

Material Advantage and Research Societies (MARS) Bylaws

Section I: Name

- Article 1. The name of this Student Chapter shall be “ The Joint Material Advantage and Material Research Societies at the University of Nevada, Reno. (herein after MARS).”
- Article 2. This chapter shall be chartered by the Board of Directors of the American Ceramic Society (herein after ACerS), the Board of Trustees of ASM International (herein after called ASM), the Board of Directors of The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (herein after TMS) and the Board of Directors of the Materials Research Society (herein after MRS).
- Article 3. This Chapter shall be governed at all times by the provisions of The Constitution of ACerS, the Constitution and The Rules for the Government of ASM and the Bylaws of TMS, and the MRS Constitution and Bylaws.

Section II: Purpose

- Article 1. The purpose of this Chapter shall be to promote among its members a self-sought increasing knowledge of metallurgy, ceramics, materials science and engineering and all its branches and to instill a professional pride in their chosen life work.

Section III: Membership

- Article 1. Any regularly enrolled individual whose principle occupation is that of student shall be eligible for student membership. Students who are not an active member of a society are not eligible to attend the annual conference of that same society.
- Article 2. A student member shall remain eligible for this class of membership until his/her principal occupation ceases to be that of a student or he/she no longer pays annual dues.
- Article 3. A student member enrolled at this institution shall be assigned to this chapter unless he/she requests a different chapter or this chapter becomes inactive.
- Article 4. This chapter is non-discriminatory against member selection.

Section IV: Dues

- Article 1. The fee for Material Advantage student membership is set by the ACerS Board of Directors, the ASM Board of Trustees and the TMS Board of Directors. The fee for MRS is set by the MRS Board of Directors. The current membership fees can be determined by obtaining a current Material Advantage or MRS student membership application.
- Article 2. The annual fee shall accompany and application for Material Advantage student membership.
- Article 3. The Material Advantage student membership year runs on the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. The MRS student membership year runs on the calendar year from July 1 to June 30.

Section V: Officers

- Article 1. The officers of this student chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Graduate Liaison.
- Article 2. The Student Chapter shall elect, by majority vote of the chapter members present, a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Graduate Liaison in the Spring of each year to serve during the following academic year.
- Article 3. To be eligible for election, the nominee must be a Material Advantage or MRS student member or must have applied for such membership or have been an active member of the Chapter during the previous academic year.
- Article 4. If the office of President becomes vacant for any reason during the elected term, the Vice President shall become President for the remainder of the term, thereby creating a vacancy as Vice President. Vacancies in any elected office other than that of President shall be filled by a simple majority vote at a regularly scheduled chapter meeting.
- Article 5. At the annual election, there shall be chosen, from the faculty, a member of ACerS, ASM, MRS, and/or TMS who shall act as Faculty Advisor to advise and counsel the officers.

Section VI: Duties of the Officers

- Article 1. The President of this Student Chapter shall preside at all meetings.
- Article 2. The President shall assume all executive duties not otherwise delegated to others by these bylaws.

- Article 3. The Vice President shall preside at chapter meetings or events in the absence of the President.
- Article 4. The Secretary shall keep records of each meeting for the permanent chapter records. The Secretary shall also be responsible for keeping record of student attendance to chapter meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for submitting brief reports of all activities for publication by ACerS, ASM, MRS and TMS.
- Article 5. The Secretary shall forward an Annual Report, prepared by the Executive Committee, to ASM Headquarters before June 1 of each year, summarizing the activities of the Chapter during the preceding year and listing the newly elected officers of the following year. The Secretary shall forward another Annual Report, prepared by the Executive Committee, to MRS before June 15 of each year summarizing the activities and expenditures of the Chapter during the preceding year.
- Article 6. The Treasurer shall submit a Financial Report to the Chapter Executive Committee giving a complete accounting of the Chapter's finances. This report shall be appended to the Annual Reports.
- Article 7. The Graduate Liaison shall be responsible for recruiting graduate students to become more involved with the Chapter. The Graduate Liaison shall be responsible for relaying updated Chapter news and events to all graduate student members.
- Article 8. All Chapter documents, financial reports and funds shall be left with the Faculty Advisor for any vacation period when the university is not in session.

Section VII: Committees

- Article 1. The officers of the Chapter, including the Faculty Advisor, shall constitute the Executive Committee charged with the responsibility of the Chapter management, programming, reporting, and activities.
- Article 2. The standing committees shall include but are not limited to the following:
- a) Programming Committee – Plans, organizes, and executes the chapter technical, educational, and joint professional activities.
 - b) Membership/Outreach Committee – Organizes and implements programs which promote student membership as a way to explore metallurgy, ceramics, materials science and engineering as a field of study and career path.

Section VIII: Meetings

- Article 1. Regular Student Chapter meetings, held at such times and places as the Executive Committee and Faculty Advisor shall determine, shall be devoted to educational, technical, engineering or scientific purposes. The President or Faculty Advisor may call a special meeting at any time.

Section IX: Amendments

- Article 1. This Student Chapter may amend its Bylaws in any fashion consistent with the Constitution of ACerS, ASM, MRS and the Bylaws of TMS. Such amendments, after adoption by two-thirds vote of Chapter membership, shall be filed with the Material Advantage Chapter Program.

Section X: Professional Chapter Affiliation

- Article 1. This Student Chapter will be affiliated with the local ACerS Section, ASM Professional Chapter, MRS Chapter, and TMS Section assigned by the respective societies. The assigned affiliation may be changed by proposal of either the Student Chapter or the regular Chapter.

Section XI: Dissolution of Chapter

- Article 1. If for any reason this Student Chapter is dissolved, the Charter should be returned to the Material Advantage Chapter Program. All funds or other property remaining after payment of debts and obligations of this Student Chapter shall be transferred and divided between the four societies.