



## **Student Chapter Start-Up Information**

AEE encourages student chapters to form under the sponsorship of a local AEE chapter. To locate a chapter near you, visit [www.aeecenter.org/chapters](http://www.aeecenter.org/chapters). If there is no local AEE Chapter in your area, the University may sponsor the student chapter. Refer to the checklist for the establishment of student chapters for more details.

This Start-Up Kit contains information that will help you as you organize and operate a Student Chapter:

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### Checklist for Establishment of Student Chapters – United States

These are the items an application for the establishment of a student chapter must include:

- List of names** and membership numbers of a minimum of ten (10) AEE student members
- Letter of Commitment from Sponsoring Chapter or University** with the name of the person who will serve as Mentor to the student chapter along with full contact information \*\* The Mentor must be a member of AEE, the parent organization, as well as a member of the AEE sponsoring Chapter or employee of the sponsoring university or government agency. Letter should specify the period of time Mentor will serve in this capacity and agree to notify AEE Atlanta Headquarters ([lisbeth@aeecenter.org](mailto:lisbeth@aeecenter.org)) when replacement Mentor is named.
- Letter of Commitment from the Chapter Mentor** agreeing to serve in this capacity for a minimum of one school year and to maintain communications with AEE Atlanta Headquarters regarding the activities of the student chapter. Letter should include his/her full contact information for the mentor. The Chapter Mentor should be an AEE member in good standing.\*
- Campus Approval:** Written document on letterhead from the college, university or government agency stating its agreement to sponsor the  (Name)  AEE Student Chapter and designating a faculty advisor to work with the Chapter.
- Letter of Commitment from the Faculty Advisor** agreeing to serve in this capacity for a minimum of one school year. Letter should include his/her full contact information. The Faculty Advisor should be an AEE member in good standing.\*
- College or University Catalog** (electronic version is acceptable)
- Names of Officers of Student Chapter** with all contact information (e-mail address, phone number, street address) and dates of term of office.
- List of Proposed Programs for the School Year**
- Proposed Budget**
- Completed** and signed **Student Chapter Bylaws** and Affidavit.

## Checklist for the Operation of Student Chapters

Once the chapter is established, the following reminders will help keep the operation running smoothly:

- Please add these individuals to your student chapter's mail list: AEE Membership Engagement Specialist ([lisbeth@aeecenter.org](mailto:lisbeth@aeecenter.org)), your [regional vice president](#), your sponsoring Chapter or University's president, mentor, and faculty advisor.
- After the end of February every year, a report will be due to AEE Headquarters. This report will require information on the previous year's programs and activities as well as anticipated events for the beginning of the upcoming year. This report is mandatory to maintain your chapter's compliance.
- Periodically check your listing on the AEE Chapter website. Please alert us if anything is incorrect.
- Each year we hold an Annual AEE Membership Meeting the day prior to the opening of the AEE World Energy Conference & Expo, with the forum panel composed of people with significant experience in leading chapters, some of long duration, some with more recent experience in setting up a chapter. They have valuable ideas that they are happy to share. This is the ideal place to ask questions about how other chapters have handled different situations, where they've had success and where not, or to tell of your own experiences with your chapter. The meeting concludes after the presentations of the Chapter Recognition Awards. This meeting is open to all AEE members.
- The annual AEE Student Chapter Awards will be presented to student chapters in several categories. Awards will be presented at the Student Luncheon held in conjunction with AEE World.
- Please contact Laurie Beth Nix at [lauriebeth@aeecenter.org](mailto:lauriebeth@aeecenter.org), Editor of the *AEE Energy Insight* online newsletter and Cheyenne Kimbrell, Director of Membership and Chapter, at [cheyenne@aeecenter.org](mailto:cheyenne@aeecenter.org) with pictures and information about outstanding events your chapter holds.
- We encourage Chapters to maintain historical records. We suggest keeping hard copies in a binder as well as electronic copies of these documents: Petition for Charter, Charter Certificate, Chapter Bylaws, each year's Annual Chapter Operations Report, minutes of meetings, and any other historically significant documents such as each year's list of current officers. A historian should be appointed to preserve and maintain these records, providing continuity for the chapter.
- Please remember that good communications between the student chapter, the faculty advisor, the chapter mentor, and AEE Headquarters are important to the success and sustainability of the student chapter.

The members of your Student Chapter should be provided with the following information:

- **AEE Foundation Scholarship Program** – for details, visit
  - <http://aeefoundation.org/scholarships/>, or call Priscila Carbaugh at 770-447-5083 ext. 227.
- A limited number of complimentary registrations to the AEE World Energy Conference & Expo each year, are available. Scholarship covers registration fees, but no travel or other expenses. To receive an application and be considered, contact Priscila Carbaugh at [priscila@aeecenter.org](mailto:priscila@aeecenter.org).
- Full-time students may register for any of AEE's three shows held each year at a special rate of \$195. Contact Connie Meadows at [connie@aeecenter.org](mailto:connie@aeecenter.org) to register.
- Between college graduation thru the age of 30, AEE offers a special Young Energy Professional Member fee of \$50.

## Starting an AEE Student Chapter

### Why Should Students Start an Official AEE Student Chapter?

- Leadership growth and exposure as student leaders in AEE.
- Participation in chapter projects and activities that will help them prepare to enter the profession.
- Greater exposure to members in AEE who represent a cross-section of the energy industry.
- AEE resources and marketing materials are available to help increase membership in their chapter.
- Ability to network/partner with AEE Chapters at AEE conferences/tradeshows and make contacts that will help in launching careers.
- Access to education opportunities such as these:
  - AEE Foundation Scholarship Program – for details, visit <http://aeefoundation.org/scholarships>.
  - Complimentary registrations to the AEE World Energy Conference & Expo are available. Scholarship covers registration fees, but no travel or other expenses.

### AEE Student Chapter Criteria:

The following must be met in the formation of an AEE student chapter:

- Student chapters must be formed under the direction of an AEE chapter. If there is no AEE chapter available in the local area, a college or university may sponsor the student chapter.
- Student chapters must have both a mentor from the local professional chapter and a faculty advisor from the university, both of who are AEE members in good standing.
- The chapter must have at least ten (10) student members. Student members must be enrolled in a post-secondary academic program as a full time student, enrolled in at least 6 quarter or semester hours.
- All student chapter members must join AEE. Student membership dues are \$15 (USD) annually.
- Student chapter members must hold elections of various officers, including president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.
- Written notification of officers and completed membership forms must be sent to the AEE Student Chapter Administrator. Once all forms have been received and processed, the student chapter will then receive its charter and full recognition as an official AEE student chapter.

### Application Procedures:

Once you have at least ten (10) official AEE student members, a local professional chapter or sponsoring university to serve as the student chapter sponsor and a chapter mentor and faculty advisor, the next step is to develop your chapter bylaws.

To formally apply for your chapter, you must send the following items to the AEE Atlanta Headquarters office:

1. Cover Sheet will be the first page
2. List of names and membership ID numbers of your chapters at least ten (10) founding AEE student chapter members.
3. Letter of commitment from AEE sponsoring chapter *or* university with the name of its member who will serve as a mentor to the student chapter, along with full contact information. The mentor must be a member of AEE, the parent organization, as well as of the AEE sponsoring chapter or university. Letter should specify that the mentor agrees to serve in this capacity for a minimum of one year and agree to notify the AEE Atlanta Headquarters office when succeeding mentors are named.
4. Letter of commitment from the chapter mentor agreeing to serve in this capacity for a minimum of one year and to maintain communications with AEE Atlanta Headquarters regarding the activities of the student chapter. Letter should include full contact information.
5. Campus approval: Written document on letterhead from the college or university stating its agreement to sponsor the (Name) AEE student chapter and designating a faculty advisor to work

with the chapter. This faculty advisor must be an AEE member and an employee of the college or university.

6. Letter of commitment from the designated faculty advisor agreeing to serve in this capacity for a minimum of one year. Letter should include his/her full contact information.
7. College or university catalog (electronic is acceptable).
8. Names of student chapter officers with contact information (e-mail address, phone number, street address) and dates of term of office.
9. List of proposed programs for the school year.
10. Proposed budget.
11. Completed student chapter bylaws.
12. Complete checklist and application.

You will receive confirmation of your new AEE student chapter when your application has been received and approved. Please allow 30 days for processing.

#### **Faculty Advisor's Responsibilities:**

1. Assist the student chapter, if necessary, with initial startup. This may include guiding the bylaws process and assisting with initial meetings to ensure appropriate format.
2. Guide the student chapter in developing professional businesslike procedures and meeting content as needed.
3. Keep on file a list of all accepted members.
4. Provide a central file for official materials.
5. Provide a location for student members to receive mail, reports, and information sent from the AEE Atlanta Headquarters office.
6. Attend as many student chapter meetings as possible.
7. Notify the sponsoring chapter and the AEE Membership Engagement Specialist of important events within the student chapter, as well as concerns, problems, and changes that affect the student chapter's performance.
8. Advisor's term is a minimum of one school year of commitment.

#### **Student Chapter Mentor Responsibilities:**

1. Assist the student chapter, if necessary, with initial start-up. This may include guiding the bylaws process and assisting with initial meetings to ensure appropriate format.
2. Helps develop a long-range view of the growth, development, and sustainability of the student chapter.
3. Creates a liaison between the student chapter and the sponsoring chapter to leverage best practices and events, especially on topics, like scholarships, mentoring, fundraising, awards, and membership.
4. Encourage, strengthen, and inspire student members to network and grow professionally.
5. Engage student members in activities outside the university, especially in events organized by the sponsoring chapter, to help expose them to new opportunities and experiences.
6. Attend as many student chapter meetings as possible.
7. Mentor's term is a minimum of one school year of commitment.

#### **Student Chapter Guidelines:**

Starting an AEE student chapter is easy, but building an efficient and vibrant student chapter that will meet the needs of the student members, as well as the community on a sustaining basis, is more challenging. This section provides guidelines that will assist AEE student chapters in maintaining efficiency in chapter meetings, setting chapter goals, and developing university/community awareness.

**Resources Available to AEE Student Chapters:**

- Recruiting materials: Membership applications, brochures, catalogs, and other necessary membership information.
- Student chapter rosters lists including full contact information, are available upon request.
- Access to the sponsoring chapter or university's website events and e-mail communications. The sponsoring chapter or university is encouraged to invite student chapter members to their meetings and events.

**Setting Goals:**

In order to be successful, it is necessary for every AEE student chapter to set goals- It is important that all student members participate when setting student chapter goals.

When creating student chapter goals, all objectives must be:

- Realistic and attainable
- As specific as possible
- Measurable
- On a timetable

Once the student chapter has defined short or long-term goals the next step is to decide how those goals will be reached. Here are some guidelines on how to achieve student chapter goals:

- Identify skills, knowledge, or resources needed to reach goals.
- Identify various people or groups that can help attain goals.
- Develop a plan of action, one of the most important steps.
- Include a realistic completion date.
- Remember that achieving student chapter goals requires teamwork.

**Community Awareness**

One of the most significant goals of every student chapter should be to develop community awareness. Becoming involved in the local community can be extremely rewarding for a student chapter. Student chapters that participate in social service programs will not only have a meaningful experience, but they will also be recognized on AEE's Website and in other publications.

Here are just a few of the ways that each student chapter can lend a helping hand:

- Organize charity drives and benefits.
- Volunteer at local shelters.
- Participate in Habitat for Humanity.
- Provide free energy audits and weatherization projects for low-income housing.
- Donate blood.
- Donate food.
- Volunteer to read at the local library.
- Participate in marathons or fun runs for charitable causes.

**Student Chapter Program Ideas:**

Here are some ideas for fun, creative, and educational student chapter programs:

- Hold a "Meet the AEE Student Chapter" Open House to give student chapter members an opportunity to meet and talk with non-members about the benefits of AEE membership.

- Hold a “Meet the AEE Students” night. Recruit different companies to set up tables to distribute career advice and discuss job opportunities.
- Promote higher education opportunities to high school seniors.
- Provide a seminar on the different career paths for engineering majors. Host a panel of local industry speakers and allow students to ask questions.
- Create an AEE Student Chapter Resource Guide to help identify sources of industry information, such as websites, trade publications, and local associations or corporations.
- Hold an Advisors Appreciation Day.
- Develop a Speaker Network.
- Hold lectures or awareness events promoting energy issues on campus.

### **Steps for a Successful First Meeting:**

#### **Pre-Meeting:**

- Determine an informative topic for the first student chapter meeting. You may want to get a respected speaker to attract greater interest (AEE has a list of potential speakers that can be provided upon request).
- Decide on the type of atmosphere for the meeting, whether it’s a breakfast, luncheon, or social gathering.
- Choose a date and time that will be easy for students to attend.
- Prepare a list of all prospective members on campus and inform them of the date/time/location and topic of the meeting.
- Market your meeting through all possible venues, such as social media, campus publications, campus radio and TV, and announcements in engineering classes.

#### **Meeting**

- Ensure that your speakers’ audiovisual needs are met.
- Provide session handouts.
- Prepare a session evaluation.
- Provide an icebreaker activity for social interaction.
- Suggest that your presenter offer opportunities for interaction with the audience, and not just open questions at end of the meeting.
- Set up registration table. Have board members available to meet new attendees.
- Collect e-mail addresses wherever possible for follow-up activities, and call for volunteers.

#### **Post Meeting**

- Send thank you emails to attendees, along with notification of the next event.
- Send thank you email to speaker(s).
- Hold post-meeting evaluation.
- Compile the results of the post-meeting evaluation and share with speakers and Board members.
- Make every effort to address any problems. If you make an improvement, tell members that you have heard and acted on their concerns!

### **Steps for a Successful First Board Meeting:**

#### **Pre-Meeting:**

- Create meeting agenda and distribute to Board members in advance.

#### **Meeting and Order of Business:**

For a Board meeting to run efficiently, it must follow a constant set of guidelines. Here is an example of an “Order of Business” to keep the student chapter meeting running smoothly:

- Roll call
- Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting
- Reports of Officers
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Election of Officers (as needed)
- Installation of New Officers (as needed)
- Adjournment

Additional points to consider:

- Make sure the meeting starts and ends on time.
- Provide an open discussion.
- Summarize action plans.
- Wrap up the meeting with information about upcoming meetings and events.
- Set a date and time for the next meeting.

Post-Meeting:

- Distribute the meeting’s notes or minutes on a timely basis.
- Follow through with all action points mentioned in the meeting.

**Promoting your Student Chapter:**

Here are some ideas to promote your student chapter throughout campus and build your membership numbers:

- Post announcements of meetings and events on social media or campus boards.
- Write an article for your campus website. Briefly explain your student chapter and the benefits of becoming an AEE student member. Include student chapter activities and a calendar of events in your article.
- Hand out student chapter flyers throughout campus, primarily in engineering and science related areas.
- Ask professors to make announcements in class.
- Create a bulletin board display in a prominent place and develop an AEE student chapter Website showing pictures from student chapter activities, membership information, and a calendar of upcoming events.
- Set up tables displaying AEE materials at freshman orientation and at student activities fairs.
- Prepare a two-minute talk on the value of joining AEE. Give a presentation to energy-related classes, and then hand out membership applications and information.



**Student Chapter Affidavit**

**Student Chapter Name:**

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Our student chapter of the Association of Energy Engineers, Inc. agrees to the following minimum standards:

- ✓ The student chapter will maintain a minimum of ten (10) student members of AEE, the parent organization.
- ✓ The student chapter will hold a minimum of three (3) meetings per year.
- ✓ All chapter officers must be members in good standing with AEE, the parent organization.
- ✓ The student chapter will notify the Membership Engagement Specialist at AEE Headquarters in Atlanta immediately when new officers take office.
- ✓ No later than May 1 each year, the student chapter will file the required student chapter annual report for the previous school year.

**Student Chapter President:**

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Signature	AEE #	Date
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**Student Chapter Mentor:**

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Signature	AEE #	Date
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**Student Chapter Faculty Advisor:**

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Signature	AEE #	Date
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## Student Chapter Constitution and Bylaws

### **Article I – Name:**

**Section 1.** The name of the student chapter shall be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 2.** The student chapter may have other officer positions from time to time designated by the Board of Directors.

### **Article II – Definition:**

**Section 1.** The term “Energy Industry” or “Industry” includes but is not limited to activities involved in energy utilization, conservation or energy sources, and services.

**Section 2.** The term “Association” means Association of Energy Engineers with which this student chapter is affiliated.

**Section 3.** The term “good standing” means a member of the Association of Energy Engineers who has paid dues within sixty (60) days of his/her renewal date.

### **Articles III – Purposes:**

**Section 1.** To promote the scientific and educational interests of those engaged in the energy industry.

**Section 2.** To foster cooperative action in advancing by lawful means the common purposes of its members, and promote activities designed to enable the industry to be conducted with the greatest economy and efficiency.

**Section 3.** To afford due consideration to and expression of opinion upon questions affecting the industry and to hold meetings for the presentation and discussion of technical papers.

**Section 4.** To cooperate with other industries and organizations.

**Section 5.** To conduct or engage in all lawful activities in furtherance of the foregoing purposes or incidental thereto.

**Section 6.** To publish, to conduct trade shows, and any other activity which promotes the dissemination of scientific and educational information of those engaged in the energy industry.

### **Article IV – Membership:**

**Section 1.** A member of the student chapter must be a member in good standing of the Association of Energy Engineers.

**Section 2.** Duration of membership and resignation. Membership in this student chapter may terminate by voluntary withdrawal as herein provided, or otherwise in pursuance of these bylaws. All rights, privileges, and interests of a member in or to the student chapter shall cease on the termination of membership. Any member may, by giving written notice of such intention, withdraw from membership.

**Section 3.** Suspension and expulsion. Any member may be suspended or terminated for cause. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership shall be: violation of bylaws or any lawful rule or practice duly adopted by the student chapter, or any other conduct prejudicial to the interest of the Association or the chapter as determined by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** Voting. Members shall have voting rights for those items brought before them by the Board of Directors or by a properly approved motion from the floor.

**Article V – Dues:**

**Section 1.** The annual student chapter dues for each member of the student chapter shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Members who fail to pay their student chapter dues within sixty (60) days of expiration date shall be notified by the secretary. In the case where payment is not made within the next succeeding thirty (30) days, the members shall be dropped from the rolls and thereupon forfeit all rights and privileges of student chapter membership. Reinstatement will be considered upon special request by a member and for good cause shown.

**Article VI – Meetings:**

**Section 1.** Annual. There shall be an annual meeting of the student chapter during the last month before graduation date unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, for election of officers. Notice of such meeting, signed by the secretary, shall be mailed or e-mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least thirty (30) days before the time appointed for the meeting.

**Section 2.** Regular. Regular meetings of the student chapter shall be held on a schedule determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of time and place shall be e-mailed to each member at his/her last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advance of each meeting.

**Section 3.** Special. Special meetings of the student chapter may be called by the president. Notice of any special meeting shall be e-mailed to each member at his/her last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advance, with a statement of time and place and information as to the subject or subjects to be considered.

**Section 4.** Quorum. Ten percent (10%) of the student chapter members in good standing present at any meeting of the student chapter shall constitute a quorum, and, in cases where there be fewer than this number, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. In the absence of quorum, student chapter officers are empowered to act for the student chapter.

**Section 5.** The order of business of meetings shall be as follows:

- Call to order
- Read minutes of previous meeting
- Communications or letters
- Reports of officers
- Reports of committees
- Standing
- Special
- Meeting agenda
- Old business
- New business
- Adjournment

**Section 6.** The order of business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

**Article VII – Board of Directors:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall have the supervision, control and direction of the affairs of the student chapter.

**Section 2.** The board shall be composed of the student chapter's president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, chair of each standing committee, the faculty advisor, and the representative from the sponsoring chapter or university serving as advisors to the student chapter.

**Section 3.** Board Meetings. Except that the Board shall have a regular meeting at the time and place of the annual meeting, the Board shall meet upon call of the President at such times and places as he/she may designate.

**Section 4.** Quorum. A majority of the whole Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. Any smaller number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum be present.

**Section 5.** Compensation. Directors as such shall not receive any compensation for their services. The Board may by resolution authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Section 6.** Resignation of removal. Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the president, the secretary, or to the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time is specified, at the time of acceptance thereof as determined by the president or the Board.

**Section 7.** Vacancies. Any vacancies that may occur on the Board by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise may be filled by the president or remaining members of the elected officers for the unexpired term.

#### **Article VIII – Officers:**

**Section 1.** The elected officers of this student chapter shall be a president, president-elect, vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The candidates shall be nominated prior to the annual meeting, and the officers elected by the student chapter during the student chapter's annual meeting. Election shall be by ballot where a majority of the votes cast shall elect the officers, provided there is a quorum present.

**Section 2.** Elected officers shall take office upon the first day of classes of the Fall semester and shall serve for a term of one year and until his/her successor is duly elected. Officers may serve more than one year at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** Vacancies in any elected office may be filled for the balance of the term. Election can be held at any regular or special meeting where a quorum is present.

**Section 4.** President. The president shall be the principal elective officer of the student chapter, and shall preside at meetings of the student chapter and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be a member ex-officio, with right to vote, of all committees except the nominating committee.

**Section 5.** Vice-President. The vice-president may be delegated by the president to perform his/her duties in the event of his/her temporary disability or absence from meetings. He/she shall have such other duties as the president or the Board may assign.

**Section 6.** Treasurer. The treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and expended for the use of the student chapter and shall make disbursement authorized by the Board and approved by the president and such other officers the Board may prescribe. He/she shall deposit all sums in the bank, or trust company, approved by the Board of Directors and shall make a report at the annual meeting when called upon by the president. Funds may be drawn only upon the signature of the treasurer or president or both as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The treasurer, with the approval of the Board, may appoint one or more assistant treasurers to perform such duties as the treasurer may assign.

**Section 7.** Secretary. The secretary's duties shall be to give notice of and attend all meetings of the student chapter, to keep a record of all proceedings, to attest documents, and perform such other duties as are usual for such official or as may be duly assigned to him/her.

**Section 8.** Standing Committee Chair. Duties shall be reviewed by the outgoing chair with the newly elected chair.

**Section 9.** Faculty Advisor. The faculty advisor shall be an AEE member and an employee of the school who will advise the student chapter Board of Directors and direct the transition of officers. The faculty advisor should have a vested interest in the success of the student chapter and remain in position for a minimum term of one school year.

**Section 10.** Chapter Mentor. The chapter mentor shall be an AEE member and a liaison between the student chapter and the sponsoring chapter or university. The chapter mentor should have a vested interest in the success of the student chapter and remain in position for a minimum term of one school year.

**Section 11.** Sponsoring Chapter or University. The representative from the sponsoring chapter or university, as designated by AEE, shall be an officer of the student chapter Board of Directors. Another sponsoring chapter officer may take the place of the chapter president if duly assigned by the sponsoring chapter president or university.

**Article IX – Committee:**

**Section 1.** The president, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall annually appoint such standing, special subcommittees as may be required by the bylaws or as he/she may find necessary.

**Section 2.** Nominations Committee. During the month of \_\_\_\_\_ in each year, the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) persons to nominate candidates for office. The committee shall notify the secretary, in writing, at least thirty (30) days before the date of the annual meeting, of the names of candidates it proposes, and the secretary shall mail a copy thereof to the last recorded address of each member at least twenty (20) days before the annual meeting.

**Section 3.** Independent Nominations. Nominations for elected office may also be made by members of the student chapter and is received by the secretary thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

**Article X – Mail Vote:**

**Section 1.** Whenever, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, any questions should be put to a vote in the active membership, and when it deems it inexpedient to call a special meeting for such purpose, the directors may submit such a matter to the membership in writing by mail for vote and decision, and the question thus presented shall be determined according to a majority of the votes received by mail or e-mail within thirty (30) days after such submission to the membership. Any and all action taken in pursuance of a majority mail vote will be reviewed at a duly called meeting.

**Article XI – Fiscal Year:**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December.

**Article XII – Seal:**

**Section 1.** The student chapter may have a seal of such design as the Board of Directors may adopt.

**Article XIII – Indemnification:**

**Section 1.** The student chapter may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, provide the indemnification of the student chapter of any and all of its directors or officers or former directors or officers against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which they or any of them are made parties, or a party, by reason of having been directors or officers of the student chapter, except in relation to matters as to which such director or officer shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty and to such matters as shall be settled by agreement predicated on the existence of such liability for negligence or misconduct.

**Article XIV – Use of Student Chapter Funds:**

**Section 1.** The student chapter shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these bylaws and no part of said funds shall inure, or be distributed to the members of the student chapter.

**Article XV – Amendments:**

**Section 1.** The authority to make amendments to the bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the members in good standing at a special Board or regular meeting, and the approval of the Association Board of Directors.

**Article XVI – Authorization:**

**Section 1.** The student chapter shall not enter into any contracts binding the Association without prior written approval of the Association Board of Directors. It shall be understood that the student chapter is an extension of the Association and members shall act accordingly. The student chapter must seek specific

approval for the use of the Association of Energy Engineers' name in written approval of the Association Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** No members of the student chapter shall enter into any contracts in the name of the student chapter in dealings with others without the written consent and authorization of the student chapter's Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** The student chapter shall cooperate with the Association of Energy Engineers in compliance with its request for reports on activities, meetings and budgets.

**Article XVII – Dissolution:**

**Section 1.** A student chapter which has not held a meeting within twelve (12) months or does not have officers in good standing with the Association will be inactive.

**Section 2.** Dissolution of the student chapter shall be by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Upon dissolution, the student chapter shall notify the Association of Energy Engineers and pay all outstanding debts. Any fund balance shall be forwarded on to the Association of Energy Engineers.

**Section 3.** Should the student chapter not submit the annual operations report and has no communication with AEE the chapter will be considered to be inactive and no longer conducting business and will be dissolved.

**Student Chapter President:**

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Signature	AEE #	Date
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## ASSOCIATION OF ENERGY ENGINEERS®

### Cover Sheet – Student Chapter Application Package

**THIS PAGE IS TO BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND INCLUDED AS PAGE NO. 1 OF YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE**

Name of Sponsoring Chapter:		
Name of Student Chapter:		
Name of College / University:		
Location of College / University:		
	NAME / AEE MEMBER #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Mentor from Sponsoring Chapter:		
Faculty Advisor:		
Student Chapter President:		
Student Chapter Vice President:		
Student Chapter Secretary:		
Student Chapter Treasurer:		
Please check off each item to confirm its inclusion in this package:		
1		<b>This page</b> , completed and signed
2		List of names and membership numbers of at least ten (10) AEE student members. Names must appear exactly as shown on AEE memberships.
3		Letter of commitment from sponsoring chapter or university with name of person who will serve as Mentor to the student chapter. Letter should specify the period of time Mentor will serve in this capacity and agree to notify AEE Atlanta Headquarters when replacement Mentor is named.
4		Letter of commitment from the chapter mentor agreeing to serve in this capacity for a minimum of one school year and to maintain communications with AEE Atlanta Headquarters regarding the activities of the student chapter. The chapter mentor must be an AEE member within good standing.
5		Campus Approval: Written document on letterhead from the college or university authorizing the ____ (Name) __ AEE Student Chapter to be established on its campus and designating a faculty advisor to work with the chapter.
6		Letter of Commitment from the Faculty Advisor agreeing to serve in this capacity for a minimum of one school year. The faculty advisor must be an AEE member within good standing and an employee of the college or university.
7		College / University Catalog
8		Names of officers of student chapter with contact information
9		List of Proposed Programs for the School Year
10		Proposed Budget
11		Signed Student Chapter Affidavit
12		Signed Student Chapter Bylaws

**For your application to be considered, all items must be included.**

Application submitted by:

Name	AEE #	Position in Student Chapter	Date
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Please remember that good communications between the Student Chapter, the Faculty Advisor, the Chapter Mentor, and AEE Atlanta Headquarters are important to the success and sustainability of the Student Chapter.

*\*If Faculty Advisor or Chapter Mentor is not yet an AEE member, we will extend a 50% discount on his/her first year's membership dues. In the Coupon window on the online application, this code should be entered: "Chapter50."*

*Below line is for AEE interoffice use only.*

	<i>AEE Office – Confirm membership status of signers</i>
	<i>AEE Office – Notify Student Chapter when charter has been approved and make arrangements for its presentation</i>
	<i>Student Chapter Bylaws submitted and approved.</i>

Please fill out the forms above, print and mail to  
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