

Electronic Gaming Society *international*

Official Chapter Bylaws

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Article I.

'Names and References'

Section 1. This organization is a subsidiary of Electronic Gaming Society *international* which shall hereinafter be referred to as *the parent organization*.

Section 2. This organization, provided an Official Charter of Operation is issued, is a recognized and registered *chapter* of Electronic Gaming Society *international* and shall hereinafter be referred to as *the chapter*.

Section 3. The institution granting official permission of operation to the chapter, and legitimately recognizing the Official Charter of Operation as issued by the parent organization shall hereinafter be referred to as *the hosting institution*.

Section 4. Upon issuance of the Official Charter of Operation Document, the parent organization shall also issue an Official Chapter Webpage, hereinafter referred to as *the webpage*, under the parent organizations official website at URL <http://www.egsi.org>, hereinafter referred to as *egsi.org*.

Article II.

'Membership'

Section 1. (a.) The chapter retains the right to grant membership to any person found eligible as demonstrated by the conditions mentioned in Sections 2 and 3 of this Article.

(b.) In order to be considered an official registered chapter member, an Official Chapter Membership Contract must be signed, notarized, and received by the parent organizations Dept of Chapter Operations.

Section 2. All members must be a matriculated student at the hosting institution where the chapter resides.

Section 3. All members must currently possess and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of two point five (2.5) of a four-point system, or place within the seventy-fifth academic percentile of a hundred-point ratio system.

Article III. *'Affiliate Membership'*

Section 1. (a.) Any regular member of Electronic Gaming Society International may affiliate themselves with any chapter by signing an Affiliate Membership Contract. **(b.)** Affiliate members are not considered registered chapter members.

Section 2. (a.) Affiliate members do not retain the right to vote on any official chapter business or hold elected office. **(b.)** Affiliate members may be appointed to temporary positions of authority at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Affiliate members may participate in any chapter activities, events, or meetings where the general public is welcome.

Section 4. Affiliate members may also participate in any chapter projects at the discretion of the elected officer supervising the project.

Section 5. Affiliate members do not retain chapter membership privileges, are exempt from membership attendance and participation requirements, and are not affected by membership status.

Section 6. Affiliate members are not required to be matriculated at the institution hosting the chapter they are affiliate with, nor are required to maintain any minimum cumulative grade point average if matriculated at another institution.

Section 7. Affiliate members may be granted access to 'chapter member only' areas of *egsi.org*, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 8. (a.) All alumni of the hosting institution who maintained active membership with the chapter at the time of academic convocation shall be considered alumni of the chapter. (b.) Chapter Alumni shall automatically be considered affiliate members of the chapter.

Article IV. *'Membership Status'*

Section 1. Failure to meet or uphold any or all guidelines and responsibilities as defined in the Official Chapter Constitution, Bylaws, or Chapter Membership Contract may result in change in member status, and or refusal or termination of member eligibility.

Section 2. (a.) A member's status shall be defined as *good*, *poor*, or *null*. (b.) *Good* status is initially granted to new members and retained when a member abides by all terms and conditions detailed in the Official Chapter Constitution, Bylaws, and Chapter Membership Contract as well as all rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by the hosting institution. (c.) *Poor* status is issued by the Executive Committee on grounds that any rule, regulation, or guideline of the chapter, the hosting institution, or community at large has been compromised. (d.) *Null* status is issued by the executive committee by fact of self deactivation of member status, leave of absence due to academic or professional reasons, or termination of eligibility.

Section 3. (a.) Termination of enrollment at the hosting institution shall also result in termination of member status. (b.) Academic suspension shall result in a change of member status to *null*.

Section 4. (a.) Failure to maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average may result in a change in member status to *poor*, and or refusal or termination of chapter membership. (b.) Any member who fails to meet the minimum cumulative grade point average will however reserve the right to participate as an affiliate member, until their cumulative grade point average is above the minimum requirement.

Section 5. Failure to meet any participation or attendance requirement shall result in an issued status of *poor*.

Section 6. Any member who leaves the area due to academic coop, internship or approved academic leave of absence shall be issued a status of *null*.

Article V. **'Member Privileges'**

Section 1. All members may attend and participate in any chapter events, activities, projects, or meetings.

Section 2. (a.) All members retain the right to vote on any official chapter business, so long as they maintain at minimum *poor* status. **(b.)** A member in *null* status may not vote.

Section 3. (a.) Official chapter members maintaining *good* status shall receive discounted entry to all chapter events when applicable. **(b.)** Official chapter members maintaining *good* status are also entitled to discounts and registration priorities for all Official Electronic Gaming Society *international* events, conferences and tournaments.

Section 4. (a.) Official chapter members maintaining *good* status are entitled to 'check out' chapter owned equipment for the allotted time as set by the Resource Manager. **(b.)** Members checking out chapter equipment are held financially responsible its proper return; equipment must be returned in satisfactory working condition, and in the same reasonable state as when it was checked out. **(c.)** Failure of any member to remit the cost of any repairs, damages, or replacements necessary for equipment checked out in their name, will be issued a status of *poor* until the due amount is paid in full, and may be pursued with legal action as the case may be.

Section 5. (a.) All members retain the right to wear the official chapter insignia. **(b.)** Any member caught breaking any institute, federal, state, or local rule, regulation, or law while wearing the official chapter insignia, will at minimum be issued a status of *poor*, and may be subject to a hearing of the Executive Committee resulting in *null*

status, termination of membership, and or legal action as the case may be.

Section 6. (a.) Members with a current status of poor will not be eligible to receive chapter discounts. **(b.)** Members with a status of poor may not utilize accumulated points. **(c.)** Members with a status of poor may however accumulate new points. **(d.)** Members with a status of poor may be denied credits, awards, or gifts on the grounds of their status, but at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. (a.) Members with a current status of null will not receive discounts or registration priority at or to events. **(b.)** Member with a status of null will not be authorized to redeem accumulated points. **(c.)** Members with a status of null will not be eligible for any credits, awards, or gifts.

Section 8. (a.) All members will be issued an account on egsi.org **(b.)** A website account issued to a chapter member will be universal to all areas of egsi.org, and allow full access to all membership areas. **(c.)** Chapter members shall always receive access to any and all services any non-chapter member receives. **(d.)** Chapter members are also guaranteed access to 'chapter member only' areas of egsi.org.

Section 9. All members will be issued a unique Chapter Member Identification (CMI); this number will provide validation of membership and status.

Article VI.

'Participation and Attendance'

Section 1. Members are required to attend at least two general meetings per academic quarter or semester.

Section 2. (a.) Members are required to serve at least twenty hours of chapter service per academic quarter or twenty-five hours per academic semester. **(b.)** Hours of service may be divided any way members see fit among the various activities the chapter engages in, so long as all attendance and participation requirements are met.

Section 3. (a.) Elected officers are required to attend 80% of all Executive Committee meetings per academic quarter or semester. **(b.)** Officers are required to attend at minimum 80% of all general meetings per academic quarter or semester. **(c.)** Officers chairing committees are required to call at minimum five regularly scheduled committee meetings per academic quarter or semester **(d.)** Officers chairing committees are required to attend 80% of all regularly scheduled committee meetings, failure to do so may result in a hearing by the Executive Committee for the discussion of removal from office. **(e.)** The Institute Representative must also attend a minimum of 80% of all required meetings per academic quarter or semester, as set by the hosting institution.

Section 4. (a.) Any hours of service above and beyond the required amount shall be recorded and exchanged at the current exchange rate, as set by the parent organization, for available 'points' on the members account to be used as members see fit. **(b.)** Points due to surplus hours will remain in a members account indefinitely until utilized in an approved manor. **(c.)** Points may not be used to satisfy the quarterly or semester requirements. **(d.)** Officers may accumulate points for any hours served above and beyond their required attendance. **(e.)** Officers recording hours of service must have the amount approved by another officer, either the President or the Vice-President.

Section 5. Social gatherings for the reason of gaming, are not considered valid hours of chapter service and shall not count toward the required hours of service per academic quarter or semester.

Section 6. (a.) All Members are required to choose and serve on one primary committee. **(b.)** All members are required to serve at minimum five hours per academic quarter or semester with their chosen primary committee. **(c.)** Members may serve on as many committees as they see fit, however all committee attendance requirements pertain to their primary committee. **(d.)** Members may change their chosen primary committee at any time. **(e.)** If a member changes their chosen primary committee hours of service already logged are transferable at the discretion of the officer of the new chosen committee.

Section 7. (a.) Any volunteer opportunities through the chapter may be considered satisfactory hours of service towards the requirement or accumulation of points, at the discretion of any elected officer, so long as served hours are documented and recorded. **(b.)** Any dispute in recognized hours of service will be heard by the executive committee and final decisions will be made by a vote of two-thirds of all officers present at the hearing.

Section 8. (a.) The executive committee reserves the right to credit any number of service hours, or award any number of points, to any member in special cases of volunteer activities or worthy contributions. **(b.)** All decisions concerning the amount of the special credits or awards are final and without appeal.

Section 9. (a.) Failure to serve the required amount of hours per academic quarter or semester shall result in reduction of status from good to poor. **(b.)** A member with poor status who fails to meet the requirements may be invited to a hearing of the executive committee, where possible termination of member eligibility will be discussed, and final decision voted upon. **(c.)** The member reserves the right to be absent from the hearing, conversely the member need not be present for the Executive committee to vote a decision. **(d.)** A decision of termination may be appealed.

Article VII.

'Dues'

Section 1. (a.) All members are responsible for the remittance of membership fees, hereinafter referred to as *dues*. **(b.)** All official chapters are responsible for the remittance of chapter dues.

Section 2. (a.) The current amount of both Chapter and member dues will be set by the parent organization and made publicly available on egsi.org. **(b.)** The parent organization is responsible for informing the chapter's President of the required dues. **(c.)** The amount of dues for each chapter will be issued during the month of April, and frozen until April 1st of the following year.

Section 3. (a.) Existing members have three weeks from the start of the academic quarter or semester to remit the required duty. (b.) New members must pay the new member fee at the time of or prior to signing the official new member contract.

Section 4. Failure or refusal to remit the required duty in a timely manor, shall at minimum result in an issued status of *poor*, and may also be grounds for refusal or termination of membership.

Article VIII. *'Allocations of Funds'*

Section 1. (a.) Each chapter, upon remittance in full of the required chapter dues, shall be issued its own Official Chapter Account, hereinafter referred to as *the chapter account*. (b.) Chapters are encouraged to obtain a separate operational account through the hosting institutions respective department responsible for supporting student organizations. (c.) Any money removed from either account is required to be recorded in a separate and independent fashion. (d.) If an operational account is obtained from the hosting institution, NO moneys are allowed to be transferred from it to the chapter account. (e.) The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining accurate records that reflect adherence to this stipulation. (f.) Failure to adhere to this stipulation is considered unlawful and subject to legal action as the case may be, by the hosting institution and or the parent organization.

Section 2. All Moneys collected via membership dues shall be collected by the parent organization and deposited in the chapter account.

Section 3. (a.) In order to abide by state, local, and national law and international trade agreements, it is expressly forbidden to purchase any proprietary equipment and any other products related to the usage of said proprietary equipment, with moneys collected specifically from membership dues. (b.) It is considered unlawful to charge any fee expressly to use such equipment. (c.) However, this organization reserves the right to charge admittance to any organized event, or sponsored area where such games and

systems are available for usage. **(d.)** This organization also reserves the right to charge fairly and justly for the services of organizing a tournament held on or with such equipment, but not as an access fee to the equipment.

Section 4. (a.) Proprietary equipment may only be donated to the chapter, purchased via moneys donated to the chapter, or paid for by and purchased within the rules and regulations of the hosting institution and the parent organization. **(b.)** Proprietary equipment used by chapter members on chapter property must be used in an area also open to non-members. **(c.)** The chapter retains the right to restrict the number of non-members allowed in said space at any given time, provided the ratio of non-members to members is greater than 1%.

Section 5. (a.) All moneys used for maintenance of chapter owned equipment shall be drawn from money donated from outside sources, donated by chapter members, raised by way of fundraisers or from moneys supplied by the hosting institution. **(b.)** No moneys shall be drawn from the membership dues for maintenance of any proprietary equipment. **(c.)** Moneys collected from membership dues may and shall be allocated to the purchasing of any other maintenance or materials needed for upkeep of chapter owned equipment and or chapter space, provided said equipment is not proprietary.

Section 6. Any other purchases may be made with any other moneys available.

Article IX.

'Officers'

Section 1. The **President** shall: **(a.)** call and chair all Executive Committee meetings, **(b.)** be generally responsible for chapter direction, **(c.)** Ensure adherence to the purpose and mission of the chapter, **(d.)** represent the chapter to the community at large, **(e.)** appoint temporary officers as necessary, **(f.)** review and sign any and all official chapter documents and contracts, **(g.)** delegate responsibility when necessary, **(h.)** report regularly to the appointed Chapter

Representative, (i.) report regularly to the chapter's Faculty Advisor (j.) train his or her successor.

Section 2. The **Vice-President** shall: (a.) be generally responsible for the oversight and supervision of all chapter activities, events, and projects, (b.) be responsible for representing the up-to-date status of the chapter body as a whole to the Executive Committee, (c.) assist any other officer with any administrative duties as required, (d.) report directly to the president, (e.) train his or her successor.

Section 3. The **Secretary** shall: (a.) tally and calculate the results of any vote that may be held, (b.) maintain up-to-date minutes of the general chapter and Executive Committee meetings, (c.) be responsible for finding another chapter member to take said minutes in lieu of his or her absence from a meeting, (d.) be responsible for enforcing member attendance to any chapter meetings or events, (e.) maintain an up to date list of chapter members and contact information, (f.) maintain record of current member status, (g.) be responsible for keeping records of and enforcing member attendance to any chapter activities, meetings, or events, (h.) handle all chapter correspondence, except for which is already defined as a Public Relations Committee responsibility, or otherwise defined by the Official Chapter Constitution or Bylaws, (i.) distribution of up-to-date copies of the chapter constitution and bylaws to new or current members, or any outside individuals as required, (j.) maintain and provide accurate records of any and all election results, and provide said information to the appropriate parties departments of both the hosting institution and the parent organization, (k.) be responsible for providing any chapter documents or records to the appropriate parties upon formal request of the hosting institution and or the parent organization, (l.) be responsible for up-to-date documents and records to be available on the webpage, (m.) report to the President and Vice President, (n.) train his or her successor.

Section 4. The **Treasurer** shall: (a.) be directly responsible and accountable for the chapter's monetary accounts and transactions, (b.) receive and pay all moneys as authorized

by the chapter, **(c.)** keep accurate, organized, and up-to-date financial records, and register such information with the parent organization on a regular basis, **(d.)** be prepared in the event of an audit, **(e.)** be prepared to report the financial status of the chapter at general chapter and or Executive Committee meetings, **(f.)** keep accurate records of and be responsible for the collection of membership dues, **(g.)** report directly to the Vice-President, **(h.)** train his or her successor.

Section 5. The **Resource Manager** shall: **(a.)** be responsible for all decisions concerning purchases of all chapter equipment, **(b.)** be responsible for decisions concerning any purchases pertaining to maintenance and upkeep of chapter-owned property and space, **(c.)** maintain accurate records of inventory of all chapter owned equipment and assets, **(d.)** be chiefly responsible for documented check out and check in of any chapter owned equipment, **(e.)** maintain accurate records of all traffic of chapter owned equipment, and hold those parties responsible for neglected, damaged, or stolen property while equipment is in circulation, **(f.)** maintain record of and notify both the party responsible and the Treasurer, of any loss or damages of chapter owned equipment, and any charges associated with those damages, **(g.)** report directly to the Vice-President, **(h.)** train his or her successor.

Section 6. The **Hardware Development Coordinator** shall: **(a.)** chair the Hardware Development Committee, **(b.)** oversee all hardware related chapter projects, **(c.)** appoint various project team leaders as necessary, **(d.)** maintain up-to-date and accurate records of any hardware related chapter projects and member participation on those projects, **(e.)** report the up-to-date status of any hardware related chapter projects to the Executive Committee members, **(f.)** be responsible for the up-to-date status of any hardware related chapter projects to be made available on the webpage, **(g.)** be responsible the proper teaching of any committee members in how to build, repair, or maintain any chapter equipment or property as needed, **(h.)** report directly to the Vice-President, **(i.)** train his or her successor.

Section 7. The **Software Development Coordinator** shall: (a.) chair the Software Development Committee, (b.) oversee all software related chapter projects, (c.) appoint various project team leaders as necessary, (d.) maintain up-to-date and accurate records of any software related chapter projects and member participation on those projects, (e.) report the up-to-date status of any software related chapter projects to the Executive Committee members, (f.) be responsible for the up-to-date status of any software related chapter projects to be made available on the webpage, (g.) be responsible the proper teaching of any committee members in use of necessary software as needed to maintain or participate in any chapter software related projects or assets, (h.) report directly to the Vice-President, (i.) appoint an assistant if need be, (j.) train his or her successor.

Section 8. The **Public Relations Coordinator** shall: (a.) Chair the Public Relations Committee, (b.) be responsible for the design and creation of any and all chapter advertisements, publications and copy, (c.) distribute any and all public relations materials, (d.) act as liaison between the chapter and the media, be it printed, web based, or broadcast, (e.) be responsible recruit of new members (f.) be generally responsible for the 'content' of the chapter webpage, (g.) appoint a webmaster as needed, who will be chiefly responsible for general maintenance and update of the chapter webpage, (h.) solicit donations in a responsible, professional, and lawful manner (i.) report directly to the Vice-President (j.) train his or her successor.

Section 9. The **Events Coordinator** shall: (a.) chair the Events Committee, (b.) organize and coordinate all chapter sponsored events through the Events Committee, (c.) be chiefly responsible for the registration of all chapter events, (d.) supervise, or appoint a committee member to supervise any chapter sponsored events, (e.) provide any and all necessary details of said events to the Public Relations committee in reasonable time prior to the date of any event, for the express purpose of preparation of any advertisements or publications pertaining to the event, (f.) properly inform and request, through the Resource Manager, any usage of

chapter owned equipment and property for use in any chapter sponsored events, (g.) be responsible for up-to-date descriptions and or reports of any up coming and or past events to be made available on the chapter webpage, (h.) report directly to the Vice-President, (i.) train his or her successor.

Section 10. The **Division Coordinator** shall: (a.) be responsible for coordinating the endeavors of all the various specific groups of interest, hereinafter referred to as sub-divisions, (b.) coordinate the scheduling of each of the specific groups intended meeting times and places, (c.) act as a representative of all of the sub-divisions to the Executive Committee, (d.) appoint a representative for each sub-division for the specific purpose of coordinating within the sub-division and representing the sub-divisions needs and opinions, (e.) report directly to the Vice-President (f.) train his or her successor.

Section 11. The **Institute Representative** shall: (a.) be the chief liaison between the institute and the chapter, (b.) attend any required institute meetings and acceptably represent the chapter at those meetings, (c.) appoint an alternate member to attend any institute meetings on their behalf in lieu of his or her inability to attend, (d.) address the chapter with any and all institute decisions or mandates that directly involve and or effect the chapter, (e.) report to the institute any and all decisions made by the chapter that is deemed appropriate for institute acknowledgment, (f.) attend Executive Committee meetings (g.) in the event of any Executive Committee vote resulting in a tie, due to all currently elected officers being present and in total an even number, the Institute Representative, if present, may then and only then vote to break the tie, (h.) if requested, serve on the Representative Board of Directors of the parent organization, (i.) report directly to the President (j.) train his or her successor.

Article X. *'Assistants'*

Section 1. (a.) All elected officers may if needed appoint an assistant. **(b.)** The Secretary may, in addition, also appoint a *Legal Assistant*.

Section 2. Assistants to the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, are considered *Executive Assistants*.

Section 3. (a.) All appointed officer assistants act with some authority of the appointing officer by virtue of the appointment. **(b.)** Assistants may chair a committee meeting in lieu of an absent officer. **(c.)** Assistants may attend Executive Committee meetings. **(d.)** Assistants may also make reports in lieu of an absent officer at any official chapter meetings, including Executive Committee meetings.

Section 4. Assistants may not vote at Executive Committee meetings.

Section 5. Assistants may not affix signature in place of a required officer signature, except for the express purpose of receiving deliveries.

Section 6. (a.) In the event of removal of an officer, the assistant may be asked to temporarily act in the vacant officer's position, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. **(b.)** If and when a new officer is elected to any office where an assistant has already been appointed, that officer retains the right to remove the assistant in favor of an alternate appointment if the officer so chooses.

Article XI. *'The Executive Committee'*

Section 1. (a.) The Executive Committee shall have regular meetings; at least one meeting prior to each general chapter meeting. **(b.)** Additional meetings may be sanctioned by request of either the President, Vice-President or by any two members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. (a.) Executive Committee meetings shall be open to only the elected officers, officer assistants, and any expressly invited member or person. **(b.)** Only the elected officers have the right to vote, with the exception of the institute representative, who may only vote in the event of a specific tie situation. **(c.)** Assistants do not have the right to vote and may be requested to leave the room if a motion is made and seconded.

Section 3. An executive quorum shall consist of one more than half of the total currently elected officers.

Section 4. (a.) Minutes shall be taken at all Executive Committee meetings by the Secretary, the Secretary's Executive Assistant, or an appointed replacement for the express purpose of taking minutes in lieu of absence. **(b.)** Any elected officer may make a motion to strike any item from the minutes. **(c.)** Such a motion must be seconded and put to a vote. **(d.)** A decision to strike any item from the minutes must be a result of a two-thirds majority vote of all officers present. **(e.)** Minutes taken at Executive Committee meetings shall be made available to the general chapter membership.

Section 5. If the Institute Representative was not present at any given required institute meeting, he or she is responsible for obtaining any information pertinent from said meeting.

Section 6. Any officer unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting shall ensure that either their assistant, or an appointed replacement, is present to relay any information or report on behalf of said officer.

Section 7. (a.) Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be finalized at any time by a motion, and that motion seconded, to vote. **(b.)** Provided at least an executive quorum is present, an absolute majority is required to resolve any decision voted upon. **(c.)** In the event of a tie, and revote resulting in a stalemate, a motion may be made, and must be seconded, to table the decision. **(d.)** A revote may be conducted as many times as necessary to reach a decision, unless the decision has been tabled.

Section 8. (a.) The Executive Committee retains the right to appoint or dissolve temporary officers and or committees for any express purpose that may arise. (b.) Appointed officers of such committees may attend Executive Committee meetings. (c.) Appointed officers may not vote at Executive Committee meetings.

Article XII. *'Meetings'*

Section 1. (a.) The chapter shall hold regularly scheduled meetings, called *general chapter meetings*, for the purpose of review of chapter status and conducting of chapter business. (b.) General chapter meetings shall be called to order and chaired by the Vice-President. (c.) In Lieu of the Vice-President's absence, the President, the President's assistant, Vice-Presidents assistant, then the next highest ranking officer, shall chair the meeting. (d.) If no officers are present, no business may be conducted and the meeting shall be adjourned by the highest ranking member present.

Section 2. (a.) The number and schedule of general meetings shall be decided by the Executive Committee, but shall be no less than two per academic quarter or semester. (b.) There shall be no more than one general meeting per week.

Section 3. (a.) General Chapter meetings shall be open to all chapter members, affiliate members, and the general public. (b.) General chapter meetings shall be free for all who attend.

Section 4. The time, date, and location of all general, special, and committee meetings shall be made publicly available and shall be publicly advertised.

Section 5. (a.) A general quorum shall consist of one-third of the entire chapter membership. (b.) At least a general quorum must be present to conduct business at any general chapter meeting. (c.) If a general quorum is not present only reports and discussions may be entertained. (d.) Chapter decisions may be resolved by a motion to vote made by any chapter member maintaining voting status, however the motion must be seconded by an officer in order to result in a vote

being taken. (e.) Decisions will be determined by absolute majority and results final and binding, provided they are not in direct opposition of any official chapter or institution documents of governance.

Section 6. (a.) Additional *special* meetings may be called at the request of the Executive Committee, or by written and signed petition of no less than five chapter members. (b.) With the exception of the president and Vice-President, officers may choose not to attend any called special meeting. (c.) No vote may be held at a special meeting unless at least a general quorum is present. (d.) Special meetings shall not be considered general chapter meetings and members may choose not to attend said meetings without penalty.

Section 7. (a.) The chair of any committee is required to call at minimum five committee meetings per academic quarter or semester. (b.) Committee meetings are open to all, but at the discretion of the chairing officer.

Section 8. (a.) Only general meetings and events are open to the press, and only upon presentation and documentation of official and adequate credentials. (b.) In order to attend an Executive committee meeting or any other committee meeting, a member of the press must apply for authorization to do so through the parent organizations chapter representative, or attain special permission of higher authority.

Section 9. (a.) The Vice-President may at any time resort to operation of a general meeting to be governed by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (b) At any time, any chapter member may motion to use the recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, however such a motion must be seconded by an officer. (c.) A two-thirds majority vote of all members present shall decide to make the switch. (d.) once the switch is made, only a motion by the Vice-President and seconded by the President shall reverse the decision.

Section 10. Any meeting totaling more than fifty in attendance, shall be governed automatically by the recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Article XIII.

'Events'

Section 1. (a.) The chapter is responsible for coordinating and executing at minimum one *open house* per academic year. **(b.)** An open house is expressly for the purpose of exposure of chapter purposes, activities, and accomplishments, as well as recruitment of chapter members, and must be free to all. **(c.)** The open house will be a social meeting of general chapter membership and open to the general public. **(d.)** The location of the open house must be in a public area on the hosting institutions grounds; the open house may not be located in a private residence, or on residential grounds, even if said grounds are on the hosting institutions property. **(e.)** The time, date, and location of the open house must be publicly advertised on the hosting institutions grounds.

Section 2. The chapter reserves the right to organize and execute fundraising activities and events, for the purpose of generating moneys that will be used in operation of this chapter, its activities, events, and projects, so long as all generated moneys are accurately recorded and used in an appropriate and lawful manor.

Section 3. (a.) All chapter events and chapter sponsored events located on the hosting institutions grounds must be legitimately registered through the hosting institution and in the official manor. **(b.)** All chapter events located outside of the hosting institutions grounds, must be approved by the hosting institution and properly registered and approved by the parent organization.

Article XIV.

'Chapter Employees'

Section 1. A *Chapter employee* shall be defined as anyone receiving payment from the chapter account for services rendered.

Section 2. All full and part time employees will be considered nonvoting members for the term of their employment.

Section 3. The selection of employees must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote by the Executive Committee at an Executive Committee meeting, provided at least a quorum is present.

Section 4. No person may be an elected chapter officer and a chapter employee concurrently.

Section 5. (a.) The Executive Committee may also hire temporary help for any chapter-sponsored event. **(b.)** Temporary employees do not become members by fact of their temporary employment with the chapter.

Article XV. *'Elections'*

Section 1. (a.) Any member currently maintaining good status, and having been a member for a minimum of one academic quarter or semester may be nominated for office. **(b.)** Nominations for the President or Vice-President, in order to be accepted, require a member to be both in current good status and to have maintained good status through the entire prior academic quarter or semester. **(c.)** All nominations must be seconded by a currently elected officer to be recognized as valid.

Section 2. (a.) The term of office for any officer elected shall begin the first Monday after the yearly class graduation and extend through the following academic year to the same date. **(b.)** Elections shall be held as close as is practical but no less than two months prior to inception of office.

Section 3. (a.) If at any time the elected president decides to resign, he or she shall appoint a successor following his or her resignation. This successor shall be appointed from one of the elected officers and shall assume the Presidency temporarily. **(b.)** An election shall be scheduled immediately to elect an interim President for the remaining term. **(c.)** In the event of an Elected Officer being selected as President, than an election shall take place to fill the vacancy in said position.

Section 4. (a.) If at the time of elections or after elections but before the beginning of the elected term of office, the

newly elected president decides to resign, he or she shall appoint a successor. This successor shall be appointed from one of the newly elected officers and shall assume the Presidency temporarily. **(b.)** An election shall be scheduled immediately to elect an interim President for the remaining term. **(c.)** In the event of an Elected Officer being selected as President, than an election shall take place to fill the vacancy in said position.

Section 5. If a vacancy occurs or exists in any elected office other than the Presidency, nominations shall be immediately heard and an election shall be held for the purpose of filling said vacancy.

Section 6. (a.) In the event that there are not enough voting members that fulfill the requirements to hold public office as stated by the Official Chapter Bylaws, and there is no duly elected President or Vice-President, then the next highest ranking elected officer shall temporarily assume the position of Presidency and temporarily appoint the remaining officers. **(b.)** If no officially elected officer exists, the longest standing member may temporarily assume the position of the Presidency and temporarily appoint the remaining officers. **(c.)** For the sole reason that no member will meet the requirements to be a legitimate candidate for office at the formation of an official chapter, *Article XV, Section 1*, will not apply to the first scheduled elections.

Article XVI.

'Law'

Section 1. (a.) Electronic Gaming Society *international* is not a union, nor its chapters, nor its membership.

Section 2. (a.) The chapter shall be recognized by the parent organization as an official Chapter hosted at the residing institution, upon proper completion and registration of all of the parent organization's contracts and fee's and issuance of an Official Charter of Operation. **(b.)** The chapter itself reserves the right terminate its own official chapter status, and break off any and all ties from the parent organization at any time, provided any and all contracts and legal agreements have been honored to date.

Section 3. (a.) The chapter shall abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the parent organization. (b.) The chapter shall also abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the hosting institution. (c.) If the parent organizations rules and regulations shall come in conflict with the hosting institution's rules and regulations, the hosting institution's rules and regulations shall have priority over the parent organizations rules and regulations, unless otherwise mandated by Federal, State, Local and International Law, or any foreign trade agreement. (d.) Failure to abide by any and all rules and regulations may result in revocation of the charter, and or legal action as the case may be.

Section 4. (a.) The chapter shall abide by any and all Federal, State, Local and International Laws, and all foreign trade agreements. (b.) Anything deemed unlawful is expressly prohibited. (c.) Any member caught breaking the law on or in conjunction with chapter property shall be reported to the proper authorities and pursued with legal action as the case may be. (d.) If any member discovers another member engaging in illegal activity on or in conjunction with chapter property, it is that member's duty and obligation to report such activity to the proper authorities.

Article XVII.

'Official Communication'

Section 1. Any Official documents or communicae intended for review by the parent organization, must be sealed in Official Chapter Stationary and handed or mailed directly to the appropriate Chapter Representative.

Article XVIII.

'Ratification'

Section 1. The official Chapter Constitution shall be ratified when approved by a two-thirds majority vote of at least a general quorum of voting chapter members.

Section 2. Upon ratification of the Official Chapter Constitution, the Official Chapter Bylaws will be

considered ratified; both documents shall be valid and recognized upon ratification of the Constitution.

Section 3. At least one weeks notice will be given prior to the general meeting at which the ratification shall be voted on.

Article XIX. *'Amendments'*

Section 1. By virtue of issuance of the Official Charter of Operation, the chapter retains the right to propose amendments to either the Official Chapter Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 2. (a.) Any and all proposed amendments must be drafted in writing. **(b.)** Any and all proposed amendments must pass a vote of two thirds majority of at least a general quorum. **(c.)** A proposed amendment passing vote of general membership must then be signed by the President then signed and notarized by the Secretary and sealed in an official chapter envelope.