

MICHIGAN GREY WHALES

The University of Michigan Swimming and Diving Booster Club Bylaws

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Article I. Name

The support group for the University of Michigan Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving shall be known as the
"Michigan Grey Whales"

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Michigan Grey Whales shall be to work for the support of the current University of Michigan Swimming and Diving programs and participants and to keep contact with and between Michigan Swimming and Diving Alumni.

Article III. Membership

- A. There shall be four (4) groups of individuals who are eligible for membership:
1. Alumni Swimmers, Divers and Managers both letter and nonletter winners
 2. Friends of Michigan Swimming and Diving
 3. Honorary Whales
Elected by a two-thirds (2/3's) vote of those Board Members present and voting at a regular Board Meeting
 4. Ex-Officio
Members of the Board who do not fit other categories
 - a. Athletic Director (or their representative)
 - b. Coaches
 - c. Pool Director
- B. Three categories of membership
1. Active (Alumni, Friends or Honorary)
There are five ways to become an Active Member of the Michigan Grey Whales:
 - a. Payment of yearly dues
 - b. Monetary contributions to the swimming and/or diving program
 - i. Lifetime
 - ii. Yearly
 - c. Service to the swimming and/or diving program
Elected, reviewed and reelected by the Board on a yearly basis-
No Dues
 - i. Lifetime (will not need yearly review)
 - ii. Yearly
 - d. Honorary Member

Elected, reviewed and reelected by the Board on a yearly basis-
No Dues

- e. First and Second year graduates of the team
Free membership, and half price until the age of thirty years old.
 2. Ex-Officio
Those individuals listed in Article V below-No Dues
 3. Inactive
Former swimmers and divers who are eligible for Active Membership but choose not to meet the criteria for Active membership.
- C. Removal of a Member
1. A member can be removed by a majority vote of the Board
 2. A removed member has the right to appeal a removal to the members at the Annual Meeting. A removed membership can be reinstated by a majority vote of the members voting at an Annual Meeting or by a majority vote of the Board.

Article IV. Officers

- A. The elected Offices of the Michigan Grey Whales shall be from the Active membership category listed above and shall be:
1. President
 2. President Elect
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. Editor
 6. Museum Curator
- B. The officers are elected on the even years at a duly scheduled Membership Meeting convened between April 1 and June 30. The officers shall be elected by a majority of those Active members present and voting, and shall hold office for two (2) years from July 1, of the elected year, until a successor is elected and fulfills the obligations to take over the position.
- C. An elected Officer can be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) support for a removal resolution by all the members of the Board. Any Board member not present at a Board meeting where a removal vote is being taken must be asked for their vote within fourteen (14) days to get their vote back to the Secretary for official recording.

Article V. Meetings

- A. The Board of Directors (twelve positions) of the Michigan Grey Whales shall include:
1. Officers (as listed in Article IV.) six (6) positions
 2. Ex-Officio

- a. Michigan Athletic Director (or representative) and Head Coaches
 - b. Men's Swimming Head Coach
 - c. Women's Swimming Head Coach
 - d. Men's Diving Head Coach
 - e. Women's Diving Head Coach
 - f. Pool Director
- B. Voting is by position and one individual may have more than one vote.
- C. There are two required Board Meetings each year
1. August/September
 2. February/March
- D. Meetings
1. The President can schedule any Board Meetings necessary for the operation of this organization.
 2. Other Board meetings must be called by the President within forty-five (45) days when requested in writing by any three (3) Board Members.
 3. Board meetings will be considered official if a majority of Board members are present
- E. Board Action
1. A majority vote of Board members present is necessary for action to occur (other than officer removal.)
 2. All actions of the Board and Membership shall not become official until reviewed by the Michigan Athletic Director within fifteen (15) days. The ***Athletic Director shall have absolute veto power over any actions of the Michigan Grey Whales which would be effected by the rules and regulations of the NCAA, Big 10, University of Michigan Athletic department, or State of Michigan.***

Article VI. Meetings

- A. Annual Meeting
- An annual Membership Meeting will be scheduled each year during the Fall Cookout (before Thanksgiving) as established by the Board. Twenty (20) Active members shall be considered a quorum for conducting this meeting.
- B. Reunion Meeting
- A Reunion Meeting coordinated with a fall Football game will be established on a three (3) to five (5) year cycle as approved by the Board.

Article VII. Committees

Committees are the research and action arms of the Board and operate at the direction of the Board. Each Committee shall have no more than five (5) members and at least two (2) members of each committee shall be Board members to allow direct communication with the Board. All projects must have the approval of the Board.

A. Membership Committee

The Board shall assign a group of members

1. to develop programs to promote membership in Michigan Grey Whales and
2. to develop programs for potential and existing members.

B. Publication Committee

The Editor shall form a committee to assist in the development and publication of the Michigan Grey Whales newsletter *Blue Waters*.

C. Reunion Committee

The Board shall form a committee for the planning and supervision of the Reunions

D. Projects Committee

The Board shall form a committee for the development and overseeing of the different projects of the Michigan Grey Whales other than the Reunions and the Newsletter

E. Finance Committee

The Board shall form a committee to help the Treasurer in the formation of the Budget and to oversee the expenses. It shall be a purpose of this committee to recommend any changes in the financial operation of the Michigan Grey Whales. The Committee, without any Board members, shall act as the Audit Committee and review the accounts of the Michigan Grey Whales between April 1 and June 30 of each year and present the report to the Board and the membership.

F. Museum Committee

The Museum Curator shall form a committee for the support and supervision of the Museum.

Article IX. Amendments to Bylaws

These Bylaws can be changed, on an emergency basis, by a unanimous vote of the full Board of Directors. Board approved changes, as well as any other recommended changes, must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members attending an Annual Meeting.