Article I  Name
1. The name of the organization shall be the Student chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter and as the Society. Qualified persons attending Michigan Technological University (MTU) are eligible for Chapter membership.

Article II  Objectives
1. Operate solely and exclusively as a charitable and educational organization to foster conservation and understanding of wetlands.
2. Provide an independent forum for an interchange of ideas and data developed within wetland science in the Chapter.
3. Further the knowledge of wetland resources and encourage wetland protection, restoration, and stewardship within the Chapter.

For the administration of the affairs and the attainment of the objectives of the Chapter, the Chapter shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone in conjunction to do and all lawful acts and things, to engage in any and all lawful activities that may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, of any or all of the objectives for which the Chapter is organized, as set forth in Article First 1-3, and to aid and assist other organizations whose objectives are such as to further accomplish, foster, or attain and of such objectives.

Article III  Membership and Election of Members

A. Qualifications
1. Voting membership shall be granted to those who are currently registered and enrolled at Michigan Technological University.
2. In compliance with MTU’s Board of Control Equal Opportunity Policy effective 12/09/05, the Chapter will not discriminate in the basis or race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, height, weight, or marital status. The Chapter must also be committed to the policy of not discriminating against disabled individual’s of veterans

B. Class of members
1. Regular membership shall be granted to any currently enrolled student who indicates an interest.
2. Associate membership shall be granted to those persons who are not registered students but have a commitment to helping others through volunteerism.

C. Removal of members
3. A member may be disassociated from the Chapter on the grounds of abusive behavior of behaviors destructive to the chapter and its purpose.

D. Only Regular members have the right to vote and hold office.

Article IV Officers and Duties

A. Officers
1. The officers of the Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Public Relations who are elected by Chapter members. The Immediate Past President and the elected officers and board members constitute the Executive board of the Chapter who shall have the authority to meet in closed sessions.
2. Only active members in good standing shall be eligible for nomination for an elected Chapter office.
3. All elected officers and elected board members shall serve for one year.

B. Officer qualifications
1. All officers must be registered and enrolled at MTU at the time of election.
2. All officers must have at least a 2.00 GPA at the time of election.
3. All officers must be members of the parent society, SWS. Dues will be paid by the Student Chapter, while they are an officer.

C. Elections
1. Voting will be by secret ballot with the ballots being counted by the current Secretary (unless they are running for an elected position, in which place another officer will take their place) and a member appointed from the regular membership.
2. A simple majority vote of a quorum of regular members shall determine the outcome.

D. Officer Duties
1. President: The President shall be responsible for the business of the Chapter and establish special committees. The President shall chair over meetings of the Chapter, and Executive Board meetings. The President serves as a Representative to the Society and its members. He/she shall only vote to break a tie.
2. Vice President: The Vice President shall succeed the President without further election if the President must leave (i.e. graduation, co-op, internship ect.). The duties of the Vice President shall be to assist the President and perform the duties of the President when that officer is absent or unable to act. The President-elect shall serve as chairperson to the
Standing Committees.

3. Secretary: The Secretary shall maintain a roster of the Chapter members in good standing and serve as a chairperson of the Membership committee. They shall be responsible for meeting minutes.

4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Chapter. They shall maintain files and records of Chapter business and attend all appropriate financial matters of the Chapter, including payment of bills and expenditures. He/she will create a budget before the end of the spring semester with the assistance of the outgoing treasurer. He/she is also chair to the finance committee.

5. Public Relations: will be head of the public relations committee. Will approve all forms of exposure on campus.

6. Parliamentarian: see to it that meetings run smoothly. He/she serves as the historian of the Chapter.

E. Executive Board

1. The Executive Board is comprised of the Immediate Past President and the elected officers and board members along with the facility advisor(s).

2. They will meet before each meeting to prepare an agenda.

F. Filling Vacancies

1. Vacancies are filled in the same manner as regular elections.

2. Vacancies must be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. The President can appoint an interim to an office, until such time as the special election takes place.

G. Impeachment

1. An officer may be removed from office as the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of their duties by a 2/3- majority vote of regular members at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

Article V Advisor(s)

A. The advisor shall be a full time member of the faculty or staff of the University. He/she maintains continuity, officers guidance, helps cut through red tape, serves as a sounding board, assist officers, and is an all-around resource person. The advisor will also contact with the regional chapter. They must also be a member of SWS.

Article VI Committees

A. Standing Committee
1. The Public Relations Committee facilitates positive exposure of the Society through all forms of media including radio, TV, newspapers, electronic display, flyers and table tents etc. It will maintain a friendly and cooperative relationship with all other campus organizations.

2. The Membership committee helps recruit new members and monitor the feelings and desires of the current members. This committee is in charge of membership awards and helping with the spring banquet.

3. The Finance committee with help the Treasure in preparing a budget:
   A. Fund raisers will help generate monies.
   B. The Undergraduate Student Government Allocation Committee will be approached each spring for funding. All money that comes from USG, will stay on campus.
   C. The Committee can request financial support from the executive board of the regional chapter.
   D. An expenditure over $20.00 will be approved by the Executive Board.
   E. An expenditure over $50.00 will be approved by the regular members.
   F. Monies will be kept in a recognized banking establishment within Houghton county.
   G. Sound bookkeeping practices will be maintained at all times.

B. All members must be on a committee for at least one semester.
C. Special Committees will be formed as needed.

Article VII  Meetings

A. Types of meetings
   1 Regular meetings will be held at least once a month during the academic year.
   2. Special meetings are defined as those that take place outside the regularly scheduled meetings.

B. Who may call meetings
   1. Regular meetings are called by the president and are called based upon a schedule determined at the beginning of each term.
   2. Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of at least three voting members.

C. Sixty percent of the regular members in good standing must be present to constitute a quorum.
Article VIII Constitution

A. Adoption
   1. This constitution must be ratified by two-thirds majority vote of the charter membership.
   2. It will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities.

B. Amendments
   1. Any voting member may propose as amendment. This proposed amendment must be voted on in writing and presented at a regular meeting.
   2. Members must be informed that a vote will take place in an amendment at least one week prior to the meeting as which the vote is to occur.

Article IX Society and Chapter Representation

A. No member of the Chapter will represent the Chapter without prior approval of the Chapters Board of Executives.