CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

This organization is the Central Michigan University Alumni Association ("Association").

Article II – Place of Business

The office of the Association shall be the Alumni Relations Office, Carlin Alumni House, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859.

Article III – Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be to:
   A. Perpetuate a spirit of loyalty among alumni, current students, community members and friends of Central Michigan University.

   B. Promote the establishment of constituent associations.

   C. Act as an information source about the University.

   D. Assist the University in such other endeavors as are appropriate and in the best interests of the University.

Article IV – Membership

All individuals who have attended Central Michigan University or its predecessor institutions, or who have received degrees, honorary or otherwise, shall be members of the Association. For record and voting purposes, membership is defined as individuals who have participated, financially or otherwise, in the activities of the association within the five years preceding that vote.

Membership in the Association is open to all in accordance with the CMU Affirmative Action statement. ("CMU, an AA/EO institution, is strongly and actively committed to increasing diversity and providing equal opportunity within its community. CMU does not discriminate against persons based on age, color, disability, genders, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight").
Article V – Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Association shall be governed and administered by a Board of Directors in accordance with the university’s policies and procedures. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of a minimum of twenty-three (23) board members elected as provided in the Association bylaws.

Article VI – Bylaws

The bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors shall be the governing rules of this Association so long as they are consistent with this Constitution.

Article VII – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors or a majority vote of the Alumni Association. Written notice of any proposed amendment must be communicated to the Board of Directors or the membership, at least 28 days before the meeting when the vote will be taken.

BYLAWS

Article I – Board of Directors Elections

Section 1: Board of Directors

A. The directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors from a slate of candidates prepared by the Nomination Committee. This election shall take place at the annual May meeting of the association. The slate, in writing, shall be delivered, by mail or accepted electronic means, at least 28 days prior to the May meeting. A director’s term is three years long. Each of the advisory boards for the following departments shall be entitled to have one of its members on the Board of Directors: the College of Business Administration, the College of Communication and Fine Arts, the College of Education and Human Services, the College of Health Professions, the College of Science and Technology, the College of Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

B. A Board member’s term expires at the conclusion of the annual May meeting for that year. The term for newly elected members shall commence at the conclusion of that meeting.

C. No Board member shall serve more than three consecutive full terms. Partial terms shall not be counted against this limit. (For example, a director could
legally serve 11 years – completion of a partial term after appointment, and then three full terms if properly elected).

D. The Board of Directors may designate any student as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

E. Emeritus members of the Board of Directors shall be ex-officio Board members.

Section 2: Resignation

A member’s resignation is effective upon the Association’s receipt of written notice.

Section 3: Vacancies

The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy in the Board of Directors. The person appointed to the vacancy shall serve until the remainder of that term expires. This partial term shall not be counted against any term limitations.

Section 4: Removal from Office

A member may be removed from the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

Article II – Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Board of Directors shall be the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President. The Board of Directors shall elect the President and Vice-Presidents at the annual May meeting in the odd numbered years. These officers shall serve two year terms. An officer must be a member of the Board of Directors. The officer’s term starts when elected.

Section 2: In the event the office of President is vacated, the First Vice-President shall assume the position of president and fulfill the balance of that term. The Board of Directors shall elect a new First Vice-President to fulfill the balance of that term.

Section 3: An officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

Article III – Meetings

Section 1: Meetings
The Board of Directors shall meet on or near the campus of Central Michigan University at least three times each year. The meetings shall be held in January, May and during Homecoming. The Executive Committee shall determine the exact meeting dates. A written notice of the meeting must be mailed to all members at least twenty-eight (28) calendar days prior to all board meetings.

Special meetings can be called by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Special meetings must be called with written notification signed by a majority of the Executive Committee or by a majority of the Board of Directors. Written notification must be given at least seven calendar days prior to a special meeting.

Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the meetings of the Board of Directors.

**Article V – Order of Business for Board of Directors Meetings**

The agenda for Board of Director meetings shall be set by the Executive Committee and communicated to the board at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. For a special meeting, it must be contained in the notice calling the meeting.

**Article VI – Quorum and Voting**

At any properly called Board of Directors meeting, the presence of the majority of the members of that body shall constitute a quorum.

**Article VII – Bylaw Amendments**

Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors or a majority vote of the Association members (as defined earlier in this document). Written notice of the proposed change must be communicated to the Board of Directors or the membership at least twenty-eight (28) days before the meeting when the vote will be taken.

**Article VIII – Committees**
Section 1: The Association creates an Executive Committee consisting of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Committee Chairpersons, and Central Michigan University’s Vice-President for University Advancement, and Central Michigan University’s Director of Alumni Relations, both serving as ex-officio members of the executive committee.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall establish such other committees, standing or otherwise, to further the advancement of the University and the Association and are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 3: The president shall nominate committee chairpersons. A chairperson’s term expires at the same time as the President’s term does or would expire. The President may, by appointment, fill any vacancy on committees including committee members and committee chairs. This appointment must be approved by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Section 4: The Nomination Committee shall consist of the Alumni Association President, Director of Alumni Relations and the Chair of the Membership Committee, or his or her designee.

Section 5: All committee business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

\[1\text{If a president resigned, those committee chairpersons would serve until that President’s term would have expired. The terms of the Chairpersons would not expire when the President actually resigned.}\]