CONSTITUTION OF
GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

A STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICS AND
A STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

We, the members of the Geophysical Society at University of South Carolina, do hereby adopt and
establish this constitution as an optimal guiding tool of our organization.

Article I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Geophysical Society at the University of South Carolina.

Article II
Objectives

The purpose of the Geophysical Society at the University of South Carolina, shall be, to promote interest
in, and knowledge of geosciences and their allied fields, in addition to promoting leadership and
development, team-building, and cooperation among those interested in the earth and/or geophysical
sciences.

Article III
Membership

Section 1. All persons interested in the geosciences who qualify as students, staff, or faculty of the
University of South Carolina are eligible for membership.

Section 2. The membership shall consist of general members (graduate and undergraduate students),
oficer members (2-3 graduate students per year, one of which can be a senior geology or geophysics
undergraduate major), and honorary members (faculty and staff, one of which, a member of our society
and preferably also a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, being the Faculty Adviser to
the society).

Section 3. The voting members shall consist of students, while the faculty and staff shall be considered
honorary members without voting privileges.

Section 4. A prospective member may be introduced at any regular meeting of the
Society, and shall become a full member upon registration (individual or with the help of any of the
student officers, and by subsequent approval of the Executive Committee (Faculty Adviser, current
president and/or another member of the office or faculty).

Section 5. Any full member who fails to show continued interest in the Society and its related activities
shall be dropped.

Article IV
Conformity

The relation of the Geophysical Society at University of South Carolina to the Society of Exploration
Geophysicists shall be governed at all time by the Constitution, laws and rules of the Society of
Exploration Geophysicists.
In addition, the Geophysical Society shall participate with the rules by the Leadership and Service Center, Office of Student Organizations, at the University of South Carolina, for other student involvements, activities and benefits.

Article V
Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The officers of the Geophysical Society shall be the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer (yearly based)

Section 2. The duty of the president shall be to preside at all meetings, maintain communication with the members of the chapter and faculty adviser, and to administer the affairs of the Society. The president shall carry out the correspondence and business of the Society in conjunction with the Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President and faculty adviser. The President shall have authority to act for the Society within the framework of the Constitution.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall be responsible for accessing and coordinating opportunities, be it geoscience expo events, activities or other geoscience outreach events, and act as the ultimate public relations for the society, particularly assisting with the Society’s webpage and other media outlets’ maintenance and development, for ease of information. The Vice-President shall assume duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice-president shall also work directly with the President and help arrange and coordinate programs and assist with the business conduction of the Society.

Section 4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain the finances and records of the Society, and the record the proceedings of the meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall furnish members with notification of main point or agenda of meetings.

Section 5. Committee Chairman, if necessary, shall be appointed by the Faculty Advisor with the approval of the President of the Society. They shall serve until new officers are elected or until they are replaced by the Executive Committee.

Article VI
Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. All nominees shall be members of the Geophysical Society at University of South Carolina, and must be student members of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

Section 2. Nominations shall be made from the floor at the next to the last meeting of each academic year (or end of each fall/spring semester if necessary).

Section 3. Officers shall be elected at the next to the last meeting of each year (or end of fall/spring semester) by secret ballot immediately following the close of nominations. They shall assume office at the close of that meeting and hold office for a period of one year. Election shall be by a simple majority of votes cast.

Section 4. An officer may be removed from office by a two thirds vote.

Article VII
Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be held no less frequently than once a month during the academic year provided that suitable program material is available.

Section 2. Particular place, date and time for each meeting shall be determined by the President with notification and agenda furnished to members at least three days in advance of meeting date and time.
Section 3. A quorum consisting of at least 50% of the members shall be required for meetings at which business is conducted.

Section 4. The program at regular meetings shall include the following, not necessarily in order:
1. Roll call and brief minutes of last meeting by President
2. Financial reports, activities and other requests by Secretary/Treasurer
3. Official business matter by Vice-President or President
4. Member inquiries, questions and other announcements by President or Vice President

Article VIII
Dues and Finances

Section 1. Dues if any will be established by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Fees for special events or projects sponsored by the Society will be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article IX
Faculty Advisor

Section 1. One Faculty Advisor shall be elected at the first meeting of each academic year.

Section 2. The Faculty Advisor shall provide continuity and assist the Society in operating in a manner which is consistent with the goals and purposes of the Geophysical Society at The University of South Carolina, the goals put forth by both the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and the Leadership Service Center at the University of South Carolina, as the society’s mother entities.

Article X
Constitutional Amendments

Section 1. Amendments may be proposed at any meeting and voted on at the following meeting. All members will be notified in writing of the proposed amendment, and a period of at least one week must elapse between such notification and the vote upon the proposed amendment.

Section 2. An amendment will be adopted by a two-thirds vote.