

**BYLAWS OF**

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## **ARTICLE 1 NAME**

### Section 1.1 Corporate Name.

The name of this corporation is **ASEI FOUNDATION** (the “Corporation”).

## **ARTICLE 2 OFFICES**

### Section 2.1 Principal Office.

The principal executive office and the principal office for the transaction of the business of the Corporation may be established at any place or places within or without the State of Michigan by resolution of the Board of Directors.

### Section 2.2 Other Offices.

The Board of Directors may at any time establish branch or subordinate offices at any place or places where the Corporation is qualified to transact business.

## **ARTICLE 3 OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

### Section 3.1 General Purpose.

The general purpose for which this Corporation is organized is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law of Michigan, provided, however, nothing in this Article 3 shall be construed to authorize this Corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of its officers, Directors or other persons or to distribute any gains, profits or dividends to any of its officers, Directors or other persons as such. Furthermore, nothing in this Article shall be construed as allowing the Corporation to engage in any activity forbidden under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### Section 3.2 Specific Purpose.

The specific purpose of this Corporation shall include without limitation, the promotion of academic excellence in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through student scholarships and mentorship by accomplished engineering and allied science and technology professionals and, in connection therewith, to solicit and receive contributions, grants and other financial support to assist in such purpose.

## **ARTICLE 4 NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES**

### **Section 4.1 Public Purpose.**

This Corporation has been formed under the Michigan Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for the public purposes described above, and it shall be nonprofit and nonpartisan. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the publication or dissemination of materials with the purpose of attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or for or against any cause or measure being submitted to the people for a vote.

### **Section 4.2 Prohibited Activities.**

The Corporation shall not, except in any insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes described above in Section 4.1.

## **ARTICLE 5 DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

### **Section 5.1 Property Use.**

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable or educational purposes, or any other purpose permitted under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any Director or officer thereof or to the benefit of any private person; provided, however, that this provision shall not prevent payment to any such person of reasonable compensation for services performed for the Corporation in effecting any of its public purposes, as long as such compensation is otherwise permitted by these Bylaws and is fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of, and shall not receive, any of the corporate assets on the dissolution of the Corporation.

### **Section 5.2 Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution.**

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIPS**

### **Section 6.1 Members.**

This Corporation shall have no members.

Section 6.2 Non-Voting Members.

The Board may adopt policies and procedures for the admission of associate members or other designated members who shall have no voting rights in the Corporation. Such associates or other members are not “members” of the Corporation as defined in Section 5056 of the Michigan Corporations Code or any successor provision.

## **ARTICLE 7 DIRECTORS**

Section 7.1 Number of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) positions nor more than ten (10) positions, the exact number of Directors to be fixed, within the limits specified in this Section 7.1, by resolution of the Board.

Section 7.2 Powers.

7.2.1 General Corporate Powers.

Subject to the provisions of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Law, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed, and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board may delegate the management of the activities of the Corporation to any person or persons, management company or committee, however composed, provided that the activities and affairs of the Corporation be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised under the ultimate direction of the Board.

7.2.2 Specific Powers.

The Board shall have the following powers without prejudice to the general corporate powers described in Section 7.2.1 and subject to the same limitations.

7.2.2.1 Officers, Agents and Employees

At its pleasure, select, remove, and supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Corporation; prescribe any powers and duties for them that are consistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, and with these Bylaws; and fix their compensation.

7.2.2.2 Principal Executive Office

Change the principal executive office or the principal business office in the State of Michigan from one location to another; cause the Corporation to be qualified to conduct activities in any other state and conduct activities within the State of Michigan; and designate any place within the State of Michigan for the holding of meetings, including annual meetings.

7.2.2.3 Corporate Seal

Adopt, make and use a corporate seal; and alter the form of the seal. Such seal shall be kept at the principal office of the corporation.

7.2.2.4 Borrow Money

Borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the Corporation and cause to be executed and delivered for the Corporation's purposes, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations, and other evidence of debt and securities.

Section 7.3 Terms; Election of Successors.

Each Director shall serve a term of two (2) years, commencing at the conclusion of the annual meeting in which they are elected and continuing until the conclusion of the annual meeting marking the end of their term. Directors may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms, unless otherwise specified by the Board. At each annual meeting, vacant or expiring Board seats shall be filled through an individual vote of the current Board of Directors. A nominee shall be elected upon receiving a majority vote of a quorum of the Board. Newly elected Directors shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the annual meeting in which they are elected. A Director shall continue to serve until their successor is duly elected and assumes office, ensuring continuity of governance. In the event of a delay in elections or unforeseen circumstances preventing the timely appointment of a successor, the current Director shall remain in office until the election is finalized.

Section 7.4 Vacancies.

7.4.1 Events Causing Vacancy.

A vacancy or vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of the following: (i) the death, resignation, or removal of any Director; (ii) the declaration by resolution of the Board of Directors of a vacancy in the office of a Director who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court or convicted of a felony or has been found by final order or judgment of any court to have breached a duty under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Law; or (iii) whenever the number of authorized Directors is increased.

7.4.2 Removal.

Directors may be removed without cause by a simple majority of Directors then in office.

7.4.3 Resignations.

Except as provided in this paragraph, any Director may resign, which resignation shall be effective on giving written notice to the Chairperson  
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of the Board, the President, the Secretary, or the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the resignation to become effective. No Director may resign if the Corporation would then be left without a duly elected Director or Directors in charge of its affairs, except upon notice to the Attorney General.

7.4.4 Appointment to Fill Vacancies.

Suppose a vacancy is created by any event. In that case, a majority of the remaining Directors then in office may appoint a new Director to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made only at Special Meetings and with proper notice in keeping with Section 7.8 of this Article.

7.4.5 No Vacancy on Reduction of Number of Directors.

No reduction of the authorized number of Directors shall result in the removal of any Director before that Director's term of office expires.

Section 7.5 Place of Meetings: Meetings by Telephone.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any place within the State of Michigan designated from time to time by the resolution of the Board. In the absence of such designation, regular meetings shall be held at the Corporation's principal executive office. Special meetings of the Board shall be held at any place within the State of Michigan designated in the notice of the meeting or, if not stated in the notice, or if there is no notice, at the Corporation's principal executive office. Notwithstanding the above provisions of this Section 7.5, a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors may be held at any place consented to in writing by all the Board of Directors, either before or after the meeting. If consent is given, it shall be filed with the meeting minutes. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all Directors participating in the meeting can hear one another, and all such Directors shall be deemed to be present in person at such meeting.

Section 7.6 Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors shall hold an annual meeting each year at a date, time, and location determined by the Board. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to review the organization's progress, approve financial statements, elect officers and directors (if applicable), and conduct any other business deemed necessary. As defined in these bylaws, a quorum must be present for the business transaction. The meeting will be undertaken by [Robert's Rules of Order or another chosen procedure] to ensure orderly governance.

Section 7.7 Other Regular Meetings.

The Board of Directors shall meet four times (4) and may set a specified time and place for its regular meetings. Once the Board of Directors sets the time for regular meetings, each Director shall receive notice, as specified in Section 7.8.2 of this Article 7, of the time and place that regular meetings shall be held.

Subsequent to such notice, regular meetings shall be held without call. If the Board of Directors changes the time and place of regular meetings, each Director shall receive notice of the change in keeping with Section 7.8.2 of Article 7. If the Board of Directors does not set a specified time and place for its regular meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors shall be considered Special Meetings and have the notice requirements of Section 7.8.2.

Section 7.8 Special Meetings.

7.8.1 Authority to Call.

The Chairperson of the Board, the President, any vice president, the Secretary, or any two Directors may call special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose at any time.

7.8.2 Notice.

7.8.2.1 Manner of Giving.

Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be given to each Director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery or written notice; (b) by first-class mail, postage paid; (c) by telephone including a voice messaging system or other system or technology designed to record and communicate messages, facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means; or (d) by telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given or sent to the Director's address as show on the records of the Corporation; or, if notice is given by facsimile, the notice shall be sent to each Director at his or her facsimile number as shown on the records of the Corporation. Any oral notice given personally or by telephone may be communicated directly to the Director or to a person at the Director's office who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the Director.

7.8.2.2 Time Requirements.

Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mail box at least four days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, voice messaging system or other system or technology designed to record and communicate messages, facsimile, or telegraph shall be delivered, telephoned, telecopied, or given to the telegram company at least 48 hours before the time set for the meeting.

7.8.2.3 Notice Contents.

The notice shall state the time, purpose, and place for the meeting. It need not, however, specify the place of the meeting if it is to be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation.

Section 7.9 Quorum.

A majority of the authorized number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the business transaction, except to adjourn as provided in Section 7.11 of this Article 7. Every act taken or decision made by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Law, including, without limitation, those provisions relating to (i) approval of contracts or transactions in which a Director has a direct or indirect material financial interest, (ii) creation of, and appointment to, committees of the Board, and (iii) indemnification of Directors. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

Section 7.10 Waiver of Notice.

The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the Directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the meeting minutes. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any Director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice. Directors can protest the lack of notice only by presenting a written protest to the Secretary of the Corporation either in person by first-class mail addressed to the Secretary at the principal office of the Corporation as contained on the Corporation's records as of the date of the protest, or by facsimile addressed to the facsimile number of the Corporation as included on the Corporation's records as of the date of the protest.

Section 7.11 Adjournment.

A majority of the Directors present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place.

Section 7.12 Notice of Adjournment.

Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given unless the meeting is adjourned for more than 24 hours, in which case personal notice of the time and place shall be given before the time of the adjourned meeting to the Directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

Section 7.13 Conduct of Meetings.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Board, or, if no such person has been so designated or, in his or her absence, the President of the Corporation or, in his or her absence, by a vice president of

the Corporation or, in the absence of each of these persons, by a Chairperson chosen by a majority of the Directors present at the meeting. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the Board, provided that, in his or her absence, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the Meeting. Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order or by the Consensus Method, as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, with the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation, or with provisions of law.

Section 7.14 Action Without Meeting.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board, individually or collectively, consent in writing to the action. For the purposes of this Section only, "all members of the Board" shall not include any "interested Director" as defined in Section 5233 of the Michigan Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. Such action by unanimous written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

Section 7.15 Fees and Compensation of Directors.

Directors and members of committees may receive such compensation, if any, for their services and such reimbursement of expenses as may be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors to be just and reasonable. Directors may be compensated for rendering services to the Corporation in a capacity other than a Director, provided such compensation is reasonable and further provided that not more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the persons serving as Directors may be "interested persons," as defined in Section 5227 of the Michigan Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law or any successor provision. "Interested Persons" means:

- (a) Any person currently being compensated by the Corporation for services rendered to it within the previous twelve (12) months, whether as a full or part-time officer or other employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation paid to a Director as Director; or
- (b) Any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of any such person.

Section 7.16 Non-Liability of Directors.

The Directors shall not be personally liable for the Corporation's debts, liabilities, or other obligations.

## **ARTICLE 8 COMMITTEES**

Section 8.1 Committees of Directors.

The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors then in office, create one or more committees, including an executive committee, each consisting of two or more Directors, to serve at the discretion of the Board. Any committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board, shall have all the authority of the Board, except that no committee, regardless of Board resolution, may:

- (a) Fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or in any committee which has the authority of the Board.
- (b) Fix compensation of the Directors for serving on the Board or on any committee.
- (c) Amend or repeal Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws.
- (d) Amend or repeal any resolution of the Board of Directors which is not so amendable or repeatable by its express terms.
- (e) Appoint any other committees of the Board of Directors or the members of these committees.
- (f) Approve any transaction (1) between the Corporation and one or more of its Directors or (2) between the Corporation or any entity in which one or more of its Directors have a material financial interest; or
- (g) Expend corporate funds to support a nominee for Director after more persons have been nominated than can be elected.

Section 8.2 Meetings and Action of Committees.

Meetings and actions of committees shall be governed by, and held and taken by, the provisions of Article 7 of these Bylaws concerning meetings of Directors, with such changes in the context of those Bylaws as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of committees may also be called by resolution of the Board of Directors. Notice of special meetings of committees shall also be given to any and all alternate members, who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the committee. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of any committee and shall be filed with the corporate records. The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors from time to time as the Board may require. The Board of Directors may adopt rules for the governance of any committee not inconsistent with the provisions by these Bylaws, or, in the absence of rules adopted by the Board, the committee may adopt such rules.

Section 8.3 Quorum Rules for Committees.

A majority of the authorized committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of committee business, except to adjourn. A majority of the committee members present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Every act taken or decision made by a majority of the committee members present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as an act of the committee, subject to the provisions of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation law, including without limitation those provisions relating to (i) creation of, or appointment to, committees of the Board, and (ii) indemnification of Directors. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of committee members, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

Section 8.4 Revocation of Delegated Authority.

The Board of Directors may, at any time, revoke or modify any or all of the authority so delegated to a committee, increase or decrease but not below two (2) the number of its members, and fill vacancies therein from the members of the Board.

## **ARTICLE 9 OFFICERS**

Section 9.1 Officers.

The Corporation shall have as officers a Chairperson of the Board or a President or both, a Secretary, and a Treasurer Officer. The Corporation may also have, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, one or more vice presidents, one or more assistant secretaries, one or more assistant treasurers, and such other officers as may be appointed by the provisions of Section 9.3 of Article 9. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the Secretary nor the Chief Financial Officer may serve concurrently as either the President or the Chairperson of the Board.

Section 9.2 Election of Officers.

Any person may serve as an officer of the Corporation. The officers of the Corporation, except those appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.3 of this Article 9, shall be chosen by the Board of Directors, and each shall serve at the discretion of the Board until their successor shall be elected, subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment.

Section 9.3 Subordinate Officers.

The Board of Directors may appoint and may authorize the Chairperson of the Board or the President or another officer to appoint, any other officers that the business of the Corporation may require, each of whom shall have the title, hold office for the period, have the authority, and perform the duties specified in the Bylaws or as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 9.4 Removal of Officers.

Subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment, any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, or at the annual meeting of the Corporation, or, except in the case of any officer chosen by the Board of Directors, by an officer on whom such power of removal may be conferred by the Board of Directors.

Section 9.5 Resignation of Officers.

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Corporation. Any resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of that notice or at any later time specified in that notice; and, unless otherwise specified in that notice, the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any of the Corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party.

Section 9.6 Vacancies in Offices.

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in these Bylaws for regular appointments to that office. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than the President, such vacancy shall be filled temporarily by appointment by the President, and shall remain in office for 60 days, or until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, whichever comes first. Thereafter, the position can be filled only by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 9.7 Responsibilities of Officers.

9.7.1 Chairperson of the Board.

If such an officer be elected, the Chairperson of the Board shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or prescribed by the Bylaws. If there is no President, the Chairperson of the Board shall, in addition, be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have the powers and duties prescribed in Section 9.7.2, below.

9.7.2 President.

Subject to such supervisory powers as may be given by the Board of Directors to the Chairperson of the Board, if any, the President shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, supervise, direct, and control the business affairs of the Corporation and the activities of the officers of the Corporation. The President may delegate his or her responsibilities and powers subject to the control of the Board of Directors. In addition to all duties incident to his or her office, he or she shall preside, in the absence of the Chairperson of the Board, or if there be no Chairperson, at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He or she shall have such

other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the Bylaws.

9.7.3 Vice Presidents.

In the absence or disability of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the vice presidents, if any, in order of their rank as fixed by the Board of Directors or, if not ranked, a vice president designated by the Board of Directors, shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. The President may delegate any or all of his or her powers to one or more vice presidents.

9.7.4 Secretary.

The Secretary shall attend to the following:

9.7.4.1 Bylaws.

The Secretary shall certify and keep at the principal office of the Corporation the original, or a copy of these Bylaws as amended to date.

9.7.4.2 Book of Minutes.

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal executive office or such other place as the Board of Directors may direct, a book of minutes of all meetings, proceedings, and actions of Directors and Board committees, recording the time and place of holding such meeting, whether regular or special, and, if special, how authorized; the notice given; the names of those present at such meetings; the number of Directors present or represented at Directors' meetings; and the proceedings of such meetings. The book of minutes shall also contain any protests concerning lack of adequate notice or dissents from members of the Board, if the protesting or dissenting members request such protest in writing.

9.7.4.3 Notices, Seal and Other Duties.

The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors in accordance with these Bylaws. He or she shall keep the seal of the Corporation in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties incident to the office of Secretary as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws.



9.7.4.4 Corporate Records.

Upon request, the Secretary shall exhibit at all reasonable times to any Director of the Corporation, or to his or her agent or attorney, the Bylaws and book of minutes.

9.7.5 Chief Financial Officer.

The Chief Financial Officer shall attend to the following:

9.7.5.1 Books of Account.

The Chief Financial Officer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and transactions of the Corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings, and other matters customarily included in financial statements. The books of account shall be open to inspection by any Director at all reasonable times.

9.7.5.2 Financial Reports.

The Chief Financial Officer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.

9.7.5.3 Deposit and Disbursement of Money and Valuables.

The Chief Financial Officer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors; shall disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors; shall render, or cause to be rendered to the President and Directors, whenever they request it, an account of all of his or her transactions as Chief Financial officer and of the financial condition of the Corporation; and shall have other powers and perform such other duties incident to the office of Chief Financial Officer as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the Bylaws.

9.7.5.4 Bond.

If required by the Board of Directors, the Chief Financial Officer shall give the Corporation a bond in the amount and with the surety or sureties specified by the Board for faithful performance of the duties of his office and for restoration to the Corporation of all its books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of every kind in his possession or under his control on his death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office.

Section 9.8 Compensation of Officers.

The salaries of officers, if any, shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he or she is also a Director of the Corporation, provided, however, that such compensation paid a Director for serving as an officer of the Corporation shall only be allowed if permitted under the provisions of Section 7.15 of these Bylaws. In all cases, any salaries received by officers of the Corporation shall be reasonable and given in return for services actually rendered for the Corporation which relate to the performance of the public benefit purposes of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE 10 TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN CORPORATION AND DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS**

Section 10.1 Contracts with Directors and Officers.

10.1.1 Prohibited Transactions

The Corporation shall not be a party to any contract or transaction:

- (a) In which one or more of its Directors or officers has a material financial interest, or;
- (b) With any corporation, firm, association, or other entity in which one or more Directors or officers has a material financial interest, or;
- (c) With any corporation, firm, association, or other entity (other than a Michigan nonprofit public benefit corporation) in which one or more of its Directors is a member; unless:
  - (1) The material facts concerning the contract or transaction and such Director's or officer's financial interest, or common Directorship are fully disclosed in good faith and are noted in the minutes.
  - (2) Prior to authorizing or approving the contract or transaction, the board considers and in good faith determines after reasonable investigation that the Corporation could not obtain a more advantages arrangement with reasonable investigation under the circumstances or that the contract or transaction implements a charitable program of the Corporation.
  - (3) The Corporation enters into the contract or transaction for its own benefit.
  - (4) The contract or transaction is fair and reasonable to this Corporation or implements a charitable program of the Corporation at the time the contract or transaction is entered into, and.

- (5) Such contract or transaction is authorized or approved in good faith by a majority of disinterested Directors at the meeting with any interested Directors abstaining from voting, provided that majority has decision making authority under the quorum provisions of Section 7.9 of Article 7.

10.1.2 Material Financial Interest

A Director or officer of this Corporation shall not be deemed to have a “material financial interest” in a contract or transaction:

- (a) that fixes the compensation of a Director as a Director or officer.
- (b) that is authorized by the Board of Directors in good faith and results in a benefit to a Director or their families because they are in the class of persons intended to be benefited by the charitable program of this Corporation; or
- (c) where the interested Director has no actual knowledge of the transaction, and it does not exceed the lesser of one (1) percent of the gross receipts of the corporation for the preceding year or \$100,000.

Section 10.2 Loans to Directors and Officers.

The Corporation shall not make any loan of money or property to or guarantee the obligation of any Director or officer, unless approved by the Attorney General of the State of Michigan; provided, however, the Corporation may advance money to a Director or officer of the Corporation for expenses reasonable anticipated to be incurred in the performance of duties of such Director or officer, provided that in the absence of such advance, such Director or officer would be entitled to be reimbursed for such expenses by the Corporation.

Section 10.3 Interlocking Directorates.

No contract or other transaction between the Corporation and any Michigan nonprofit public benefit corporation of which one or more Directors are Directors is either void or voidable because such Director(s) are present at a meeting of the Board of Directors that authorizes, approves, or ratifies the contract or transaction, if the material facts as to the transaction and as to such Director’s other Directorship are fully disclosed to the Board, and the Board authorizes, approves, or ratifies the contract or transaction in good faith by a vote of disinterested Directors at the meeting (subject to the quorum provisions of Article 7), or if the contract or transaction is just and reasonable as to the Corporation at the time it is authorized, approved, or ratified.

Section 10.4 Duty of Loyalty; Construction with Article 11.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to derogate in any way from the absolute duty of loyalty that every Director and officer owes to the Corporation. Furthermore, nothing in this Article shall be construed to override or amend the

provisions of Article 11. All conflicts between the two articles shall be resolved in favor of Article 11.

## **ARTICLE 11 INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS**

### **Section 11.1 Definitions.**

For purpose of this Article,

#### **11.1.1 “Agent”**

means any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee, or other agent of this Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of this Corporation as a Director, officer, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, or was a Director, officer, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation that was a predecessor corporation of this Corporation or of another enterprise at the request of the predecessor corporation;

#### **11.1.2 “Proceeding”**

means any threatened, pending, or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative; and

#### **11.1.3 “Expenses”**

includes, without limitation, all attorneys’ fees, costs, and any other expenses reasonably incurred in the defense of any claims or proceedings against an Agent by reason of his position or relationship as Agent and all attorneys’ fees, costs, and other expenses reasonably incurred in establishing a right to indemnification under this Article 11.

### **Section 11.2 Successful Defense by Agent.**

To the extent that an Agent of this Corporation has been successful on the merits in the defense of any proceeding referred to in this Article 11, or in the defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, the Agent shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the Agent in connection with the claim. If an Agent either settles any such claim or sustains a judgment rendered against him, then the provisions of Sections 11.3 through Section 11.5 shall determine whether the Agent is entitled to indemnification.

### **Section 11.3 Actions Brought by Persons Other than the Corporation.**

Subject to the required findings to be made pursuant to Section 11.5, below, this Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was an Agent of this Corporation, for all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no indemnification shall be permitted

under this Section 11.3 for any action brought by, or on behalf of this Corporation, or by an officer, Director or person granted relator status by the Attorney General, or by the Attorney General on the ground that the defendant Director was or is engaging in self-dealing within the meaning of Section 5233 of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Law, or by the Attorney General or person granted relator status by the Attorney General for any breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust.

Section 11.4 Action Brought by or on Behalf of the Corporation.

11.4.1 Claims Settled Out of Court.

If any Agent settles or otherwise disposes of a threatened or pending action brought by or on behalf of this Corporation, with or without court approval, the Agent shall receive no indemnification for either amounts paid pursuant to the terms of the settlement or other disposition or for any expenses reasonably incurred in defending against the proceeding, unless it is settled with the approval of the Attorney General.

11.4.2 Claims and Suits Awarded Against Agent.

This Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action brought by or on behalf of this Corporation by reason of the fact that the person is or was an Agent of this Corporation, for all expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of that action, provided that both of the following are met:

- (a) The determination of good faith conduct required by Section 11.5 of this Article 11, must be made in the manner provided for in that Section; and
- (b) Upon application, the court in which the action was brought must determine that, in view of all of the circumstances of the case, the Agent should be entitled to indemnity for the expenses incurred. If the Agent is found to be so entitled, the court shall determine the appropriate amount of expenses to be reimbursed.

Section 11.5 Determination of Agent's Good Faith Conduct.

The indemnification granted to an Agent in Section 11.3 and Section 11.4 above is conditioned on the following:

11.5.1 Required Standard of Conduct.

The Agent seeking reimbursement must be found, in the manner provided below, to have acted in good faith, in a manner he or she believed to be in the best interest of this Corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use in similar circumstances. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or on a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a

presumption that the person did not act in good faith or in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interest of this Corporation or that he or she had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. In the case of a criminal proceeding, the person must have had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

11.5.2 Manner of Determination of Good Faith Conduct.

The determination that the Agent did act in a manner complying with Section 11.5.1 above shall be made by:

- (a) The Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who are not parties to the proceeding; or
- (b) The court in which the proceeding is or was pending. Such determination may be made on application brought by this Corporation or the Agent or the attorney or other person rendering a defense to the Agent, whether or not the application by the Agent, attorney, or other person is opposed by this Corporation.

Section 11.6 Limitations.

No indemnification or advance shall be made under this Article 11, except as provided in Sections 11.2 or 11.4.2, in any circumstances when it appears:

- (a) That the indemnification or advance would be inconsistent with a provision of the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, or an agreement in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action asserted in the proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amounts were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or
- (b) That the indemnification would be inconsistent with any condition expressly imposed by a court in approving a settlement.

Section 11.7 Advance of Expenses.

Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be advanced by this Corporation before the final disposition of the proceeding on receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Agent to repay the amount of the advance unless it is determined ultimately that the Agent is entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Article 11.

Section 11.8 Contractual Rights of NonDirectors and Nonofficers.

Nothing contained in this Article 11 shall affect any right to indemnification to which persons other than Directors and officers of this Corporation, or any subsidiary hereof, may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

Section 11.9 Insurance.

The Board of Directors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any Agent of the Corporation, as defined in this Article 11, against any liability asserted against or incurred by any Agent in such capacity or arising out of the Agent's status as such, whether or not this Corporation would have the power to indemnify the Agent against the liability under the provisions of this Article 11.

## **ARTICLE 12 CORPORATE RECORDS, REPORTS AND SEAL**

Section 12.1 Minute Book – Maintenance and Inspection.

The Corporation shall keep a minute book in written form at its principal office which shall contain a record of all actions by the Board or any committee including the time, date and place of each meeting; whether a meeting is regular or special and, if special, how called; the manner of giving notice of each meeting and a copy thereof; the names of those present at each meeting of the Board or the executive committee thereof; the minutes of all meetings; any written waivers of notice, consents to the holding of a meeting or approvals of the minutes thereof; all written consents for action without a meeting; all protests concerning lack of notice; and formal dissents from Board actions.

Section 12.2 Books and Records of Account – Maintenance and Inspection.

The Corporation shall keep adequate and correct books and records of account to be kept at its principal office. "Correct books and records" includes, but is not necessarily limited to: accounts of properties and transactions, its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, and losses.

Section 12.3 Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws – Maintenance and Inspection.

The Corporation shall keep at its principal office, the original or a copy of its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended to date.

Section 12.4 Annual Report; Statement of Certain Transactions.

The Board shall cause an annual report to be sent to each Director within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the close of the Corporation's fiscal year containing the following information:

- (a) The assets and liabilities of the Corporation as of the end of the fiscal year;
- (b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year;
- (c) The revenue or receipts of the Corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for this fiscal year.

- (d) The expenses or disbursements of the Corporation for both general and restricted purposes during the fiscal year.
- (e) A statement of any transaction (1) to which the Corporation, its parent, or its subsidiary was a party, (2) which involved more than \$50,000 or which was one of a number of such transactions with the same person involving, in the aggregate, more than \$50,000, and (3) in which either of the following interested persons had a direct or indirect material financial interest (a mere common Directorship is not a financial interest):
  - (1) Any Directors or officer of the Corporation, its parent, or its subsidiary.
  - (2) Any holder of more than 10 percent of the voting power of the Corporation, its parent, or its subsidiary.
- (f) The statement shall include: (i) a brief description of the transaction; (ii) the names of interested persons involved; (iii) their relationship to the Corporation; (iv) the nature of their interest in the transaction, and; (v) when practicable, the amount of that interest, provided that, in the case of a partnership in which such person is a partner, only the interest of the partnership need be stated.
- (g) A brief description of the amounts and circumstances of any loans, guaranties, indemnifications, or advances aggregating more than \$10,000 paid during the fiscal year to any officer or Director of the Corporation under Article 10 of these Bylaws.

Section 12.5 Directors' Rights of Inspection.

Every Director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect the Corporation's books, records, documents of every kind, physical properties, and the records of each of its subsidiaries. The inspection may be made in person or by the Director's agent or attorney. The right of inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts of documents.

Section 12.6 Corporate Seal.

The Board of Directors may adopt, use, and at will alter, a corporate seal. Such seal shall be kept at the principal office of the corporation. Failure to affix the seal to corporate instruments, however, shall not affect the validity of any such instrument.

## **ARTICLE 13 EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**



Section 13.1 Execution of Instruments.

The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

Section 13.2 Checks and Notes.

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the Corporation shall be signed by the Chief Financial Officer and countersigned by the President of the Corporation.

Section 13.3 Deposits.

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

Section 13.4 Gifts.

The Foundation may accept gifts, grants, and contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, and other entities, subject to approval by the Board of Directors and under \$50/-. The Board reserves the right to refuse any gift that imposes restrictions inconsistent with the Foundation's objectives or creates an undue burden on the organization. Restricted gifts shall be managed according to donor intent and applicable laws.

## **ARTICLE 14 CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context requires otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions in the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these Bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the above, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, the singular number includes the plural, the plural number includes the singular, and the term "person" includes both the Corporation and a natural person.

## **ARTICLE 15 AMENDMENTS**

Section 15.1 Amendment by Directors.

The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, or repeal Bylaws. Such power is subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The Board of Directors may not amend Bylaw provisions to fix the authorized number of Directors or establish procedures for the nomination or appointment of Directors other than by unanimous vote of all Directors.
- (b) This Section may be amended only by the unanimous vote of all Directors.