By the Slice Improv Constitution

Article I:

By the Slice Improv at The Ohio State University

The purpose of this organization is to provide an opportunity to any student enthusiastic about improv comedy to join an improv group and practice this skill with that group. This organization practices both short form and long form improv comedy by means of games, discussion, and performance for the group. The group’s goals include having fun with improv comedy and becoming better at this skill.

This organization exists without audition or exclusion, inviting any student wishing to participate to join at any time. This organization focuses on the inclusion of any student, regardless of commitment or experience, to all events affiliated with this organization.

By the Slice Improv does not discriminate of the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in accepting participation into this student organization. It is a priority of By the Slice Improv to provide equal opportunity to all students.

Article II:

In order to gain voting membership in By the Slice Improv, one must be currently enrolled as a student at The Ohio State University. However, other Ohio State University affiliates, such as alumni or faculty, are encouraged to become either non-voting associates or honorary members. This is an organization that is lead and run by students of The Ohio State University.

Article III:

a. A member can be removed from By the Slice Improv if that member conducts themselves in a manner that the organization deems detrimental to the advancement of the organization or is in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct. This is determined by means of either a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the organization’s advisor.

b. Elected officers of By the Slice Improv can also be removed for a sufficient cause. Sufficient cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws or any conduct deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the chapter. Prior to a vote on the matter of removal of an elected officer, the chapter Executive Committee shall hold a formal hearing. The officer shall have the opportunity to personally appear at the formal hearing or to be represented by counsel. The officer may present any defense to the charges before any action is taken. The chapter Executive Committee shall adopt rules to ensure due process to the officer. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two thirds affirmative vote of the executive board.

Article IV:
The leaders of By the Slice Improv represent the Executive Committee of the entire organization and are elected by the voting membership of the organization. These leaders are the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the organization, and all three leadership positions will require nomination by the interested individual and the majority of votes by the voting membership. The duties of President include planning and leading meetings, preparing and cleaning the practice space, and conducting communication between The Ohio State University or other Ohio State University affiliated organizations. The duties of the Vice President will include assisting the President with leadership of the meetings and composing weekly emails. Finally, the duties of the treasurer will include overseeing the funds of the club and communicating with The Ohio State University for funding arrangements when necessary.

Article V:

The Executive Committee of By the Slice Improv will include the leaders of the organization as well as a Secretary. The duties of the Secretary will involve all organization affiliated communication, excluding weekly emails and communication with other organizations. This may include, but is not limited to, responding to emails from members or communication through social media.

Article VI:

At the moment of registration, By the Slice Improv will not include Standing Committees.

Article VII:

The advisor of By the Slice Improv is

Article VIII:

Meetings of By the Slice Improv will occur on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:00 until 8:00. These meetings are open to all students and attendance of members is encouraged but optional. The attendance of the leaders of the organization will be further encouraged, and four unexcused absences by members of the organization holding leadership positions will result in demotion.

Article IX:

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of By the Slice Improv will occur in writing, will not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, will be read again at the two following general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and will require a three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution will not be amended easily or frequently but will be regarded seriously and amended only after significant consideration and the approval of a majority of the organization.

Article X:

In the event that dissolution of By the Slice Improv is proposed, this proposition will be handled in the same manner as an amendment to the constitution, with the final vote necessitating a three quarter majority of the voting membership. During this process, and before the official dissolution of the organization, any existing assets and debts of the organization must be dealt with, and the ultimate responsibility of these assets and debts will rest with the Leaders and Executive Committee of the organization. The proper actions in relation to any existing assets and debts will be voted upon by these members.
By-Laws

Article I:

The decision making of By the Slice Improv will be governed using Robert's Rule of Order, submitting to the popular premise that "though the minority shall be heard and absentees protected, the majority will decide." These rules shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

Article II:

Membership to By the Slice Improv is open to any student of The Ohio State University. There will be no dues, nor will any member be paid, and attendance will not be required, though it will be encouraged.

Article III:

There are certain positions in the ranks of By the Slice Improv that will necessitate election. These positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The election process will happen at a specified meeting of By the Slice Improv, this meeting being one of the final meetings of the year. The election meeting will take place in April, at a meeting before finals week. The election process will take place one position at a time and begins with self nomination for each position by any interested party holding voting membership. Once the nominees have been named, a private vote will be taken. The privacy of the votes will be protected by the ballot process, which will simply involve the distribution of identical slips of paper for votes. The votes will be counted by a member of the organization poised to graduate and thus deemed unbiased, and this process will be overlooked by another member of similar status. These members will be the only people to see the ballots before the ballots are disposed of.

In the event of the resignation or impeachment of an organization leader, the voting membership of the organization will be notified two meetings in advance of an imminent election. At this third meeting after the resignation or impeachment of an organization leader, an election for the open position will be held in a manner identical to the initial election.

Article IV:

The Executive Committee of By the Slice Improv consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the organization. The duties of President include planning and leading meetings, preparing and cleaning the practice space, and conducting communication between The Ohio State University or other Ohio State University affiliated organizations. The duties of the Vice President will include assisting the President with leadership of the meetings and composing weekly emails. The duties of the treasurer will include overseeing the funds of the club and communicating with The Ohio State University for funding arrangements when necessary. Finally, the duties of the Secretary will involve all organization affiliated communication, excluding weekly emails and communication with other organizations. This may include, but is not limited to, responding to emails from members or communication through social media.

Article V:

No Standing Committees will be instated at the time of this student organization's registration.

Article VI:
The advisor of By the Slice Improv should be available for counsel in the event the student organization finds itself in need of guidance, as well as approval when approval by an advisor is necessary. The advisor will be invited to every meeting of By the Slice Improv, but will not be required to attend these meetings.

Article VII:

The meetings of By the Slice Improv will require a room the size of a classroom, with enough space to accommodate scenes and games being exercised by the organization membership in attendance. A meeting will be held if at least three members are in attendance, and voting can take place if the Executive Committee is in attendance with at least three additional members.

Article VIII:

The amendment process of By the Slice Improv By-Laws begins with a written proposition that specifies the change in By-Law and is read at a general meeting of the membership. The proposed change will then be voted upon at the next general meeting of By the Slice Improv and will be implemented if a two thirds majority of the voting membership present is reached.