

ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY

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Preamble

The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) is the world's largest society for computing. Created during the beginning of the Computer Revolution, the organization has played a strong role in the development of the field. With over 100,000 members, ACM's members span the entire globe and are leaders throughout industry and research. The organization aims to advance the field of computing as both a science and as a profession, so that its members can use their knowledge for the greater social good.

Chapters of ACM exist at many universities around the world, creating a vast global network connecting thousands of students together. In 2019, ACM at UC San Diego has been revived in an effort to foster a diverse community for all students interested in the field of computing. This constitution serves to govern its operations. It defines the Chapter's goals, its moral code, its membership requirements, its Activity specifications, its organizational structure, its Board responsibilities, its financial duties, its Advisor's role, and its constitutional amendment process. This shall be an all binding document governing the Chapter's functions and the actions of its members.

Article I - General Provisions

Section 1. Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called the *Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD*. On the campus of UC San Diego, this name may be shortened to *ACM* or *ACM at UCSD*. In this document the UC San Diego Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery shall be referred to as the *Chapter*. The international Association for Computing Machinery shall be referred to as the *ACM*.

Section 2. Definitions

Below is terminology frequently used throughout the document.

1. *ACM* - The Association of Computing Machinery, the world's largest computing organization
2. *Activity* - An event, project, or other undertaking created by the Chapter to engage members
3. *Advisor* - The UC San Diego faculty member responsible for advising ACM at UC San Diego
4. *Board* - The members of ACM at UC San Diego responsible for overseeing the Chapter's activities
5. *Chapter* - The UC San Diego chapter of the Association of Computing Machinery
6. *Code* - The ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, a code created by the ACM intended to ensure non discrimination and professionalism
7. *Executive Board* - The collection of the President, Vice President External, Vice President Internal, and Vice President Membership.
8. *Member* - A person who holds membership with ACM at UC San Diego. This level of membership does not require dues.
9. *Member++* - A Member who pays dues with international ACM.
10. *Team* - A group within the Board responsible for either Membership, External, or Internal Affairs.

Article II: Purpose and Goals

Section 1 - Statement of Purpose

The Chapter aims to establish and foster an inclusive member-first community for all who are interested in the field of computing at UC San Diego. Every action enacted by the Chapter shall be done with each Member's best interests taken into consideration.

Section 2 - Goals

1. *To foster connections amongst students*

The Chapter prioritizes the development of friendships amongst its members and the growth of their professional networks. This community shall spark collaboration and shall allow ideas to be openly expressed.

2. *To enhance students' technical and professional skills*

The Chapter aims to provide students access to resources and activities so that students can gain skills and hands-on experiences that they would not be able to receive in traditional classroom environments.

3. *To introduce students to opportunities in both industry and research*

The Chapter seeks to connect students with companies, labs, and other Chapter partners so that students are able to explore options to pursue during and after college.

4. *To promote the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation*

The Chapter shall encourage students to seek out their own opportunities. It aims to provide students with the skills and resources necessary so that they may bring their own ideas into fruition.

5. *To connect UC San Diego students to a greater computing community*

ACM, being an international organization, is an expansive professional network. Through ACM conferences and collaborations with ACM Student Chapters at other universities, the Chapter aims to connect UC San Diego students with ACM members from around the world.

Article III: The Code

The Chapter and its members shall aim to adhere to the ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, whose principles are listed below. The Code is designed such that ACM members act responsibly and such that their actions support the public good.

Section 1 - General Ethical Principles

A computing professional should...

1. Contribute to society and to human well-being, acknowledging that all people are stakeholders in computing.
2. Avoid harm.
3. Be honest and trustworthy.
4. Be fair and take action not to discriminate.
5. Respect the work required to produce new ideas, inventions, creative works, and computing artifacts.
6. Respect privacy.
7. Honor confidentiality.

Section 2 - Professional Responsibilities

A computing professional should...

1. Strive to achieve high quality in both the processes and products of professional work.
2. Maintain high standards of professional competence, conduct, and ethical practice.
3. Know and respect existing rules pertaining to professional work.
4. Accept and provide appropriate professional review.
5. Give comprehensive and thorough evaluations of computer systems and their impacts, including analysis of possible risks.
6. Perform work only in areas of competence.
7. Foster public awareness and understanding of computing, related technologies, and their consequences.
8. Access computing and communication resources only when authorized or when compelled by the public good.
9. Design and implement systems that are robustly and usably secure.

Section 3 - Professional Leadership Principles

A computing professional, especially one acting as a leader, should...

1. Ensure that the public good is the central concern during all professional computing work.
2. Articulate, encourage acceptance of, and evaluate fulfillment of social responsibilities by members of the organization or group.
3. Manage personnel and resources to enhance the quality of working life.
4. Articulate, apply, and support policies and processes that reflect the principles of the Code.
5. Create opportunities for members of the organization or group to grow as professionals.
6. Use care when modifying or retiring systems.
7. Recognize and take special care of systems that become integrated into the infrastructure of society.

Section 4 - Compliance with the Code

A computing professional should...

1. Uphold, promote, and respect the principles of the Code.
2. Treat violations of the Code as inconsistent with membership in the ACM.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1 - Non-Discriminatory Clause

Members shall be accepted without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy (including pregnancy, childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, major, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services (including membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation for service in the uniformed services).

Section 2 - Membership Eligibility

Membership at the UC San Diego ACM Chapter shall be open to all undergraduate students currently attending UC San Diego.

Section 3 - Membership Definition

1. While ACM charges student members dues every year, the Chapter shall not require that students pay these dues in order to become a Member.
2. Members that pay dues with ACM shall be referred to as *Member++* and Members that do not shall only be referred to as *Members*.
3. All Members shall have access to Activities conducted by the organization, however those who have Member++ status shall have priority access to Activities in instances of limited space or resources.

Article V: Activities

Section 1 - Frequency of Organization Meetings

The Chapter is required to hold a general business meeting at least once during each Fall, Winter, and Spring quarter. This meeting, which shall be referred to as a *GBM* must be open to the general public and shall be a presentation of Activities conducted by the Chapter for that quarter.

The Board shall be expected to meet at least once during each Fall, Winter, and Spring quarter. This overall meeting shall be referred to as *All Hands*.

Each team within the Board (Membership, Internal, and External) shall additionally be expected to meet numerous times each quarter. The frequency of these team meetings shall be determined by the Vice President designated as the team's leader.

The Executive Board is expected to meet at least once within any given 2 week academic period. These executive meetings shall also be open to attendance from all officers of the Board. These meetings shall discuss the overall direction of the organization including the overseeing of Activities as well as decisions affecting its growth and image.

Section 2 - Events

Events hosted by the Chapter are Activities lasting a limited duration of time. Events typically only last a few hours, but major events such as hackathons and competitions can last over a day. Events include, but are not limited to, professional development events, technical skill workshops, programming competitions, cybersecurity competitions, hackathons, and socials.

Any event may be hosted / planned by the Chapter under the following conditions

1. The event must align with the purpose and goals of the Chapter.
2. The event and its management must adhere to the Code.
3. The event must be authorized by an Executive Board Member.
4. The event must be designated a Board member as its director, who will see that the event comes to fruition.
5. The event's resources and promotional materials must be approved by the External team.

Section 3 - Projects

The Chapter shall conduct projects, which is the development of technology, in order to further its goals. The Chapter's projects shall be led by a single individual, selected by the Board. This person shall be referred to as the project's Lead. Each Lead can additionally select team members to also work on the development of the project. The Board may modify the leadership and status of a project by a simple majority vote.

Any project may be hosted / planned by the Chapter under the following conditions

1. The project must align with the purpose and goals of the Chapter.
2. The project and its management must adhere to the Code.
3. The project must be authorized by a Board Member.
4. The project must be designated a Member as its Lead.
5. The project's team size and membership shall be determined by its Lead.

Section 4 - Miscellaneous

The Chapter, the Board, and its Members are permitted to pursue all other Activities under the following conditions

1. The Activity must align with the purpose and goals of the Chapter.
2. The Activity and its management must adhere to the Code.
3. The Activity must be authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
4. The Activity's overseement shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Article VI: Organization

The Chapter shall be divided into a hierarchy, teams, and committees to maximize its efficiency. The executive board shall have the utmost authority in the organization. Each Vice President from within the Executive Board shall also be the head of an individual team. Each individual team shall oversee a portion of the organization's functions. Within each team shall be general Board officers. These Board officers are permitted to have their own Committees, which are defined as groups of Members who assist the Board officers in their duties.

Section 1 - Executive Board

The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice President Membership, Vice President Internal, and Vice President External. This group is responsible for major organizational decisions including

1. The addition and subtraction of modular Board roles. Modular Board roles are those defined in the Constitution but not limited in number of people.
2. The approval of Activities including events.
3. The approval of formation of Committees.
4. The organization's alignment / association with third-party entities.

These decisions shall be conducted through a vote amongst the Executive Board. Decisions shall be approved based on the alignment of the majority (> 50%). In the case of a tie, the President's decision shall break the tie. These decisions can be vetoed by the Advisor.

Section 2 - Membership Team

The Membership Team shall be headed by the Vice President Membership. This section of the organization shall oversee the recruitment and engagement of Members. The Membership Team shall be responsible for

1. Hosting social events to engage members.
2. Overseeing the development of membership tools and resources.
3. Defining and providing membership benefits.
4. Communicating with ACM Member Services.

Section 3 - Internal Team

The Internal Team shall be headed by the Vice President Internal.

This section of the organization shall oversee Activities to provide Members with skills coveted in industry and research. The Internal Team shall be responsible for

1. Hosting technical or professional workshops to engage members.
2. Conducting any other Activities permitted in Article V as necessary.
3. Development of projects promoting the field of computing.
4. Requesting funding and booking space from entities like AS for events.

Section 4 - External Team

The External Team shall be headed by the Vice President External.

This section of the organization shall oversee the relationships of the Chapter with other entities. The External team shall be responsible for

1. Hosting industry / research showcases to engage members.
2. Establishing and fostering relations with entities within UC San Diego.
3. Establishing and fostering relations with entities outside UC San Diego.
4. Overseeing the Chapter's public image.

Section 5 - Committees

Each Board member is permitted to lead a Committee. This shall be a group consisting solely of Members tasked to help the Board member with his/her responsibilities. In order for a Committee to be created, the Board member must submit a proposal to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall then vote, through the standard Executive voting process, to form the Committee. Committees shall be advertised to the entire Chapter.

Article VII: Board

Section 1 - The Executive Board

Section 1.1 - President

The President shall be the leader of the organization. The President heads the Executive team and is responsible for ensuring that the Chapter pursues its purpose and goals. The President pursue any tasks that are deemed necessary in order to achieve the Chapter's goals, so long as said tasks also adhere to the Code. The President shall have the task of being the primary speaker, point of contact, and representative for the organization. The President shall also fulfill all tasks not able to be fulfilled by the remainder of the Board to ensure the Chapter's prosperity.

Section 1.2 - Vice President Membership

The Vice President Membership shall ensure that the Chapter achieves its purpose of being a member-first community. The Vice President Membership heads the Membership Team and is responsible for ensuring that the Chapter becomes a collaborative community, one that fosters friendships and generates rich professional networks. The Vice President Membership shall pursue any tasks that are deemed necessary in order to achieve the Chapter's goals, so long as said tasks also adhere to the Code and do not conflict with another VP's tasks. These tasks include, but are not limited to, connecting members together through social Activities and providing membership benefits.

Section 1.3 - Vice President Internal

The Vice President Internal shall ensure that the Chapter achieves its aims of providing Members technical and professional skills and inspiring innovation. The Vice President Internal heads the Internal Team and shall conduct meetings to ensure that Activities are conducted which align, and further, the Chapter's goals. The Vice President Internal shall pursue any tasks that are deemed necessary in order to achieve the Chapter's goals, so long as said tasks also adhere to the Code and do not conflict with another VP's tasks. These tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting Event Directors in brainstorming ideas, gathering resources, and hosting Activities.

Section 1.4 - Vice President External

The Vice President External shall ensure that the Chapter is a part of a global community, allowing students to expand their network outside of UC San Diego and providing Members with opportunities in industry and research. The Vice President External heads the External Team and is responsible for developing partnerships with other entities as well as strengthening the Chapter's public image. The Vice President External shall pursue any tasks that are deemed necessary in order to achieve the Chapter's goals, so long as said tasks also adhere to the Code and do not conflict with any other VP's tasks. These tasks include, but are not limited to, collaborating with ACM, companies, and other student organizations and developing promotional material.

Section 2 - Membership Team

Section 2.1 - Membership Team Lead

The Vice President Membership shall be responsible for leading the Membership Team.

Section 2.2 - Technical Director

The Technical Director shall be responsible for the development of member tools and resources. This includes, but is not limited to, the website and membership portal. These shall be projects open to the ACM Chapter as a whole. The Technical Director shall create and lead a team of Members to ensure that the member projects are successfully and efficiently developed.

Section 2.3 - Social Directors

The Social Directors shall be responsible for events that shall grow the Chapter's community. This includes, but is not limited to, movie nights, game nights, bonfires, and dinners. The Social Directors shall be required to report to the Vice President Membership in order to gain approval for an Activity. Once approval is granted, the Social Directors shall be expected to be responsible for ensuring that the promotion, funding, and resources for that Activity are acquired. They shall see that the Activity is brought into fruition.

Section 3 - Internal Team

Section 3.1 - Internal Team Lead

The Vice President Internal shall be responsible for leading the Internal Team.

Section 3.2 - Event Directors

The Event Directors shall be responsible for overseeing the formation of events, projects, and other Activities. The directors are permitted to pursue the formation of any activity specified in Article V. These include, but are not limited in scope to, workshops, professional development events, and socials. The Event Directors shall be required to report to the Vice President Internal in order to gain approval for an Activity. Once approval is granted, the Event Director shall be expected to be responsible for ensuring that the promotion, funding, and resources for that Activity are acquired. They shall see that the Activity is brought into fruition.

Section 4 - External Team

Section 4.1 - External Team Lead

The Vice President External shall be responsible for leading the External Team.

Section 4.2 - Sponsorship Directors

The Sponsorship Directors shall be responsible for initiating partnerships with companies, both large and small. The Sponsorship Directors shall work together with the Vice President External to generate a Sponsorship package at the beginning of each year. The Sponsorship Directors shall attend meetings and send out emails to company representatives. They shall also handle any financial transactions between the Chapter and companies.

Section 4.3 - Marketing Directors

The Marketing Directors shall be responsible for the promotion of events via both digital and physical means. The Marketing Directors shall manage the Chapter's social media accounts in order to regularly publicize the Chapter. Additionally, the Marketing Directors shall promote the Chapter by printing and displaying physical advertisements, such as flyers, throughout campus. The Marketing Directors shall also assist Event Directors in documenting events through photography.

Section 4.4 - Design Directors

The Design Directors shall be responsible for the overall design direction of the organization. At the beginning of their term, the Design Directors will create a Design Code which shall be a set of guidelines for the rest of the Chapter to adhere to in the creation of content. The Design Directors shall work with the Marketing Directors to create flyer templates and presentation slides templates for the rest of the Chapter to utilize for the remainder of the year. For the rest of the year, the Design Directors shall be responsible for creating graphics including, but not limited to, logos and illustrations.

Section 5 - Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

Only registered UCSD students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UCSD students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers. The Executive Board shall be elected initially. These elections shall begin at the beginning of Spring Quarter and shall be expected to conclude by Week 3. Executive Board applications are restricted to present Board members only. After Executive elections end, the election process shall begin for all other Board officer positions and shall be expected to conclude by week 6 of Spring Quarter. If any Executive Board positions are left unfilled after Executive elections, then they shall be chosen as part of the remaining Board elections. During the remaining Board elections, all positions shall be open to applications from all UC San Diego students. If a Board position is left unfilled at the end of elections, the newly elected officers of the Executive Board may choose to postpone elections.

Each applicant for a Board position must submit a document containing the following information

1. What are their goals, should they be elected into the position?
2. Why are they qualified for the position?
3. What is their motivation for applying to the position?

Additional questions may be added at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Applicants shall be interviewed by the present officer currently in the position the applicant is applying for as well as a member of the Executive Board. Additional interviewers can be approved at the discretion of the Executive Board and must attend every interview for that position. All interviews must be conducted by the end of Week 2 for Executive Board elections and Week 5 for overall Board elections.

After all candidates are interviewed, Board members shall be given precisely one week to make their minds and cast their vote. A majority vote (> 50%) is required in order to elect a candidate. If a majority vote is not achieved, then voting shall be repeated with the candidate with the least votes being removed from the pool. This shall be repeated until a single candidate receives a majority vote. If a majority vote is unable to be reached, even with a single candidate, the position is left unfilled.

Newly elected Board members shall begin their term on the beginning of Week 8 of Spring Quarter.

Section 6 - Succession

In the case in which the President is unable to perform his/her duties, the Board shall hold an emergency vote within the next seven days to determine the successor. The nominees shall be each of the Vice Presidents. Should all the Vice Presidents reject their nomination, then Board members may choose to nominate themselves or another Board Member. In the case in which no Board Member is nominated, then any Member of the Chapter may be nominated. A majority (> 50%) vote must be made in order to select the President's successor.

In the case in which any other Board member is unable to perform his/her duties, the Board shall hold a vote within two weeks time to determine a replacement. The Board is able to nominate any Member of the Chapter. A majority (> 50%) vote must be made in order to select the Board Member's successor.

Section 7 - Impeachment

If a Board member is not fulfilling his/her responsibilities or violates the Code, he/she is able to be impeached. To initiate impeachment, another active Board member must present a written case to the remainder of the Board. After the case is presented, a vote shall occur in two weeks time during which the Board member at risk of impeachment is able to schedule meetings to appeal. After two weeks time, a vote shall be conducted. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote must be made in order to impeach a Board member. Once impeached, the Board position shall be filled by the process of Succession.

Article VIII: Financial Management

Section 1 - Nonprofit Statement

The Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD is a non-profit organization. Both the Chapter and ACM are non-profit organizations.

Section 2 - ACM Financial Responsibilities

The Chapter shall operate according to the sanctions of ACM Bylaw 8, Sections 4 and 5 and ACM Bylaw 5, Section 6. The following is a summary of the Chapters' responsibilities according to these Bylaws:

1. Any chapter that collects, holds or disburses funds on behalf of the Association or any of its branches must submit an annual accounting of such funds.
2. Chapter funds will be accounted for in the Association's IRS return unless the chapter specifically desires to file a separate return with the IRS. If a chapter Secretary/Treasurer chooses to file its own return, it must provide a copy of the return to the ACM Finance Director.
3. Failure to submit financial reports is grounds for revocation of charter as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.
4. Disbursements of funds for expenditures necessary for the normal operation of the chapter do not require approval. Any chapter desiring to disburse funds beyond those necessary for normal operations must obtain advance approval of the ACM Chief Operating Officer.
5. Upon dissolution of a chapter or revocation of a chapter's charter, all assets of the chapter become the property of the Association. The only exception to this rule is in the case of certain student chapters, whose educational institutions require that such assets be transferred to them for a purpose within the contemplation of section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
6. An acknowledgement of support should be given to anyone who has donated \$250 or more.
7. Any chapter that receives an in-kind donation is responsible for determining the fair market value of the donation and sending out an acknowledgement letter to the donor. The chapter must also report the transaction on their annual report filing with ACM.

Additionally, it shall be noted that ACM operates on a fiscal year which begins July 1st and ends June 30th. The Chapter shall be expected to complete an annual Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements which shall be submitted to ACM during this fiscal year.

Section 3 - UC San Diego Funding

The Chapter shall utilize funding through entities at UC San Diego including, but not limited to funding from Associated Students, the Student Life Tournament / Competition Fund, the Student Life Triton Community Fund, and the Jacobs School of Engineering.

Section 4 - Sponsors Funding

The Chapter shall utilize funding received from entities outside of UC San Diego including corporate partners. Sponsorship agreements and packages can be created and updated throughout the year but must all be done in coordination with the Vice President External. Partnerships must not conflict with previous sponsorship agreements.

Article IX: Advisor

According to both UC San Diego and ACM policy, the Chapter shall be expected to have a faculty advisor. This person, who shall be referred to as the *Advisor* will serve as the Chapter's mentor and guide, as he / she shall likely have the most experience as a member of ACM.

Section 1 - Advisor Qualifications

1. The Advisor must be an active member of ACM
2. The Advisor must be a current UC San Diego faculty member

Section 2 - Advisor Selection

Upon election of the Board in Spring Quarter, the Board is to select a faculty advisor. The selection process shall start with members of the Board nominating faculty members to be the Advisor. After which, members of the Board shall submit up to three Advisor preferences from the nominee pool. The votes shall be tallied up and the three Advisor nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be ordered from most votes to least votes.

Once selected, the Board may approach the Advisor nominees in order from most votes to least votes. If an Advisor nominee agrees to the request of becoming the Advisor, he / she shall become the new Advisor for the following school year. If all three Advisor nominees reject their nominations, then the Advisor selection process shall be repeated.

An Advisor cannot be removed from their position for the duration of the school year. If an Advisor is unable to or refuses to continue performing their role, then the Advisor selection process shall be repeated immediately.

Section 3 - Advisor Expectations

1. The Advisor shall be expected to be knowledgeable about ACM.
2. The Advisor shall be expected to work in the field of computing.
3. The Advisor shall be the main point of connection between the organization and UC San Diego faculty
4. The Advisor shall help promote ACM at UC San Diego
5. The Advisor shall be frequently contacted for advice for the direction of the organization

Section 4 - Advisor Privileges

1. When a decision is made by the Executive board, the Advisor has the ability to veto the decision. See Article VI, Section 2.
2. The Advisor is given voting rights equivalent to that of a single Board member during elections and succession.

Article X: Risk Management

The Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

The Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Section 1 - In Case of Interaction with Minors and the Elderly

The Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only). The Association for Computing Machinery will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

Section 2 - In Case of the Provision of Medical Assistance

In the event that the Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD provides medical assistance to a community, all volunteers will work under the direction of licensed professionals (doctors, nurses, counselors, etc.). The University does not recommend that students provide medical assistance.

Section 3 - In Case of International Travel

The Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and health care services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important.

International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

Section 4 - In Case of Handling of Hazardous Chemicals, Material, Equipment, and/or Machinery

The Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD recognizes that all student organization activities must be conducted safely, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. Additionally, The Association for Computing Machinery at UCSD will abide by UC San Diego requirements for students in labs, including policies for minors in UC laboratories, and ensure members receive safety training regarding the use of chemicals and/or machinery before entering the lab. Members must follow any best practices and lab safety protocols for the use of such chemicals, research equipment or machinery, including the appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment, and should work under close supervision of those trained in the handling of chemicals/use of research equipment or machinery.

Article XI: Amendment

The Constitution will remain a public document accessible to the entire Chapter and shall accept suggestions from all Members. An official amendment to the Constitution can and must be proposed by any Board member. New amendments shall be voted on by the current Board. Over 2/3 of the Board must be present to vote on the Constitution. The majority (more than half) of total Board members must vote in favor of the amendment in order for the amendment to be approved.