

ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE PROFESSORS at UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

BYLAWS

(Revised at the general meeting on February 14, 2004)

ARTICLE I. MISSION

The mission of the Association of Chinese Professors includes:

- (i) to promote interaction among its members;
- (ii) to exchange ideas on how to thrive at the University of Michigan and how to excel as an educator and researcher;
- (iii) to have a support network and to promote the interests of its members;
- (iv) to promote academic and cultural exchange between China and the US.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of this association shall be open to University of Michigan professors (tenured, tenure-track, or equivalent) of Chinese heritage regardless of their country of origin or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND AUTHORITIES

The Association is governed by an Executive Committee, which consists of a President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and four Directors, each representing one of the following sites: the Central campus, the Medical campus, the North campus, and the Dearborn-Flint campuses. Each member decides for oneself which campus to belong to.

The President shall represent, or appoint someone to represent the Association in Association affairs. The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall have the authority to set up committees, appoint committee chairs and members, and assign tasks to members.

The Treasurer will maintain the Association account according to rules established by the Executive Committee, and will submit a financial report annually. The Treasurer shall also serve as the Secretary of the Association and will maintain the membership list.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to set agenda.

The Executive Committee can overrule the President by a simple majority. The Association can overrule the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote at a General Meeting.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION

The term of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer and each of the four Directors is one year, from January 1 to December 31. The President cannot be re-elected immediately after his/her tenure. Other Executive members can be re-elected. Nominations of the new President and other executive committee members shall be made to the current President. The Election Committee shall verify the eligibility and availability of the nominee.

The election will be monitored by a three-person Election Committee, which is chaired by the President and includes two other Association members appointed by the President. The Election Committee members shall not be on the ballot and shall not have conflicts of interest. The Election Committee shall make detailed rules for the election according to the bylaws.

Each Association member shall cast one vote for the President, one vote for the Secretary/Treasurer, and one vote for his or her campus Director.

The person who receives the most number of votes shall be elected. In case of a tie between two leading candidates, the President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

The election shall take place in November or December of each year either at a General Meeting or by e-mail. If an election meeting is scheduled, an Association member who cannot attend it may vote by sending written notification to the Election Committee, which must be received at least four hours before the election meeting to be valid.

ARTICLE V. DUES

The membership dues shall be established by the Executive Committee annually.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

The Association shall hold at least one General Meeting of its members each year. Other General Meetings may be scheduled by the Executive Committee. Furthermore, written petition may be made to the Executive Committee by at least five Association members to request a call for a General Meeting.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws can be proposed jointly by at least five Association members. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing. The proposed amendments shall be discussed by Association members and then decided by a simple majority vote at a General Meeting. The President shall break any tie vote.

AMENDMENT 1. (01/15, 2015)

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION Article 1.

The term of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer and each of the four Directors is TWO years, from January 1 to December 31 the year after the election year. The President cannot be re-elected immediately after his/her tenure. Other Executive members can be re-elected. Nominations of the new President and other executive committee members shall be made to the current President. The Election Committee shall verify the eligibility and availability of the nominee.