Constitution for
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at
the Ohio State University

Article I: Name
The name of this organization shall be Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship (XA) at The Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio. hereafter referred to as Chi Alpha. It will be affiliated with a national organization called Chi Alpha Campus Ministries (Springfield, MO), whose oversight is provided by the General Council of the Assemblies of God (Springfield, MO).

Article II: Purpose/Mission
The mission of Chi Alpha shall be to develop the spiritual life and abilities of the students in relation to God, to each other, and to the world at large within a Pentecostal Christian context and in a manner consistent with the teachings of the Assemblies of God USA. As part of this mission, Chi Alpha seeks to introduce fellow collegians to an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. Chi Alpha plans to do this through:

1. Prayer - Communication with God.
2. Worship - Expressions of thanks through word, music, and service.
3. Fellowship - Community of students developing quality relationships.
4. Discipleship - Learning about Jesus and following His example.
5. Mission - Living a life that reflects our relationship with God in what we say and do.

Article III: Affiliation

Section 1: Campus Affiliation
This organization shall operate according to the most current regulations and policies for student organizations at The Ohio State University, and in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws regardless of contradictory material that may be in this document.

Section 2: Non-Campus Affiliation
A) The Ohio State University chapter of Chi Alpha is affiliated with and has a relationship of mutual support and common philosophy with the national organization of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, Springfield, Missouri.
B) The national organization shall grant, upon request and the satisfaction of national requirements, an annual charter of affiliation for Chi Alpha.
C) The national organization of Chi Alpha shall assign a person as Spiritual Advisor to Chi Alpha at The Ohio State University as provision and requirement for their affiliation.
D) This organization shall adhere to the regulations and Constitution of the national organization of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries that do not conflict with the regulations and policies of Ohio State University.

Section 3: Chapter Affiliation
The chapter shall seek a charter annually with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, USA (“National Chi Alpha”) because of the common goals which both organizations pursue. Chi Alpha is a national organization whose offices are located at 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802. Affiliation with Chi Alpha is a privilege. National Chi Alpha reserves the right at any time and for any reason to withdraw its charter from a chapter. In the event that National Chi Alpha rejects this chapter’s charter, this chapter commits to change its name to omit any of the names identified in Article I to prevent confusion.

Article IV: Membership
Section 1: General Membership
All meetings and activities of Chi Alpha are open to all regularly enrolled students, faculty and staff. Anyone who desires to participate in the meetings and activities may become a general member.

Non-discrimination Policy: General Membership and participation is free from discrimination against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 2: Voting Membership
All regularly enrolled students are eligible for voting membership who are invited by a current voting member in good standing and affirmed by the current Officers. Membership affirmations must be made at least once each year but can also be done as needed.

Criteria: Those invited to voting membership shall:

A) express interest in becoming a member once invited.
B) shall attend at least 1 non-membership meetings during the most recent semester
C) have been a member of a Chi Alpha small group for one semester.
D) embrace the purpose of the chapter as stated in Article II of the Constitution.

Section 3: Non-student Participation
A) The Spiritual Advisor shall be an ex officio member.
B) Faculty and staff of The Ohio State University may participate in the community life of Chi Alpha, but may not vote or hold office.
C) Students of nearby colleges and universities may participate in the community life of Chi Alpha, but may not vote or hold office.
D) Anyone else not affiliated with The Ohio State University or a nearby college may participate as volunteers helpers at the discretion of the Executive Leadership Team.

Article V: Officers and Executive Leadership Team

Section 1: Officers
The officers are the students elected to conduct the business of the organization and be the liaison with the university. Chi Alpha will maintain three elected officers:
A) President: must be a full-time student of The Ohio State University. The President shall be the student contact for the organization in all university matters. The President shall be responsible for duties such as scheduling rooms for events and filing appropriate forms for events and group travel.
B) Vice-President: must be a member in good standing. The Vice-President shall act as secretary during all business meetings, and shall stand in when the President is unavailable or otherwise incapable of fulfilling his/her duties.
C) Treasurer: must be a member in good standing. The Treasurer will take care of all financial matters for Chi Alpha, such as depositing contributions, paying dues, etc.

Section 2: Election of Officers
A) The Executive Leadership Team will stand as the Nominations Committee for Officer elections.
B) The Nominations Committee will submit a slate of nominees for each position at the annual business meeting.
C) All officers shall be elected to office by a simple majority of the voting membership present at the annual business meeting.

D) All nominees must meet the following requirements:
   a) Attendance requirement: Officer nominees must themselves be voting members according to Article III.2 for at least 2 Semesters. During this time, they must also have attended at least 75% of weekly large group meetings and at least 75% of any membership meetings (unless they were not in residence due to participation in an off campus study abroad program or internship).
   b) Interview: Officer nominees must be interviewed and approved by the Executive Committee before their names may be submitted to the voting membership as candidates.
   c) Knowledge requirement: Officer nominees must complete the chapter’s leadership application, which will include information demonstrating (a) the applicant’s skill in providing spiritual leadership for the chapter, including leading Bible studies, explaining the content of the faith, and ministering to others; (b) knowledge of and agreement with the chapter mission; and (c) an understanding of how to model the values of the organization for the rest of the membership.
   d) Officer nominees must embrace and be willing to actively work toward the mission of the chapter as stated in Article II of the Constitution.

Section 3: Vacancies
Any vacancy in office shall be filled by an appointment of the Executive Leadership Team. The new officer shall complete the current term.

Section 4: Advisors
A) Faculty Advisor: The faculty advisor shall be an immediate advisor to the group pertaining university matters. Chi Alpha’s faculty Advisor is Dr. Robert DiSilvestro. Disilvestro.1@osu.edu

B) Spiritual Advisor: The spiritual advisor shall have the immediate spiritual oversight of the group and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The spiritual advisor shall give biblical counsel to the group and its members. The Campus Director (aka, Spiritual Advisor) and Associate Staff advisor(s) shall operate as the liaison between Chi Alpha and Chi Alpha Campus Ministries nationally. Cooperation with the Nationally Affiliated Chi Alpha Director is required for the group to maintain their affiliation with National Chi Alpha and the name “Chi Alpha.”

Section 5: Other Student Leadership Positions
There shall be other student leadership positions in Chi Alpha consisting of those offices necessary to carry out the objectives of the organization. These shall include, but are not limited to Core Group Leaders, Worship Coordinator, and Prayer Coordinator. These positions are by appointment through the Executive Leadership Team.

Section 6: Executive Leadership Team
The Executive Leadership Team shall consist of the Spiritual Advisor, the Officers, and all other student leaders, i.e. the Prayer Coordinator, the Fellowship Coordinator, the Evangelism Coordinator, the Worship Coordinator, the Outreach Coordinator, and all student core group leaders. It will be chaired by the Campus Director (Spiritual Advisor).

Section 7: Qualifications for All Leadership Positions
A) Membership – Elected officers and leaders must have been a member of Chi Alpha for at least one semester, and have participated in meetings for at least one school year prior to taking office.

B) Born Again – Elected officers and leaders must be born-again Christians. (John 3:5)

C) Pure Life – Elected officers and leaders must be free from un-repented acts of sin in their life. (Galatians 5:19-21)

D) Christian Character – A blameless Christian life and a good report of those who are without. (1 Timothy 3:8-12)
Section 8: Term of office

An elected officer or leader shall serve for one year from his/her swearing-in, or until his/her successor is appointed or elected.

Article VI: Removal of Members

Voting and non-voting members shall be eligible for removal by vote of the officers after missing four successive meetings. Instead of removing these members, the officers may also vote to place them on the inactive roster. Those on the inactive roster shall be suspended temporarily from voting, and may seek approval from the officers for reinstatement after attending a non-membership meeting (provided they still fulfill all other membership requirements).

Article VII: Removal of Officers

The process for removal of any officer shall be commenced by a written request for removal signed by at least two voting members and delivered to the Executive Committee. The officer shall have one week to prepare a written response to the request and shall have the opportunity to meet with the Executive Committee to speak with them about the request and response. Should the Executive Committee find grounds for an officer's removal the matter will be referred to the voting membership. No officer shall be removed without the vote of the majority of the membership present at a Membership Meeting as prescribed in Article VI.

Notwithstanding the procedures outlined in the previous paragraph, any misrepresentation in the officer's leadership application or change in an officer's representations regarding the beliefs and mission of Chi Alpha (and, hence, their ability to communicate the messages of the Chapter accurately) shall be grounds for the immediate review of the officer's position by the Executive Committee. If, after review, the Executive Committee decides that the officer can no longer effectively represent Chi Alpha or further its mission, the Executive Committee may remove the officer by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article VIII: Rules of Procedure of Executive Leadership Team Business Meetings

Section 1

All Executive Leadership Team members are expected to attend all possible meetings.

Section 2

There shall be regular Executive Leadership Team business meetings at such times as are deemed best to further the purpose of this organization, but not less than once every semester.

Section 3

Minutes shall be kept on every business meeting by the Vice President (or someone appointed for that purpose by the Vice President). All minutes shall be made available for voting membership of the organization.

Section 4

The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be recognized as the authority on procedure and rules not covered by this constitution and its bylaws.

Article IX: Organizational Meetings

Section 1: Quorum
To conduct business at an organizational meeting, a quorum of a simple majority of the voting membership must be present.

**Section 2**

Motions dealing with the removal of members will require a 2/3 majority vote of the voting membership present.

**Section 3**

The most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised shall be recognized as the authority on procedure and rules not covered by this constitution.

**Section 4: Frequency of meetings**

A) Annual business meeting: This organization shall meet 1-3 weeks prior to Spring Break for an annual business meeting. Election of officers will take place at this meeting.

B) Weekly main meetings: This organization shall meet at least once a week, when classes are in session.

C) Emergency meetings: The President may call emergency meetings when deemed necessary. The total voting membership shall be notified of this meeting at least seven days prior to meeting.

**Article X: Amendments**

This constitution may be amended at any regular or special business meeting of Chi Alpha by a two-thirds vote of the active membership present, provided that a written statement shall have been read to the group and deposited with the Secretary – Treasurer at least 15 days prior to the date of voting. Articles I and II may not be amended without the approval of National Chi Alpha.

Proposed amendments must be adopted in accordance student organization policies of The Ohio State University.

**Article XI: Process for Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of Chi Alpha, the Executive Leadership Team shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purposes of the organization as set forth in Article II hereof, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and/or organizations organized to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. Any assets not disposed of by the Executive Leadership Team shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said court will determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.