



CHAPTER BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA SERVED

The name of the Chapter is the Michigan Chapter of the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR), herein referred to as the “Chapter.” This Chapter includes the state of Michigan.

ARTICLE II. AFFILIATION

The Chapter is affiliated with CUPA-HR as indicated by the signed “CUPA-HR and CUPA-HR-Chapter Affiliation Agreement.”

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The Chapter is organized and is to be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any further United States Internal Revenue law). The Chapter shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by organizations exempt from federal income tax under these statutes.

The Chapter supports CUPA-HR’s mission to serve higher education by providing the knowledge, resources, advocacy and connections to achieve organizational and workforce excellence.

The purpose will be accomplished through the strategic priorities of CUPA-HR as approved by the national board and posted on cupahr.org.

In support of the national organization, chapter leaders will strive to apply the following values to the work of the Chapter:

- **Inclusive Participation and Engagement**
Participation in chapter programs and events is open to all higher education human resource professionals from any institution in the chapter area, regardless of national CUPA-HR membership status. Higher education human resources professionals outside of the chapter geographic area are also welcome to participate.
- **Integrity**
We honor our commitments, make decisions in the best interest of higher ed human resources professionals, and act as responsible stewards of chapter resources.
- **Excellence**
We hold to the highest standards in all that we do as we endeavor to exceed higher ed human resources professionals’ expectations.
- **Partnerships**
We recognize the benefits of partnership and explore all opportunities to collaborate with other chapters, associations and organizations to advance our objectives.
- **Responsiveness**
We respond to higher ed human resources professionals needs, inquiries and requests in a timely manner and consistently seek their feedback to improve our products and services.
- **Diverse Perspectives**
We value diverse points of view and actively solicit the input of higher education human resources professionals within our geographic area in making decisions about the Chapter.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Participation in Chapter programs and events is open to all higher education human resources professionals from any institution in the Chapter area, regardless of national CUPA-HR membership status. Higher education human resources professionals outside of the Chapter geographic area are welcome to participate.

Membership for purposes of voting on Chapter business, is reserved for higher education human resource professionals at CUPA-HR National Association member institutions within the Chapter's defined geographic area.

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Officers

The affairs of the Chapter shall be governed by a Board of Directors with specific duties and authority given to the **designated officers** which include **Past President, President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer**. All designated officers on the Board of Directors must meet the criteria as outlined in Section 2. Chapter Officer Selection Criteria. Any additional board positions, including terms of office and officer responsibilities, may be appointed at the discretion of the Board of Directors and presented during the regular annual business meeting of the Chapter, or other time as decided by the designated officers.

- A. The **President** serves as the Chief Volunteer of the Chapter and partners with the national CUPA-HR board to achieve the Association's mission. The President provides leadership to the Board of Directors, who sets policy for the Chapter. The President also chairs meetings of the Board after developing the agenda and helps guide and mediate Board actions with respect to organizational priorities and governance concerns. In consultation with other Board members, the President may appoint committees as they determine is advisable to assist in accomplishing the mission and goals of the Chapter.
- B. The **President-elect** shall serve as the special aide to the President and shall assume all President duties in the absence of the President. The President-elect serves as President of the Program Planning Committee charged with planning and implementing the annual conferences and meetings of the Chapter.
- C. The **Past President** shall act as advisor to the President and the Board to ensure continuity of leadership.
- D. The **Treasurer** shall ensure that the Chapter operates on sound fiscal principles. The Treasurer shall present to the Board of Directors the Chapter's annual budget and periodically report on the Chapter's fiscal status. The Treasurer shall recommend to the Board of Directors all fiscal policies and operating procedures.
- E. The **Secretary** shall record all official actions of the Board of Directors and of the membership at the Chapter's annual business meeting. The secretary will also ensure that members are notified of the time, date and place of meetings, and ensure distribution of agenda materials.

Section 2. Chapter Officer Selection Criteria

- A. Commitment to the Chapter and its activities.
- B. All individuals holding a designated officer position must be listed as a representative of a higher education institution that is a member of the CUPA-HR national organization within the Chapter's defined geographic area.
- C. A higher education human resources professional who is currently employed in the field with no less than 50% of their job devoted to human resources activities.
- D. Provide leadership that is consistent with CUPA-HR's commitment to providing equal opportunity for participation in all aspects of the organization without regard to race, gender, national/ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, veteran, religion or disabled status.

Section 3. Terms of Office and Tenure

Terms of office of the **President, Past President, and President-elect** shall begin on July 1 following the date of election and shall continue until the following June 30. The Chapter President automatically succeeds to the office of Past President in the year following tenure as President. The President-elect shall succeed to the office of President in the year following tenure as President-elect.

The **Secretary** and the **Treasurer** shall serve **two-year terms** beginning on July 1 and ending June 30. Members may be re-elected to a two-year term in these positions. These positions will be filled in alternating years.

Section 4. Key Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall abide by all components outlined in the Affiliation Agreement.

Section 5. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in any office, the Board of Directors shall make an interim appointment that shall be for the remainder of the former incumbent's term of office. The President-elect will serve in the absence of the President.

Section 6. Removal from Office

A board member, including designated board officers, may be removed from the Board of Directors for cause by a two-thirds vote of board members then in office and present at any regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors. The proposed removal shall be set forth in the notice of any such regular or special meeting, sent at least 10 days prior thereto.

Section 7. Officer Compensation

Officers shall not receive any stated salaries for their services.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Chapter Annual Meetings

The Chapter shall hold an annual business meeting at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Sixty days' notice shall be given by the Board of Directors to members of the Chapter of such dates and places as may be determined for the Annual Meeting. Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, a majority vote of members present as defined in article IV and voting at a properly called meeting shall be sufficient to carry any matter before the Chapter.

Meetings of the Chapter may be postponed or suspended by the Board of Directors when necessary, because of exceptional circumstances, but notification of such postponement or suspension and the reason therefore shall be given to the membership whenever possible at least thirty days in advance of the date on which the meeting of the Chapter ordinarily would be held.

Except as herein provided "Robert's Rules of Order as Revised" shall govern the proceedings of the Chapter during the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the Chapter President, and a majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, a majority vote of board members present and voting at a properly called meeting shall be sufficient to carry any matter before the board.

A. Action by Unanimous Written Consent: Unless otherwise restricted by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, the Board may take action without holding a meeting if all designated officers consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing or ratifying an action, and the written consent is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Electronic mail may be used to provide consent in writing.

B. Telephonic/Video Conferences: An officer may participate in a meeting of the Board by a conference telephone, video conference or similar communication equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting may communicate with each other, if all participants are advised of the communications equipment, and if the names of all participants in the conference are divulged to each participant. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

ARTICLE VII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Section 1. Generally

The Chapter shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Chapter) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was an authorized representative of the Chapter, or who is or was serving at the request of the Chapter as an authorized representative of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Chapter, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Chapter or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that the person had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Action by or in the Right of Chapter

The Chapter shall have the power indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Chapter to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was an authorized representative of the Chapter, or is or was serving at the request of the Chapter as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Chapter, provided that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the Chapter, unless, and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court shall deem proper.

Section 3. Mandatory Indemnification

To the extent that a present or former authorized representative of the Chapter, or any subsidiary or subsidiaries, as the case may be, has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, or in defense of a claim, issue, or matter in the action, suit, or proceeding, the Chapter shall indemnify him or her against actual and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding and an action, suit, or proceeding brought to enforce the mandatory indemnification provided in this Section.

Section 4. Authorization

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, unless ordered by the court, the Chapter shall indemnify an authorized representative under Sections 1 or 2 of this Article, only if authorized in the specific case based on a determination that indemnification of the authorized agent is proper in the circumstances because that person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article and based on an evaluation that the expenses and amounts paid in settlement are reasonable. The Chapter shall make a determination and evaluation under this Section in one of the following ways: (a) By a majority vote of a quorum of the board that consists of directors who are not parties or threatened to be made parties to the action, suit, or proceeding. (b) If the board is unable to obtain a quorum under subdivision (a), by majority vote of a committee that is duly designated by the board and that consists solely of two or more directors who are not at the time parties or threatened to be made parties to the action, suit, or proceeding. (c) By independent legal counsel in a written opinion. The corporation must select counsel to prepare the opinion in one of the following ways: (i) By the board or a committee of directors in the manner described in this Section. (ii) If the board is unable to obtain a quorum under subdivision (a) and the board is unable to designate a committee under subdivision (b), by the board. (d) By the members, but memberships held by members that are parties or threatened to be made parties to the action, suit, or proceeding may not be voted. (2) All directors may participate in designating a committee under this Section or in selecting independent legal counsel under this Section. (3) If a person is entitled to indemnification under Section 1 or 2 of this Article for a portion of expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, judgments, penalties, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, but not for the total amount, the corporation may indemnify the person for the portion of the expenses, judgments, penalties, fines, or

amounts paid in settlement for which the person is entitled to be indemnified. (4) A corporation shall authorize payment of indemnification under this section in any of the following ways: (a) By the board in 1 of the following ways: (i) If there are two or more directors who are not parties or threatened to be made parties to the action, suit, or proceeding, by a majority vote of all directors who are not parties or threatened to be made parties, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for this purpose. (ii) By a majority of the members of a committee of two or more directors who are not parties or threatened to be made parties to the action, suit, or proceeding. (iii) If there are fewer than two directors who are not parties or threatened to be made parties to the action, suit, or proceeding, by the vote necessary for action by the board under these bylaws. All directors may participate in authorization under this Section. (b) By the members, but memberships held by authorized representative that are parties or threatened to be made parties to the action, suit, or proceeding may not be voted on the authorization.

The Chapter may indemnify an authorized representative for the expenses and liabilities described in this Section without a determination that the authorized representative has met the standard of conduct set forth in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, but shall not indemnify the authorized representative for obligations imposed under M.C.L.A. Section 450.2497(a) or, except to the extent authorized in this Section, if the authorized representative received a financial benefit to which he or she was not entitled, intentionally inflicted harm on the corporation or its members, violated Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (“M.C.L.A.”) Section 450.2551, or intentionally committed a criminal act. In connection with an action or suit by or in the right of the corporation described in Section 2 of this Article, indemnification under this Section may be for expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred. In connection with an action, suit, or proceeding other than an action, suit, or proceeding by or in the right of the Chapter, described in Section 1 of this Article, the Chapter may indemnify an authorized representative under this Section for expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred, and for judgments, penalties, fines, and amounts paid in settlement that are actually and reasonably incurred.

Section 5. Application for Indemnification

An authorized representative of the Chapter who is a party or threatened to be made a party to an action, suit, or proceeding may apply for indemnification to the court conducting the proceeding or to another court of competent jurisdiction. On receipt of an application, the court after giving any notice it considers necessary may order indemnification if it determines that the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, whether or not he or she met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article or was adjudged liable as described in Section 2 of this Article, but if he or she was adjudged liable, his or her indemnification is limited to reasonable expenses incurred.

Section 6. Nonexclusive

The indemnification or advancement of expenses provided under Sections 1 through 5 of this Article is not exclusive of other rights to which a person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or a contractual agreement. The total amount of expenses advanced or indemnified from all sources combined shall not exceed the amount of actual expenses incurred by the person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses. The indemnification provided under this Section and Sections 1 through 4 of this Article continues as to a person that ceases to be an authorized representative and inures to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, and administrators of the person if the person is an individual. The Chapter shall not eliminate or impair a right to indemnification or to advancement of expenses established in a provision of the articles of incorporation or the bylaws by amending that provision after the occurrence of the act or omission that is the subject of the formal or informal civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit, or proceeding for which indemnification or advancement of expenses is sought, unless the provision in effect at the time of that act or omission explicitly authorizes that elimination or impairment after that act or omission occurs.

Section 7. Insurance

A Chapter may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was an authorized representative of the Chapter, or who is or was serving at the request of the Chapter as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Chapter would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

Section 8. Definitions

For purpose of this Article, the term “authorized representative” shall mean a director, member, officer, employee, or agent (including each former member, director, employee, officer or agent) of the Chapter or of any corporation controlled by the

Chapter, or a trustee, custodian, administrator, committeeman, or fiduciary of any employee benefit plan established and maintained by the Chapter or a person serving another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise in any of the foregoing capacities at the request of the Chapter.

For purposes of this Article, references to "the Chapter" shall include, in addition to the surviving corporation, any merging corporation (including any corporation having merged with a merging corporation) absorbed in a merger involving the Chapter which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had the power and authority to indemnify its directors, members, officers, employees or agents, so that any person who was a director, officer, employee or agent of such merging corporation, or was serving at the request of such merging corporation as a director, member, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Section with respect to the surviving corporation as such person would have with respect to such merging corporation if its separate existence had continued.

For purposes of this Article, references to "other enterprises" shall include employee benefit plans; references to "fines" shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to "serving at the request of the Chapter" shall include any service as a director, member, officer, employee or agent of the Chapter which imposes duties on, or involves services by such director, member, officer, employee, or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries. A person who acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner "not opposed to the best interests of the Chapter" as referred to in this Section.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws are a standard template required for use by all CUPA-HR Chapters. This document cannot be edited or amended by the Chapter Board. Only the CUPA-HR National Board can approve an amendment to chapter by-laws by a two-thirds majority vote of the National Board members present and voting at a board meeting. *To be eligible for consideration, proposed amendments must be submitted at least six weeks prior to CUPA-HR's scheduled board meetings (June 1 for summer board meeting, October 1 for fall board meeting, March 1 for spring board meeting.)*

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

Section 1 – The Chapter may be dissolved either:

- A. Upon a two-thirds vote of the full Chapter Board, or
- B. Upon a majority vote of the CUPA-HR National Board upon the absence of an operational Chapter Board for a period of 6 months.

Section 2

Upon Dissolution of the Chapter under Section 1, after paying or making provision for paying all liabilities of the Chapter, the remaining assets shall be paid to CUPA-HR, a non-profit organization duly qualified under the applicable rules of the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 3

Any Chapter assets not distributed through Section 2 shall be disposed of pursuant to the direction of the applicable local Court of Common Pleas, or the equivalent thereof, in the County in which the principal office of the Chapter is located, as the Court may determine.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Methods of Voting

The Chapter is at liberty to utilize any method of communication approved by majority vote of their Board to conduct elections (including nominating procedures). Such methods may include, but not be limited to, secret ballots, e-mail ballots,

written ballots, mail ballots, or a combination thereof. Where specific reference is made herein to ballot type, this provision shall take precedence.

ARTICLE XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws are adopted and ratified by a two-third majority vote of the CUPA-HR National Board on the fifth day of December, 2024.