



## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE GHANA CHAPTER OF ASHRAE

Approved by the Society: 17-October-2023

### **ARTICLE I – NAME AND AREA SERVED**

The name of the organization is the Ghana Chapter (herein “Chapter”) of ASHRAE (herein “Society”). The principal area(s) served by the Chapter is (are) the country of Ghana. The principal city where regular meetings will be held is Accra, Ghana.

### **ARTICLE II – OBJECTS**

The objects of the Chapter are scientific and educational and include, but are not limited to: (a) the advancement of the sciences of heating, refrigerating and air-conditioning engineering and related sciences; (b) the continuing education of the members and other interested persons in said sciences, through lectures, demonstrations, and publications; (c) the rendering of career guidance and financial assistance to students of the sciences; and (d) the encouragement of scientific research.

### **ARTICLE III – POWERS**

The Chapter shall have the power to perform all lawful acts which may be deemed necessary for the proper and successful prosecution of the objects and purposes for which it is organized and operated, consistent with the Certificate of Consolidation, Bylaws, and Rules of the Board of Directors of the Society, and applicable tax regulations for non-profit organizations or corresponding provisions of tax laws.

3.1 The Chapter is not operated for the pecuniary profit of its members. No part of the net income of the Chapter shall be payable to or shall otherwise be available for the personal benefit of any proprietor, employee or shareholder. No salary emolument or compensation shall be paid to any member, and no part of the activities of the Chapter shall consist of the performance of particular services for individual members.

3.2 The Chapter shall not have the authority to act for or in the name of the Society and notice to such effect shall be imprinted on the Chapter stationery; the Chapter shall not use the name of the Society except as a part of its own name; the Chapter may use the emblem of the Society in accordance with the Rules of the Board; and the Chapter shall not incur any financial liability or contractual obligation in the name of the Society.

3.3 The Chapter may issue publications and/or websites/downloads/documents in accordance with the Rules of the Board. Certain publications for members such as a chapter newsletter or chapter membership roster/product directory may be distributed to persons other than members provided it clearly complies with paragraph 3.2. Certain designated ASHRAE documents may be translated in accordance with the Rules of the Board.

3.4 The Chapter may contribute to, affiliate with, or hold membership in any society, association, council, or other organization in accordance with the Rules of the Board.

3.5 The Chapter shall not recommend, endorse or approve any product, service, publication, person or entity for the promotion of private or public interests.

## **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND FINANCE**

4.1 Qualification. The membership of the Chapter shall consist of all members of the Society in good standing and residing in the geographic area of the Chapter, as prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Society, who have properly joined the chapter.

4.2 Non-Residents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the Society residing in the geographic area of a Chapter may elect to be a member of another Chapter. A member may elect to belong to more than one Chapter.

4.3 Grade. Each member shall hold the same grade of membership in the Chapter as in the Society.

4.4 Rights and Privileges. All Chapter members shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges, except that anyone who has not paid Chapter fees, dues, assessments or other charges within ninety (90) days of their due date shall not be entitled to voting privileges or the right to election or appointment as an officer, governor, or committee chair of the Chapter. All rights and privileges of a member are vested solely in the member and may not be delegated or transferred, except as provided in Article VI, paragraph 6.7 hereof.

4.5 Suspension. In the event that a member does not pay all the Chapter fees, dues, assessments or other charges within six (6) months of their due date, all rights and privileges of membership in the Chapter shall be suspended. Such membership rights and privileges shall be restored to the member upon full payment thereof. Delinquency in payment of Chapter dues or other Chapter charges will not affect a member's standing in the Society.

4.6 Termination. Membership in the Chapter shall terminate upon the death of any member, the removal of a member's principal place of residence to the geographic area of another Chapter except as provided in Article IV, paragraph 4.2 hereof, or the receipt of written notice by the member of termination of membership. In the event of such termination, neither the former member, nor his/her personal representatives, heirs or devisees shall have any right, title or interest in the Chapter or its assets.

4.7 Expulsion. A member may be expelled from the Society and the Chapter only upon action taken by the Board of Directors of the Society. Such action may be initiated by the Board of Governors of the Chapter by the filing of written charges and supporting evidence with the Secretary of the Society.

4.8 Society Dues. The annual dues for membership in the Society, as prescribed from time to time by the Society, shall be paid to the Society.

4.9 Chapter Dues. The Board of Governors, in its discretion and subject to the approval by a vote of members, may levy such dues, fees, charges or other assessments as are reasonable and necessary to meet the current operating expenses of the Chapter. The due date of such payments shall be as prescribed by the Board of Governors.

4.10 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall end on June 30 of each year.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, REMOVAL AND CHAPTER REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

5.1 Titles. The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Consult the current version of the Manual for Chapter Operations (MCO) for updates.

5.2 Multiple Offices. With the exception of the office of President, any number of offices may be held by the same member.

5.3 The President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter and shall provide general direction of the affairs of the Chapter and provide general supervision over its several officers, subject to the control of the Board of Governors. The President shall, from time to time, report to the members and to the Board all matters within the President's knowledge which the interest of the Chapter may require to be brought to the Chapter's notice; shall preside at all meetings of the members and at all meetings of the Board; shall sign and execute in the name of the Chapter all contracts, or other instruments authorized by the Board, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated or permitted by the Board or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Chapter.

5.4 The President-Elect. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of the President at the conclusion of the President's term of office. In the absence of the President, the President-Elect shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. In addition, the President-Elect shall make the committee chair appointments sufficiently far in advance of the Chapters Regional Conference (CRC), as to permit attendance by the appointees at CRC workshops in the period prior to appointees' active participation as chairs of the Chapter Committees. Chair designees of such committees as Student Activities, Membership Promotion, Research Promotion, Chapter Technology Transfer, Government Affairs, Young Engineers in ASHRAE and Historical should be especially encouraged to attend CRC meetings. Prior to the annual meeting, the President-Elect shall complete the appointments by naming at least two (2) committee members to each of the standing committees of the Chapter.

5.5 The Vice President. In the absence of the President and the President-Elect, the Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President.

5.6 The Secretary(ies). The Secretary shall send notices of meetings to the members and to the Board of Governors as prescribed in these Bylaws, and to Committee Chairs as requested by the President. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Governors and shall promptly file a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Chapter with the Regional Chair and Regional Vice Chair (RVC) for Chapter Technology Transfer, or in the case of the (RAL) the Sub Regional Chair (SRC) for the Chapter, and shall send advance notices and minutes of meetings of the Board of Governors to the Regional Chair. In addition, the Secretary shall send the Chapter newsletter to the Editor of the official publication of the Society. The Secretary shall maintain a membership roster, a roll of membership attendance, and such books, papers, and records as the Chapter or Board of Governors may direct, which shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Board of Governors. The Secretary shall promptly notify members of their nomination, election, or appointment to office.

5.7 The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all funds, including dues, fees, charges and other assessments, and shall deposit such funds in the name of the Chapter in banks or other depositories. The Treasurer shall disburse funds only as authorized by the Chapter's Board of Governors and shall keep appropriate records of receipts and expenses and shall exhibit such records at all reasonable times to any member of the Board of Governors. The Treasurer shall make a full financial report at the annual meeting of the Chapter, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Regional Chair. In addition, in the absence of contrary written instructions from the Society, the Treasurer shall complete, execute and file any statements or returns incidental to federal or local taxation.

*Checks issued by the Treasurer shall be countersigned by an authorized officer of the Chapter.*

5.8 Additional Duties. All officers shall perform all duties incident to their respective offices and such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws or as are assigned by the Board of Governors.

5.9 Eligibility for Re-election. Officers and Board members are elected for one-year terms, but may be re-elected to consecutive terms. The president may be re-elected to the same office for one additional consecutive term. If the president is re-elected for an additional consecutive term, the president-elect will also need to be re-elected in accordance with the election procedure set forth in Section V.

5.10 Duties of Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall select from the members eligible to hold office one candidate for each office except President, and for each member to be elected to the Board of Governors and shall obtain from each candidate a written statement that the candidate is a member in good standing in the Society and consents to stand for election. Not less than thirty (30) days before the June meeting the Nominating Committee shall present to the Secretary the names of the candidates selected, together with their statements.

5.11 Duties of Secretary. Upon receipt of these names from the Nominating Committee, the Secretary shall prepare a list of the candidates and shall forward such list to all members with voting rights at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

5.12 Nomination by Members. Additional nominations of members in good standing who consent orally or in writing to be candidates may be made from the floor at such meeting. If at this meeting more than one such nomination from the floor is made for any one office or membership on the Board of Governors, a vote shall be taken to select the name of the opposition candidate to be placed on the ballot.

5.13 Voting and Election. Not less than ten (10) days prior to the next meeting, the Secretary shall send a mail ballot (hard copy or electronic), in the case of elections by mail, or a proxy statement, in the case of elections at meetings, to all members with voting rights. In the case of elections at meetings, the President shall appoint three (3) tellers to assist in conducting the election. The Board of Governors or the tellers, if any, shall promptly tally all votes. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for each respective office shall be declared elected. If there is a tie vote, there shall be a run-off election.

5.14 Installation. Officers and members of the Board of Governors shall be installed at the annual meeting of the chapter and shall assume their duties at the start of the next Society year.

5.15 Vacancies. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in any office except President-Elect or a member of the Board of Governors by resignation or otherwise, the Board of Governors shall have the power to fill such office until the next annual election and installation, and such officer shall have the duties, rights, and privileges of the predecessor.

If the President dies, resigns, or is removed from office, the President-Elect shall immediately become President and shall serve for the remainder of the term of the immediate predecessor. If the time served by the President-Elect as President is less than six months, he/she shall continue to serve as President for the next Society year; therefore the office of President-Elect shall remain vacant until the next annual chapter election. If the President-Elect dies, resigns, is removed from office, or becomes President for more than six months in accordance with the foregoing provisions, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

Whenever there shall be a vacancy in any office or a member of the Board of Governors by resignation or otherwise, the nomination and election procedures set forth in this Article V shall be followed, except that the nomination, election and installation of such officer shall be held as soon as practicable after such vacancy has arisen.

5.16 Removal. Any officer or member of the Board of Governors may be removed by at least a 2/3 vote of voting members present at a regular meeting, whenever in the judgment of the members, the best interests of the Chapter will be served thereby. The notice of this Chapter meeting shall contain the statement that an urgent item of importance to the Chapter will be presented for member vote and subsequent action.

5.17 Election of Delegates. The Board of Governors-elect shall elect from among its members one delegate and one alternate to the Chapters Regional Committee. At least one of said delegates shall be an officer-elect of the Chapter. The delegates shall be announced at the annual meeting of the Chapter. Accreditation of Delegates and Alternates from a chapter to the CRC is accomplished in the CIQ; must be completed by June 1 (Fall CRCs) or February 15 (Spring CRCs).

5.18 Term. The delegate and alternate delegate shall serve for a term of one (1) year, commencing on the first day of July following their election. No member may be elected to serve as the delegate for more than two (2) consecutive terms; no member may be elected to serve as the alternate delegate for more than two (2) consecutive terms; and no member may be elected to serve in either capacity for more than four (4) consecutive terms.

5.19 Duties. The duties of the delegate and alternate delegate shall be as prescribed from time to time by the Society. They shall transmit recommendations concerning policies, procedures, and operations of the Society, its Chapter and its Student Branches to the Regional Chair in advance of the Chapters Regional Committee Meeting; shall attend such meeting; shall suggest candidates for the Board of Directors of the Society, Society committees, and miscellaneous Society honors and awards; shall participate in the election of one (1) member and one (1) alternate member to serve on the Society Nominating Committee; and shall report to the Board of Governors of the Chapter regarding the business transacted at the Chapters Regional Committee meeting, together with any recommendations for Chapter action.

5.20 Vacancies and Removal. Whenever either delegate is unable to fulfill this office, the Board of Governors shall appoint another delegate. Either delegate may be removed by the Board of Governors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Chapter will be served thereby.

## **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

6.1 Regular Meetings. Meetings of the Chapter shall be held on at least a monthly basis from July through June at such time and place as is prescribed by the Board of Governors.

6.2 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the chapter for the installation of officers and the Board of Governors and the announcement of committee appointments shall be held in the month of June at such time and place as is prescribed by the Board of Governors.

6.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the President at the President's discretion, or at the request of the Board of Governors or 15 percent of the members with voting rights.

6.4 Notice of Meetings. Timely written notice of all meetings shall be sent by the Secretary to all members setting forth the place, date and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose thereof.

6.5 Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Chapter shall consist of 15 percent of the members having voting rights, except that no business may be transacted unless a majority of the Board of Governors is also in attendance.

6.6 Majority Vote. A majority of the number of votes cast in person (physical or virtual) or by proxy shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

6.7 Proxies. A member may vote on any matter by a written proxy executed and dated by the member. No proxy shall be valid after ninety (90) days from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

## **ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

7.1 Duties. The property and affairs of the Chapter shall be managed by the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors may execute all business of the Chapter that does not require action by the full membership of the Chapter. The presiding officer shall report briefly on these actions at the next Chapter meeting.

7.2 Composition. The Board of Governors of the Chapter shall consist of the officers, the most recent available past president, and a minimum of two members elected pursuant to Article V hereof.

7.3 Meetings. The time and place of regular meetings of the Board of Governors shall be at the discretion of the Board. A special meeting of the Board of Governors may be called by the President, at the President's discretion, or at the written request of two (2) members of the Board.

7.4 Quorum and Majority Vote. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the Board present in person (physical or virtual), and the majority vote of the members present in person or by proxy shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. The form of proxies shall be governed by Article VI, paragraph 6.7 hereof.

7.5 Notice of Meetings. Timely written notice of all meetings shall be sent by the Secretary to all members setting forth the place, date and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose thereof.

7.6 Appointments to Auditing Committee. The Board of Governors-elect shall appoint members to the Auditing Committee, pursuant to paragraph 8.3.2.1 hereof, at a meeting of the Board of Governors-elect held prior to the annual meeting of the Chapter. Appointments shall be announced at such annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

8.1 General. All Chapter Committees shall be designated as Standing Committees or Special Committees. Standing Committees are mandatory and are of a continuing nature, while Special Committees are created for a specific purpose and may be dissolved when their functions have been completed.

8.2 Appointments. Except as noted herein, all Standing Committee members and respective Chairs thereof shall be appointed by the President-Elect pursuant to Article 5.4.

8.3 Standing Committees. Standing Committees primarily essential to chapter, regional and Society activities are broken into two categories: those that are mandatory and those that are optional, but whose functions are essential to the Chapter operation.

8.3.1 Mandatory standing committees are the Chapter Nominating; CRC Action; Student Activities; Membership Promotion, Research Promotion, Chapter Technology Transfer, Government Affairs, Young Engineers in ASHRAE and Historical.

8.3.1.1 Chapter Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members in good standing. One member of the Board of Governors may serve on the Nominating Committee, but not as its chair. The Committee shall be elected by the Chapter at the April meeting.

At the preceding meeting, the Board of Governors shall submit to the members their nominations for the committee. Additional nominations may be made by members from the floor at said meeting.

Nominees receiving the five highest number of votes shall be elected. In the case of a tie, there shall be a runoff election which shall be held at the same meeting. The Nominating Committee shall elect its own chair.

8.3.1.2 CRC Action Committee. The CRC Action Committee shall determine major items of concern to the Chapter; obtain biographies on possible candidates for Society and regional offices, committees, and various regional and Society honors and awards; provide direction to the delegate and alternate delegate on actions to be presented on the Chapter's behalf at the CRC. The Chair of this Committee should be a past president of the Chapter.

8.3.1.3 Student Activities Committee. The Student Activities Committee shall assist and cooperate with other technical and scientific organizations to influence pre-college (K-12) education in math and science; shall assist in the formation and/or continuing operation of student branches of the chapter; and shall assist with chapter participation in continuing education courses and related activities. The Chair of this Committee is expected to attend the CRC Meeting (for spring CRCs, the incoming chair).

8.3.1.4 Membership Promotion Committee. The Membership Promotion Committee shall encourage applications by persons qualified for membership in the Society; shall encourage increased member participation in Chapter affairs; and shall encourage members to advance in their membership grade in the Society. The Chair of this Committee is expected to attend the CRC Meeting (for spring CRCs, the incoming chair).

8.3.1.5 Research Promotion Committee. The Research Promotion Committee shall conduct an annual campaign to obtain investments in ASHRAE Research, The ASHRAE Foundation and Education through the ASHRAE Learning Institute. The Chair of this Committee is expected to attend the RP Centralized Training Workshop and Special Regional Committee Meeting when called by the Regional Vice Chair for Research Promotion.

8.3.1.6 Chapter Technology Transfer Committee. The Chapter Technology Transfer Committee shall develop liaison on programs, make arrangements for speakers for programs and technical sessions at chapter meetings, including speaker's requirements for equipment, accommodations and travel arrangements and act as host throughout the meetings. The committee shall coordinate the efforts of the chapter by making arrangements with area educational institutions for continuing education courses, and develop an active "Speakers Bureau" to present talks and seminars to chapters and regions. The committee shall submit PAOE points related to chapter programs. The committee shall provide timely reports to the regional vice chair. The Chair of this Committee is expected to attend the CRC Meeting (for spring CRCs, the incoming chair).

8.3.1.7 Government Affairs Committee. The Government Affairs Committee shall provide current and relevant information to ASHRAE members regarding Government Affairs in their communities in areas of interest to ASHRAE members. Subsequently, members so engaged should then help keep their chapters, regions and Society Government Affairs staff informed on governmental activities of interest to ASHRAE. The committee shall coordinate dissemination of governmental activities-related information to members and obtain feedback from chapter and individual member Government Affairs. Maintain high-quality and readily available tools to train and enable chapter members to effect positive interactions with government entities in their communities, especially in the use of ASHRAE documents and the advancement of the ASHRAE public policy agenda. Serve as a clearinghouse of government adoptions of ASHRAE-developed and endorsed standards, guidelines and positions. Encourage an active, informed membership by keeping local, provincial and state governments updated on technical issues. The Chair of this Committee is expected to attend the CRC Meeting (for spring CRCs, the incoming chair).

8.3.1.8 Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) Committee. The YEA Committee shall attract new members 35 and younger and encourage student transfers; shall retain YEA members by organizing opportunities and activities that directly benefit the demographic; and shall encourage YEA members to become actively involved at the Chapter, Region, and/or Society level. The Chair of this Committee is expected to attend the CRC Meeting (for spring CRCs, the incoming chair).

8.3.1.9 Historical Committee. The Historical Committee shall collect and safeguard facts, photographs, records and other memorabilia pertinent to the history of the Chapter. The Chair of this Committee is expected to attend the CRC Meeting (for spring CRCs, the incoming chair).

8.3.2 Optional Committees, whose functions are essential to the Chapter operation, are Auditing; Refrigeration; Reception; Publicity; Attendance; Publication (or Newsletter); Honors and Awards; Special Events; and Chapter Section (if appropriate). The duties and functions of each Optional Committee (several of which may be combined under a single chair) are as follows:

8.3.2.1 Auditing Committee. The Auditing Committee shall consist of three (3) members, none of whom shall be members of the Board of Governors, and shall elect its own chair.

8.3.2.2 Refrigeration Committee. The Refrigeration Committee shall promote the refrigeration activities of the Society by promoting the interests and endeavours of those members whose primary concern is refrigeration; shall provide or arrange technical talks on refrigeration to the members at regular chapter meetings; shall promote chapter-sponsored seminars on refrigeration and shall arrange for continuing education in the refrigeration field. The activities of the Refrigeration Committee shall be coordinated with the Chapter Technology Transfer Committee, and if there is no Refrigeration Committee the activities described above shall be handled by the Chapter Technology Transfer Committee.

8.3.2.3 Reception Committee. The Reception Committee shall encourage fellowship among members and shall extend cordial greetings to guests and new members of the Society.

8.3.2.4 Publicity Committee. The Publicity Committee shall publicize the name, purposes and activities of the Chapter in an effort to obtain qualified members; and shall report Chapter activities of public interest to the news media.

8.3.2.5 Honors and Awards Committee. The Honors and Awards Committee shall consist of a chair and at least two (2) additional members, preferably past chapter presidents. The Honors and Awards Committee shall promote the recognition of outstanding chapter members within the chapter, region, Society, associated societies and the community. The committee shall submit names of qualified chapter members to the Chapter CRC Action Committee.

8.3.2.6 Attendance Committee. The Attendance Committee shall be responsible for contacting each member of the Chapter prior to each scheduled meeting or event to ensure that they have received notice of that meeting or event, and to ascertain the expected attendance.

8.3.2.7 Publications or Newsletter Committee. The Publications Committee shall obtain news of interest to the Chapter members and supervise the publishing of the Chapter newsletter.

8.3.2.8 Special Events Committee. The Special Events Committee shall handle the arrangements for any special events to be sponsored by the Chapter, or for other events to which the Chapter membership has been invited.

8.3.2.9 Chapter Section Committee. When a chapter area is defined that is not being provided chapter services, the chapter may form a Chapter Section Committee to start and maintain chapter sections within the chapter area. The chapter president shall name a section representative for each section who will maintain liaison with the chapter.

8.4 Other Committees. Additional committees shall be termed as Special Committees and may be appointed at any time by the President, with the advice and approval of the Board of Governors, and shall be announced at the next meeting of the Chapter.

8.5 Vacancies. Whenever any member refuses an appointment to a committee or whenever there is a vacancy on any committee by resignation or otherwise, the President shall, with the advice and approval of the Board of Governors, appoint another member to such committee.

8.6 Removal. Any committee member appointed or elected may be removed by the person or persons authorized to appoint or elect such member whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Chapter will be served thereby, except that the President shall remove a member only with the advice and approval of the Board of Governors.

8.7 Attendance at Board Meetings. Committee Chairs shall attend the meetings of the Board of Governors when so requested by the presiding officer, but shall not be entitled to voting rights at such meetings.

## **ARTICLE IX – RULES OF ORDER**

Rules of Order. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the conduct of meetings of the members shall be governed by the rules of procedure set forth in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

10.1 Powers and Limitations. All Articles of these Bylaws shall be subject to alteration or repeal, consistent with the Certificate of Consolidation, Bylaws, and Rules of the Board of Directors of the Society and applicable tax regulations for non-profit organizations or corresponding provisions of applicable tax laws.

10.2 By Society. Amendments to these Bylaws set forth in written directives of the Secretary of the Society shall be adopted by a majority of the Board of Governors. Written copies of said amendments shall be sent by the chapter secretary to all members, or an officer of the Chapter shall read said amendments at the next succeeding chapter meeting.

10.3 By Chapter. Amendments to these Bylaws may also be initiated by a written resolution of a majority of the Board of Governors or by not less than five (5) members in good standing with voting privileges and may be presented at any meeting of the Chapter. If approved by a majority of the members present, the chapter secretary shall send copies of the proposed amendments to all members not less than seven (7) days before the next succeeding meeting. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at such meeting, the chapter secretary shall forward such proposed amendments to the Secretary of the Society for approval by the Members Council of the Society and review by the Regional Chair. Any amendments shall become effective only upon receipt of written notice of approval by the Members Council or its authorized representative of the Society.

## **ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION**

11.1 The chapter may be dissolved:

- a. with the consent of not less than sixty (60) percent of the members in good standing of the chapter with voting rights expressed, either in person or by proxy, at a special meeting called for that purpose, or
- b. by a two-thirds vote of the ASHRAE Board of Directors after written preferment of charges, sixty (60) days written notice of hearing sent by registered mail to the President of the Chapter, and an adequate opportunity for the chapter representative to be heard before the Board of Directors or a committee of three (3) or more members designated by the Board of Directors.

11.2 In the event of dissolution, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the chapter shall be fully discharged. The remaining funds shall be disposed of in accordance with paragraph 11.3 thereof.

11.3 Upon the dissolution of the Chapter, any assets remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to the Society.

11.4 In the event that the Society is not then in existence or is not then exempt under applicable tax regulations for non-profit organizations or corresponding provisions of tax laws, the assets shall be conveyed to such organization then existent, dedicated to the perpetuation of objectives similar to those of the Society and exempt.



## ARTICLE XII – ADOPTION

These Bylaws shall be completed and adopted by a majority of the Board of Governors. Written copies of said Bylaws shall be sent by the Secretary to all members and shall be sent, as amended, to such persons as shall, from time to time, become members of the Chapter.

Adopted by the Ghana Chapter

13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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Date

Dr. Kwame Owusu-Achaw

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Signature

Chapter President