

Student League of Independent Ceramists

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Student League of Independent Ceramists (SLIC)

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The Student League of Independent Ceramists (SLIC) provides a forum for students interested in the making, showing, and discussion of the ceramic arts. The Student League of Independent Ceramists (SLIC) is dedicated to the creation of opportunities for its members to improve their art and their careers as artists.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Student League of Independent Ceramists (SLIC) agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on 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 basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.

Section B. Hazing

The Student League of Independent Ceramists (SLIC) agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.

Section C. Bylaws

The Student League of Independent Ceramists (SLIC) retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal

laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

Voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students that are interested in making, showing, discussing, and viewing ceramic art.

Any non member proven to be engaging in any kind of prohibited conduct (see section D) towards a member, officer or advisor are not eligible for membership.

Section B. Member Selection

Non members may become members by attending at least one meeting per semester.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership is open on a rolling basis.

Section D. Member Removal

Members can be removed for engaging in prohibited conduct. The Student League of Independent Ceramists (SLIC) defines prohibited conduct as any action intended to harm another individual or group, including, but not limited to:

- Any kind of bullying or harassment
- Knowingly spreading false information
- Damaging physical property

Member removal process

Establishing grounds: Provide evidence of misconduct or reason for removal to officers and advisors.

Notifying the member: Informing the member in writing of their charges and providing them with an opportunity to defend themselves.

Calling a meeting: Holding a meeting with the executive board and the accused member to hear their defense and vote on removal.

Voting: Requiring a majority vote of the executive officers to remove.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

Advisors volunteer ideas for activities and endeavors, provide guidance for the executive board, support the organization's operational needs, and assist members in their artistic journey.

Section B. Advisor Term

Advisors are asked to participate for terms of one year, and may serve for any number of consecutive terms.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The Primary Advisor must be a member of the faculty or administrative and professional staff selected by the student organization. Classified civil service employees, graduate administrative associates, and emeritus and retired faculty/staff may serve as co-advisors, but the primary faculty/staff advisor must complete the certification process for the organization to be registered. Advisors should not be on extended leave without mutually agreed upon contingency plans to provide for the organization's needs during their absence. This can come in the form of regular communication during the leave or bringing on a co-advisor. Advisors are selected based on recurring involvement with the organization, those who are most readily available for discussion of activities and club happenings. Those who are eligible based off of this are voted for and elected based on a simple majority vote.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

In the event of resignation or removal, the departing advisor and/or the executive board will nominate a replacement, and require a majority vote from the active members.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The president calls general meetings, schedules events, and coordinates with the advisor, vice president, treasurer, and voting membership to plan visiting lecturers, field trips, demonstrations, student exhibitions, and all other SLIC activities.

The vice president is responsible for operational support, taking and distributing meeting minutes, managing communication channels, and assuming the president's duties in their absence.

The treasurer develops the semester and annual budget, tracks all income and expenses, manages the organizations bank account, reimburses members, offices, and advisors for approved purchases, applies for organizational funding, and manages fundraising efforts.

All officers serve a term of one year, and can serve as many terms as they are elected.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

Officers must be enrolled as full time students, an active member of SLIC for at least one year, and democratically elected by the active membership.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

All leadership positions open at the end of the spring semester. A general meeting will be called, the departing officers will nominate their replacements, and any active, eligible members will campaign for their desired position. Active membership will vote on each position, with each requiring a majority vote. In the event of a tie, the advisor will decide who gets the position.

Section D. Officer Removal

Officers can be removed for engaging in prohibited conduct. (See Article IV Section D)

Officer removal process

Establishing grounds: Provide evidence of misconduct to other officers and advisors.

Notifying the officer: Informing the officer in writing of their charges and providing them with an opportunity to defend themselves.

Calling a meeting: Holding a meeting with the executive board and the accused officer to hear their defense and vote on removal.

Voting: Requiring a majority vote of the other executive officers and approval of the advisor to remove.

In the event of officer vacancies (resignation, ineligibility, removal, etc.) the executive board will split the duties of the vacant position until a general meeting can be called for voting membership to elect a new officer.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The Student League of Independent Ceramists (SLIC) is considered dissolved in the case that one year passes without the call of a general meeting and the sitting president, vice president, and treasurer vote upon dissolution.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Any existing assets are assumed by the university as a student donation, ear-marked for investment in student organizations. The sitting president, vice president, and treasurer assume personal responsibility for debts.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Proposed amendments can be made by voting membership, officers, or advisors, must be in writing and be announced at an assembled general meeting. The proposed amendment must be read again at the meeting subsequent to the announcement of the proposed amendment. With at least 50% of membership present, voting members vote after second reading and a majority vote approves the amendment.