

Article I – Name, Principal Office; Other Offices.

Section 1. Name/Non-Profit Incorporation.

This organization shall be called the Project Management Institute, Nova Scotia Chapter (hereinafter “the PMI-NS”). This organization is a local chapter chartered by the Project Management Institute, Inc. (hereinafter “PMI®”) on January 18, 1998 and separately incorporated as a non-profit, tax exempt corporation (or equivalent) incorporated (No. 3012958) under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia on October 20, 1997.

Section 2. The Nova Scotia Chapter shall meet all legal requirements in the jurisdiction(s) in which PMI-NS conducts business or is incorporated/registered.

Section 3. Principal Office; Other Offices.

The principal office of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall be located in HALIFAX in the PROVINCE of NOVA SCOTIA. PMI-NS may have other offices such as Branch offices as designated by the PMI-NS Board of Directors.

Article II – Relationship to PMI.

Section 1. The Nova Scotia Chapter is responsible to the duly elected PMI® Board of Directors and is subject to all PMI® policies, procedures, rules and directives lawfully adopted.

Section 2. The bylaws of the Nova Scotia Chapter may not conflict with the current PMI’s Bylaws and all policies, procedures, rules or directives established or authorized by PMI as well as with PMI-NS’s Charter with PMI.

Section 3. The terms of the Charter executed between the Nova Scotia Chapter and PMI®, including all restrictions and prohibitions, shall take precedence over these Bylaws and other authority granted hereunder and in the event of a conflict between the terms of the Charter and the terms of these Bylaws, the Nova Scotia Chapter shall be governed by and adhere to the terms of the Charter.

Article III – Purpose and Limitations of the Nova Scotia Chapter.

Section 1. Purpose of the Nova Scotia Chapter.

- A. General Purpose. THE Nova Scotia Chapter has been founded as non-profit, tax exempt corporation (or equivalent) chartered by PMI®, and is dedicated to advancing the practice, science, and profession of project management in a conscious and proactive manner.
- B. Specific Purposes. Consistent with the terms of the Charter executed between the Nova Scotia Chapter and PMI and these Bylaws, the purposes of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall include the following:
 - a) To foster professionalism in the management of projects.
 - b) To contribute to the quality and scope of project management.
 - c) To stimulate appropriate global application of project management for the benefit of general public.
 - d) To provide a recognized forum for the free exchange of ideas, applications, and solutions to project management issues among its members, and other interested and involved in project management.
 - e) To identify and promote the fundamentals of project management and advance the body of knowledge for managing projects successfully.
 - f) To collaborate with Universities and other Educational Institutions to encourage appropriate education and career development at all levels in project management.
 - g) To encourage academic and industrial research in the field of project management.

- h) To foster contacts internationally with other organizations, both public and private, which relate to project management, and cooperate in matters of common interest.

Section 2. Limitations of the Nova Scotia Chapter.

- A. General Limitations. The purposes and activities of the Nova Scotia shall be subject to limitations set forth in the charter agreement, these Bylaws, and conducted consistently with Nova Scotia Chapter Articles of Incorporation.
- B. The membership database and listings provided by PMI to the Nova Scotia Chapter may not be used for commercial purposes and may be used only for non-profit purposes directly related to the business of the Nova Scotia Chapter, consistent with PMI policies and all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to those law and regulations pertaining to privacy and use of personal information.
- C. The officers and directors of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall be solely accountable for the planning and operations of the Chapter, and shall perform their duties in accordance with the Chapter's governing documents; its Charter Agreement; PMI's Bylaws, policies, practices, procedures, and rules; and applicable law.

Article IV – Nova Scotia Chapter Membership.

Section 1. General Membership Provisions.

~~A. Membership in the Nova Scotia Chapter requires membership in PMI®. The Nova Scotia Chapter shall not accept as members any individuals who have not been accepted as PMI® members.~~

Membership in this organization shall be open to any eligible person interested in furthering the purposes of the organization. Membership shall be open to all eligible persons without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, or physical or mental disability.

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~~Membership in this organization is voluntary and shall be open to any eligible person interested in furthering the purposes of the organization. Membership shall be open to all eligible persons without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, or physical or mental disability.~~

- B. Members shall be governed by and abide by the PMI Bylaws and by the bylaws of the Nova Scotia Chapter and all policies, procedures, rules and directives lawfully made thereunder, including but not limited to the PMI Code of Conduct.
- C. All members shall pay the required PMI and Nova Scotia Chapter membership dues to PMI and in the event that a member resigns or their membership is revoked for just cause, membership dues shall not be refunded by PMI or the Nova Scotia Chapter.
- D. Membership in the Nova Scotia Chapter shall terminate upon the member's resignation, failure to pay dues or expulsion from membership for just cause.
- E. Members who fail to pay the required dues when due shall be delinquent for a period of one (1) month and their names removed from the official membership list of the Nova Scotia Chapter. A delinquent member may be reinstated by payment in full of all unpaid dues for PMI and the Nova Scotia Chapter to PMI within such one month delinquent period.
- F. Upon termination of membership in the Nova Scotia Chapter, the member shall forfeit any and all rights and privileges of membership.

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G. All current members may vote and hold elected office. All Nova Scotia Chapter members in good standing are eligible to vote on all matters presented to Chapter membership. In addition, all Nova Scotia Chapter members meeting the qualifications are eligible to run for and hold a Nova Scotia Chapter elected position.

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Section 2. Classes and Categories of Members. The Nova Scotia Chapter shall not create its own membership categories. PMI Chapter membership categories shall be consistent with PMI membership categories.

Article V – Nova Scotia Chapter Board of Directors:

Section 1. The Nova Scotia Chapter shall be governed by a Board of Directors (Board). The Board shall be responsible for carrying out the purposes and objectives of the non-profit corporation (or equivalent).

Section 2. The Board shall consist of the officers and directors of the Nova Scotia Chapter elected by the membership and shall be members in good standing of PMI and of the Nova Scotia Chapter. Terms of office for the Officers and directors shall be two (2) years, limited to five (5) consecutive terms on the Board in general. These positions are staggered so that approximately 50% are elected each year.

Section 3. The President shall be the chief executive officer for the Nova Scotia Chapter and of the Board, and shall perform such duties as are customary for presiding officers, including making all required appointments with the approval of the Board. The President shall also serve as a member ex-officio with the right to participate and vote on all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. The affairs of the Chapter shall be governed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of fifteen (15) members

Section 5. The Treasurer shall oversee the management of funds for duly authorized purposes of the Nova Scotia Chapter.

Section 6. The Vice President(s) and Treasurer shall be appointed from among the current Directors by the President with the approval of the Board, which shall be by a 2/3 majority vote of the Directors present at any Board meeting having a quorum.

Section 7. The duties, roles and responsibilities of individual Directors shall be determined and can be changed at any time by the President with the approval of the Board, which shall be by a 2/3 majority vote of the Directors present at any Board meeting having a quorum.

Section 8. The Vice President shall keep the records of all business meetings of the Nova Scotia Chapter and meetings of the Board.

Section 9. The Board shall exercise all powers of the Nova Scotia Chapter, except as specifically prohibited by these bylaws, the PMI Bylaws and policies, its charter with PMI, and the laws of the jurisdiction in which the organization is incorporated/registered. The Board shall be authorized to adopt and publish such policies, procedures and rules as may be necessary and consistent with these bylaws and PMI Bylaws and policies, and to exercise authority over all Nova Scotia Chapter business and funds.

Section 10. The Board shall meet at the call of the President, or at the written request of three (3) members of the Board and at least once per calendar quarter. A quorum shall consist of no less than one-half of the membership of the Board (two of whom must be an Officer) at any given time. Each member, except the President, shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The President is not a voting member of the Board of Directors but will decide the outcome of a vote in the event of a tie. At its discretion, the Board may conduct its business by teleconference, facsimile or other legally acceptable means. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedures determined by the Board.

Section 11. The Board of Directors may declare an officer or Director at Large position to be vacant where an officer or Director at Large ceases to be a member in good standing of PMI and of the Nova Scotia Chapter by reason of non-payment of dues, or where the officer or Director at Large fails to attend two (2) consecutive Board meetings. An officer or Director at Large may resign by submitting written notice to the President. Unless another time is specified in the notice or determined by the Board, the resignation shall be effective upon receipt by the Board of the written notice.

Section 12: An officer or Director at Large may be removed from office for just cause in connection with the affairs of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and in person at an official meeting of the membership, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

Section 13: If any officer or Director at Large position becomes vacant, the President may appoint a successor, approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the board, to fill the office until the next board election. In the event the President is unable or unwilling to complete the current term of office, the President Elect shall assume the duties and office of the presiding officer for the remainder of the term. The Board may call for a special election by the chapter's membership to fill the vacant position.

Section 14: The officers of the chapter shall be defined as the President, Treasurer, Vice President(s), and Immediate Past President

Article VI – Nova Scotia Chapter Nominations and Elections:

Section 1. The nomination and election of officers and directors shall be conducted annually in accordance with the requirements contained in these Bylaws, including Article IV, Section 1 and Article V, Section 2 and this Article VI. All voting members in good standing of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall have the right to vote in the election. Discrimination in election and nomination procedures on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, age, marital status, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability, or unlawful purpose is prohibited.

Section 2. Candidates who are elected shall take office on the first day of January following their election, and shall hold office for the duration of their terms or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Section 3. The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint members of the Nominating Committee to nominate the candidates for the Board of Directors in the following year. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate containing nominees for each Board position and shall determine the eligibility and willingness of each nominee to stand for election. Candidates for Board positions may also be nominated by petition process established by the Nominating Committee or the Board. Elections shall be conducted (a) during the annual meeting of the membership; or (b) by electronic vote in compliance with the legal jurisdiction. The candidate who receives a majority of votes cast for each office shall be elected. Ballots shall be counted by the Nominating Committee or by tellers designated by the Board.

Section 4. No current member of the Nominating Committee shall be included in the slate of nominees prepared by the Committee.

Section 5. A candidate for President-elect shall have served on the Board of Directors for at least two (2) years or otherwise be approved as a candidate by a 2/3 majority vote of the current Board of Directors at any Board meeting having a quorum. The President role shall be elected for a four (4) year term, two (2) years as President-elect, two (2) years as President and two (2) years at Immediate Past President.

Section 6. In accordance with PMI policies, practices, procedures, rules and directives, no funds or resources of PMI or the Chapter may be used to support the election of any candidate or group of candidates for PMI, Chapter or public office. No other type of organized electioneering, communications, fund-raising or other organized activity on behalf of a candidate shall be permitted. The Chapter Nominating Committee, or other applicable body designated by the Chapter, will be the sole distributor(s) of all election materials for Chapter elected positions.

Article VII – Nova Scotia Chapter Committees:

Section 1. The Board may authorize the establishment of standing or temporary committees to advance the purposes of the organization. The Board shall establish a charter for each committee, which defines its purpose, authority and outcomes. Committees are responsible to the Board. Committee members shall be appointed from the membership of the organization. The Nova Scotia Chapter officers and/or

Directors can serve on the Nova Scotia Chapter Committees, unless it specifically is restricted by the Bylaws.

Section 2. All committee members and a chairperson for each committee shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.

Article VIII – Nova Scotia Chapter Finance:

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall be from 1 January to 31 December.

Section 2. Nova Scotia Chapter annual membership dues will be agreed upon between PMI and the Nova Scotia Chapter's Board of Directors and communicated in accordance with policies and procedures established by PMI. Chapter annual membership dues shall be set by the Nova Scotia Chapter's Board and communicated to PMI in accordance with policies and procedures established by PMI.

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Section 3. The Nova Scotia Chapter Board shall establish policies and procedures to govern the management of its finances and shall submit required tax filings to appropriate government authorities.

Section 4. All dues billings, dues collections and dues disbursements shall be performed by PMI.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall develop and present an annual budget to govern the revenue and expenses of the chapter. The budget shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors at any Board meeting having a quorum. The budget shall be approved no later than the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. Any expenditures outside of the budget must approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors at any Board meeting having a quorum.

Section 6. Only the President may execute contracts, deeds, bills of exchange and other instruments and documents on behalf of the Chapter. The President may only execute such items upon approval of the board. The President may not unilaterally execute contracts.

Article IX – Meetings of the Membership:

Section 1. An annual meeting of the membership shall be held at a date and location to be determined by the Board. Notice of all annual meetings shall be sent by the Board to all members at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. Action at such meetings shall be limited to those agenda items contained in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President; by a majority of the Board; or by petition of ten percent (10%) of the voting membership directed to the President. Notice of all special meetings shall be sent by the Board to membership a reasonable amount of time in advance of the meeting so as to allow membership the opportunity to participate in such special meetings.. The notice should indicate the time and place of the meeting and include the proposed agenda. Action at such meetings shall be limited to those agenda items contained in the notice of the meeting.

Section 3. Quorum at all annual and special meetings of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall be shall be at least five percent (5%) of the members or a minimum of twenty-five (25) members in good standing at the time of the notification of the meeting, whichever is more.

Section 4. All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedures determined by the Board.

Article X - Inurement and Conflict of Interest:

Section 1. No member of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall receive any pecuniary gain, benefit or profit,

incidental or otherwise, from the activities, financial accounts and resources of the Nova Scotia Chapter, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Section 2. No officer, director, appointed committee member or authorized representative of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall receive any compensation, or other tangible or financial benefit for service on the Board. However, the Board may authorize payment by the Nova Scotia Chapter of actual and reasonable expenses incurred by an officer, director, committee member or authorized representative regarding attendance at Board meetings and other approved activities.

~~Section 3. The Nova Scotia Chapter may engage in contracts or transactions with members, elected officers or directors of the Board, appointed committee members or authorized representatives of PMI NS and any corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of PMI NS's directors, officers, appointed committee members or authorized representatives are directors or officers, have a financial interest in, or are employed by the other organization, provided the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~A. the facts regarding the relationship or interest as they relate to the contract or transaction are disclosed to the board of directors prior to commencement of any such contract or transaction;~~
- ~~B. the board in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by a majority vote of the directors who do not have an interest in the transaction or contract;~~
- ~~C. the contract or transaction is fair to PMI NS and complies with the laws and regulations of the applicable jurisdiction in which PMI NS is incorporated or registered at the time the contract or transaction is authorized, approved or ratified by the board of directors.~~

Section 34. All officers, directors, appointed committee members and authorized representatives of the Nova Scotia Chapter shall act in an independent manner consistent with their obligations to the Nova Scotia Chapter and applicable law, regardless of any other affiliations, memberships, or positions.

Section 45. All officers, directors, appointed committee members and authorized representatives shall disclose any interest or affiliation they may have with any entity or individual with which the Nova Scotia Chapter has entered, or may enter, into contracts, agreements or any other business transaction, and shall refrain from voting on, or influencing the consideration of, such matters.

Article XI - Indemnification:

Section 1. In the event that any person who is or was an officer, director, committee member, or authorized representative of the Nova Scotia Chapter, acting in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Nova Scotia Chapter, has been made party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action or proceeding (other than an action or proceeding by or in the right of the corporation), such representative may be indemnified against reasonable expenses and liabilities, including attorney fees, actually and reasonably incurred, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement in connection with such action or proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by the jurisdiction in which the organization is incorporated. Where the representative has been successful in defending the action, indemnification is mandatory.

Section 2. Unless ordered by a court, discretionary indemnification of any representative shall be approved and granted only when consistent with the requirements of applicable law, and upon a determination that indemnification of the representative is proper in the circumstances because the representative has met the applicable standard of conduct required by law and in these bylaws.

Section 3. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Nova Scotia Chapter may purchase and maintain liability insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent or authorized representative of the Nova Scotia Chapter, or is or was serving at the request of the Nova Scotia Chapter as a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent or representative of another corporation, domestic or foreign, non-profit or for-profit, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

Article XII- Amendments:

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership in good standing voting by electronic ballot; or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of membership present and voting at an annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Chapter duly called and regularly held. Notice of proposed changes shall be sent in writing to the membership at least thirty (30) days before such meeting or vote.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by the Board on its own initiative, or upon petition by ten percent (10%) of the voting members in good standing addressed to the Board. All such proposed amendments shall be presented by the Board with or without recommendation.

Section 3. All amendments must be consistent with PMI's Bylaws and the policies, procedures, rules and directives established by the PMI Board of Directors, as well as with the Nova Scotia Chapter's Charter with PMI.

Article XIII – Dissolution:

Section 1. In the event that the Nova Scotia Chapter or its governing officers failed to act according to these bylaws, its policies or all PMI® policies, procedures, and rules outlined in the charter agreement, PMI® has a right to revoke the Nova Scotia Chapter Charter and require the chapter to seek dissolution of PMI affiliation

Section 2. In the event the Nova Scotia Chapter failed to deliver value to its members as outlined in PMI-NS's business plan and without mitigated circumstance, the Chapter acknowledges that PMI® has a right to revoke the Nova Scotia Chapter Charter and require the chapter to seek dissolution of PMI affiliation.

Section 3. In the event the Nova Scotia Chapter is considering dissolving, PMI-NS's members of the Board of Director must notify PMI® in writing and follow the Chapter dissolution procedure as defined in PMI's policy.

Section 4. Should the Nova Scotia Chapter dissolve for any reason, its assets shall be dispersed to an organization designated by the voting membership after the payment of just, reasonable and supported debts, consistent with applicable legal requirements.

Section 5. Unless superseded by law, dissolution of the Chapter entity must be approved by a majority of the members voting on the motion to dissolve.