Duties

- A. Advisory Board Members shall attend the following events to meet as a Board in addition with the REB: Summer REB meeting; Regional Leadership Conference; Fall Conference; Spring Conference; and the National Convention. Failure to attend at least two of the four meeting dates will lead to review of the RAB member's status by the RAB and REB.
- B. Each advisor shall be assigned to work with the REB on a least one zone as well as work with designated Region VI chapter advisors.
- C. RAB members may be assigned to specific committees and/or advisory roles for REB positions.

#### Section IV - Structure

The election of a formal advisory board shall be optional to the RAB. However, the following positions will be provided for within these working rules:

- A. The RAB Chair shall have been a member of the RAB for a period of one year prior to appointment by the RAB. The length of term shall be two (2) years. Upon expiration of the RAB Chairperson's term, the RAB Chairperson may be appointed to successive terms on the RAB by a majority vote of both the RAB and REB.
- B. The Region Six Chairperson Emeritus shall be a member of the RAB and offer assistance where needed. This individual's primary responsibility will be to offer advice to the Regional Chairperson. They will also provide suggestions for improved relations and interaction for REB and Advisors within the region.
- C. The previous year's Region Six Alumni Extension Chairperson shall be a member of the RAB for one year, and offer assistance where needed. This individual's primary responsibility will be to offer advice to the Region Six Alumni Extension.

## Section V – Ex Officio Advisory Board Member

- A. An ex officio member of the RAB is defined as:
  - 1. A member that has served their term on the Advisory Board, does not desire to be an active member, but wishes to remain in touch with regional activities or
  - 2. Is an executive of a company or in an academic institution located within Region Six or
  - 3. Is an Advisor to a Region Six chapter hosting an upcoming Fall Regional Conference, Spring Regional Conference, Regional Leadership Conference, or Camping Conference
- B. Upon appointment, they shall become an ex officio member of the RAB whereby the RAB Chairperson continues to keep the former active member, representative, Chapter Advisor updated on regional events and meetings.
- C. Ex Officio members have no voting privileges.
- D. Term length of an ex officio member shall be two (2) years. An ex officio member may choose to end regional participation at any time and only need notify the RAB Chairperson and Region Six Chairperson of their decision. The term length for an appointed Chapter Advisor will be until the conclusion of the regional event hosted by their respective chapter.
- E. An ex officio member of the RAB can be renewed by appointment of the RAB, with the advice and consent of the REB.

## Section VI - General

- A. The length of term for each new advisor shall be four (4) years. Upon expiration of an advisor's term, at the request of the RAB and REB, the advisor may be appointed to successive terms on the RAB by a majority vote of the REB.
- B. Advisory Board members may resign their position by submitting a written intent or notice to resign to the RAB Chairperson.
- C. Registration for RAB members shall be waived at all Regional Conferences.
- D. Regional Advisors shall neither participate in nor make use of NSBE activities in a manner affecting NSBE in an unauthorized way.

## **ARTICLE XII – REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

- A. There shall be at least one Leadership and two Regional Conferences prior to the National Convention. (The National Convention may count as a Regional Conference for the purpose of this document).
- B. The Fall (FRC) and Spring (SRC) Regional Conferences shall rotate from the Northern Sector to the Southern sector, unless otherwise approved by 2/3 vote by the registered chapters present at a regional conference.
- C. To encourage participation of freshmen: One freshman per chapter shall be exempt from the Regional Conference registration fee.

### **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENT PROCESS**

- A. The By-Laws of Region VI may be amended by any chapter or REB member by submitting said change in written form to the Regional Secretary and Parliamentarian four weeks prior to any Regional activity including the RLC, Fall Conference, Spring Conference, and the National Convention.
- B. The Regional Secretary or Parliamentarian shall submit all proposed changes to the REB for approval.
- C. A change to the by-laws shall be made by the affirmative vote of:  
2/3 vote of the chapter senators in good standing and in attendance at a Regional activity
- D. Upon changing regional bylaws, an updated copy of the bylaws must be sent to the National Parliamentarian for placement in national archives.

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