

Statutes Section of Mechanical Engineering



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Section of Mechanical Engineering Statues

§1) Name of the Association

A membership in the Section of Mechanical Engineering (SME) is granted to eligible engineering students when they renew their membership via the website.

§2) Purpose of the Section

The Section of Mechanical Engineering is a non-profit association with the purpose of promoting unity and safeguarding the interests of potential, registered, and graduated students from the programs represented by the section.

§3) Domicile of the Section

The section is based in Linköping.

§4) Membership

a) Admission

Admission is granted to engineering students registered at LiTH in one of the following programs:

- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Master of Science in Design and Product Development
- Master of Science in Energy - Environment - Management
- Master in Sustainability Engineering and Management
- Master in Mechanical Engineering
- Master in Aeronautical Engineering
- Master in Design

b) Validity

Membership must be renewed annually. A member who does not renew their membership automatically leaves the section.

c) Withdrawal

A member who wishes to leave shall notify the Board in writing and is thereby considered to have immediately resigned.



d) Honorary Member

A person who has made extraordinary contributions to the section's interests may be elected honorary member. Honorary membership is decided by an ordinary section meeting following a proposal from the Board. A 3/4 majority is required. Any member may propose a candidate to the Board.

e) Expulsion

A member may not be expelled except if they have acted against the section's operations and purpose or have clearly harmed the section's interests. Expulsion is decided by the section meeting, after the member has been informed of the circumstances.

§5) The Board

a) Composition

The Board consists of a President, a Treasurer, and at least three other members, one of whom serves as Secretary and one responsible for educational matters.

Only section members may be elected to the Board.

b) Meetings

The Board meets when convened by the President. Notice shall be given no later than the day before the meeting.

The Board shall meet at least four times per year.

c) Quorum

The Board is quorate when at least half its members are present.

Decisions are made by simple majority. In case of a tie, the chair's vote prevails.

d) Duties

- Represents the section, safeguards its interests, and manages its affairs.
- Makes decisions on behalf of the section unless otherwise stated.
- Implements decisions of the section meeting, manages finances, maintains accounts, and submits an annual report.
- Convenes the section meeting.
- Maintains a membership register.



e) Resignation

The Board may relieve elected officials who request it in writing, except for the President, Treasurer, and Auditors, who may only be relieved by the section meeting.

§6) Sub-Associations

Within the section's operations, a number of sub-associations operate under the section meeting. Each sub-association has two authorized signatories appointed by the section meeting. Additional representatives are also elected, including one Secretary. Only section members may be elected, unless special reasons apply.

a) Festmaskineriet (FM)

FM arranges social activities. FM's signature is held individually by the Festmachine Leader and the Treasurer.

b) MPiRE

Responsible for welcoming new students in the represented programs. MPiRE's signature is held individually by the General and the Treasurer.

c) EMMA

Organizes activities for students identifying as women or non-binary. EMMA's signature is held individually by BestEMMA and the Treasurer.

§7) Election Committee

a) Composition

At least five members, one serving as chairperson. Nominated by the Board and elected by the section meeting. Counterproposals may be submitted by any member.

Only section members may be elected.

b) Commitments

Prepares elections for the Board, sub-associations, auditors, and other positions deemed necessary. Must publish proposals no later than 15 days before the meeting.

c) Counterproposals

Any member may submit counterproposals, in writing, at least five study days before the meeting. Candidates must be given the opportunity to present themselves at the meeting.



d) Interviews

All candidates shall be offered an interview with the Election Committee.

Any member may submit written suggestions to the committee.

e) Rules

A member of the Election Committee may not be nominated by the committee itself. If the committee chooses not to nominate for a position, all members may candidate at the meeting, including committee members.

§8) Accounts

a) Signature

The section's signature is held individually by the President and Treasurer.

b) Fiscal Year

The fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30.

Annual accounts must be completed and submitted to the auditors and the following year's Board by August 30.

c) Auditor

The Board's management shall be reviewed annually by at least one auditor elected by the section meeting.

Auditors may not hold other positions within the same fiscal year.

§9) Section Meeting

a) Section Meeting

The section meeting is the highest decision-making body and must be held at least once per fiscal year.

b) Ordinary Meeting

Held no later than April 30, at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice and materials must be sent to members at least 15 days in advance.



c) Voting Rights

Each member has one vote, personal and non-transferable.

Decisions are made by simple majority. In case of a tie, the chair's vote prevails, except in elections where drawing lots applies.

d) Quorum

At least 30 members must be present. Decisions of major financial importance may only be made if included in the meeting notice

The Section Meeting shall take place, predetermined by LiU, during the scheduled period.

Board members may not vote on discharge matters concerning their own actions.

e) Matters to be Addressed

The following matters shall be addressed annually at the section meeting:

- Review of previous year's financial accounts and annual report.
- Auditor's report.
- Discharge of responsibility for Board and sub-associations.
- Election of Board, Election Committee, auditors, sub-associations, and other officials.

f) Adjustment

Minutes must be adjusted by the meeting chair, secretary, and two appointed adjusters, who also serve as vote counters if needed.

g) Extraordinary Meeting

Held when deemed necessary by the Board, auditors, or at least 10% of members by written request.

Notice must be given at least 10 days in advance.

Only specified matters may be addressed.

§10) Governing Documents

In addition to the statutes, the section is governed (but not limited) by documents adopted by the section meeting:

a) Regulations

Specify how the section and its bodies operate.



b) Budget

The financial framework regulating the section's activities.

§11) Statutes

a) Amendments

Amendments require decisions by two consecutive section meetings at least 28 days apart, with a 3/4 majority. Editorial changes not altering content may be made by the Board and must be reported at the next meeting.

Amendments to the statutes may be proposed by any member or by the Board.

b) Interpretation

In case of ambiguity, the Board's interpretation applies until a meeting-appointed statute interpreter decides otherwise.

§12) Dissolution of the Section

Dissolution requires decisions by two consecutive section meetings at least 28 days apart, with a 9/10 majority.

Upon dissolution, after debts are settled, assets shall be donated to Radiohjälpen.

