

Alumni Society Constitution

Alumni Society of the School of Information Sciences of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Alumni Society of the School of Information Sciences (SIS) of The University of Tennessee.

Article II - Purpose

1. To stimulate continued interest in the School of Information Sciences among its alumni;
2. To promote support for the School of Information Sciences and The University of Tennessee by SIS alumni;
3. To encourage professional and social interaction among alumni, faculty, and students of the School of Information Sciences.

Article III – Membership

1. All graduates of the School of Information Sciences or its predecessors become life-time voting members of the Alumni Society upon graduation.
2. Past and present faculty members are affiliated non-voting members of the society.
3. Friends of the School of Information Sciences who have demonstrated a continued interest in or made a significant contribution to the School of Information Sciences can be named honorary non-voting members by the executive board of the Alumni Society.
4. There is no fee for membership in the Alumni Society, but alumni can support SIS through contributions to the SIS scholarship funds or by giving to the UT Knoxville Annual Giving Program.

Article IV – Executive Board and Officers

Section 1 - The executive board of the society shall be the president, vice-president/president-elect, secretary, and four members-at-large, all elected from among the alumni members of the Alumni Society, together with a liaison of the SIS Advisory Board, the immediate past president, and the Director of the School.

1. The president shall preside at all proceedings of the society, plan the program of activity for the year, appoint committees as appropriate, and assume any other duties necessary.
2. The vice-president/president-elect shall act in the absence of the president and shall automatically assume the duties of the president for the following term of office.
3. The secretary shall keep records of all the proceedings of the society.
4. Members-at-large shall represent the general alumni membership.
5. The president, vice-president/president-elect, secretary, four members-at-large, and the liaison from the SIS Advisory Board shall be the voting members of the Executive Board.
6. The immediate past president and the Director of the School or his/her representative shall be ex-officio, non-voting members.

Section 2 - The four elected members-at-large serve as the nominating committee. Nomination of officers and members-at-large is completed and approved by the executive board by July 1. The nominating committee will be responsible for organizing, communicating, and administering the annual election of board members.

Section 3 - Officers and members-at-large shall be elected by a majority of alumni members casting ballots via a method to be determined by the executive board.

Section 4 - The secretary shall serve a one-year term of office. The president and vice president/president-elect will each serve a one-year term of office. Upon completion of the one-year term, the president shall succeed to the office of immediate past president and the vice president/president-elect shall succeed to the office of president.

Section 5 - The immediate past president of the SIS Advisory Board shall be the liaison to the Alumni Society for a one-year term.

Section 6 - The term of office for members-at-large is two years with two members being elected each year. To achieve a staggered rotation, two of the initial four members-at-large shall be elected to one-year terms.

Section 7 - Officers will assume their duties September 1 and exit their offices August 31.

Section 8 - The executive board shall fill any vacated offices, and appointees shall carry out the duties for the remainder of the term of the respective office. All SIS alumni are eligible to fill appointments for vacant executive board positions.

Article V - Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the executive board. Other meetings may be held at the call of the president or any three members of the executive board. All meetings are open to society members and shall be announced at least one month prior to the meeting.

Article VI — Events

The Alumni Society executive board shall oversee the planning and promotion of the School's alumni events in consultation with the Director of the School or his/her representative.

Article VII — Awards

The Alumni Society executive board shall assist the Director of the School in administering the alumni awards program. SIS Alumni will vote for the winners according to the awards criteria.

Article VIII - Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the newly revised 10th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the society in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the society may adopt.

Article IX - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the executive board in attendance provided that at least six of the eight voting members of the board are in attendance (i.e., five yes-votes if eight board members are present or four yes-votes if six or seven members are present). All proposed changes should be communicated to the members of the board at least two weeks prior to the vote.