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Bylaws of the
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1. The name of the organization shall be the Great Lakes Chapter of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI), hereafter called the Great Lakes Chapter.

2. The purpose of the Great Lakes Chapter shall be to promote the objectives of the EERI by serving the public and the members of the EERI within the area of the Chapter.

3. The territory of the Great Lakes Chapter shall include the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Missouri and Wisconsin.

4. The membership of the Great Lakes Chapter shall consist of the members of EERI who also pay the annual dues of the Great Lakes Chapter, hereafter called members.

5. The government of the Great Lakes Chapter shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which will consist of four members and three officers.

6. The officers of Great Lakes Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President and a Secretary-Treasurer.

7. The term of officers shall be two years. The term of the other four members of the Board of Directors shall be four years, which will be so arranged that every two years, term of only two of those four members expires.
8. The Board of Directors will hold elections by letter ballots every two years in the month of November or December to elect Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and two members of the Board of Directors. The outgoing Vice-President will automatically become the new President. Any vacancy caused in the mid-term of a member of the Board of Directors or an officer shall be filled by the decision of the remaining officers and members of the Board of Directors, for the remainder of the vacancy. Unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors on the basis of unusual circumstances, any officer or member of the Board shall not be elected for the same position for two consecutive terms.

9. The Board of Directors shall set the dues of the Chapter and shall have the power to take any necessary actions for raising additional money to support the Great Lakes Chapter activities. Unless specifically agreed with the EERI Board of Directors, no action of the Great Lakes Chapter shall financially obligate the EERI.

10. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings of the Board as often as it is deemed necessary not less than once a year. The Board of Directors shall formulate activity and budgetary policies and guidelines, within which the officers shall be responsible for carrying out the operation of the Chapter. The President, in concensus with other officers, may appoint committees to carry out specific tasks undertaken by the Great Lakes Chapter.

11. Actual disbursement of the funds of the Great Lakes Chapter must be approved by at least one officer and one other member of the Board of Directors, who may be another officer.

12. The Great Lakes Chapter shall not speak for EERI, nor shall issue policy statements on matters outside of its geographic area without the advance approval of the Board of Directors of the EERI.

13. The amendment to the bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by ten members of the Great Lakes Chapter. It will be presented to members of the Great Lakes Chapter by mail. For the purpose of this article a voting member shall be any member who votes with the letter ballot within the specified time limit. The amendment shall become effective when:

(i) two-thirds of the voting members, or
(ii) more than half of the voting members, and more than half of the members of the Board of Directors.

14. The fiscal and activity year of the Great Lakes Chapter shall be the regular calendar year (January 1 to December 31).