Amateur Radio Organization for Undergraduate Student Entertainment: Constitution

Article 1: Name, Purpose, Non-Discrimination

1. The name of the club in question shall officially be Amateur Radio Organization for Undergraduate Student Entertainment (AROUSE).

2. The purpose of this club shall be:

a) To entertain fellow students at The Ohio State University, with auditory means.

b) To educate the student body at The Ohio State University about the variety and quality of music prevalent in modern American culture.

c) To provide a means for students to learn how work in a broadcasting field is done.

d) To acquire mentorship and career guidance by interacting with communications educators and representatives from the radio industry.

3. This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article 2: Membership

1. Active members of the club shall be enrolled at the Ohio State University, and attend at least two meetings per semester.

2. Associate members shall be faculty or staff interested in radio communications and/or specific genres of music. They shall not be eligible for office or to vote.

3. Voting rights shall be assigned to Active members only, who are currently enrolled for at least 6 credits at the Ohio State University.

4. Members with shows (henceforth referred to as “DJs”) shall have special responsibilities. These consist of:

a) A one or two hour show every week, at which they must fill out the check-in form

b) Mandatory attendance at speaker events

c) Application of the studio-specific By-Laws to their conduct

d) Expectations of one hour of show preparation and one hour of show/station advertisement per week

Article 3: Club Organization

1. The Amateur Radio Organization for Undergraduate Student Entertainment (AROUSE) shall be led by an Executive Board, itself led by a President.

2. The Executive Board will consist of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Station Manager, Campus Liaison, Promotions Chair, and Webmaster. There shall also be an officer outside the Executive Board, who will act as representative to the Network.

3. Elections and Requirements

a) Potential officers should nominate themselves in April of each year. Candidates must have attended at least 60% of meetings, and be active at club events. Candidates shall not be on disciplinary probation, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00, and not have been on probation for the most recently completed term prior to election. They must be on good terms with the University.

b) Candidates must have been in the club for at least one full semester to run for a position; candidates for President must have been in the club for at least one full academic year to run.

b) Officers themselves should attend at least 60% of meetings.

c) Terms of office will last one academic year.

d) Executive Board positions shall be voted on by general membership of Active Members present at the specified Election Meeting (the third-to-last meeting of Spring Semester).

4. Office Responsibilities

a) The President is in charge deciding the goals and direction of the club, and delegating tasks accordingly. He will also take care of coordination with the OSU administration and bureaucracy, as well as with local business and the Columbus music scene. Finally, the weekly and Executive Board meetings will be run by the President, as will the club email account.

b) The Vice President is in charge of running recruitment events, including the Fall and Spring Involvement Fairs. She is also in charge of maintaining the club’s membership in IBS, and will act in the stead of the President when he is unavailable.

c) The Treasurer oversees the AROUSE bank account, and oversee any use of AROUSE funds for equipment or other expenses. He is also charged with running major events for the club, including social events and the Spring Concert (in collaboration with the Promotions Chair). Finally, the Treasurer is in charge of all fundraising activities for the club.

d) The Station Manager is in charge of setting the schedule for each semester’s programming. This includes training new DJs, providing and collecting applications, coordinating shows with target audiences and DJs’ availability, keeping track of pre-record shows, and managing the DJ list. The Station Manager is also in charge of acquiring and maintaining the club’s equipment.

e) The Campus Liaison is in charge of coordinating with student organizations for both announcements and shows, as well as managing any underwriting the station takes on (in coordination with the President). The Campus Liaison is also assigned the task of working with Student Legal Services for any legal issues facing the club.

f) The Promotions Chair is assigned the task of increasing listenership and publicizing the club. This includes the standard club advertisement assigned to the DJs, as well as the Spring Concert (in collaboration with the Treasurer). This also involves setting up collaborations with other organizations (e.g., having AROUSE DJ an event or broadcast it live). The Promotions Chair is also in charge of running the DJ rewards program for audience size improvement.

g) The Webmaster is in charge of the online presence of the club. Primarily this involves maintaining and improving the website, but also includes running the Facebook and Twitter accounts of the club. The Webmaster is also assigned the task of checking on DJ attendance for their shows through the DJ Check-In form.

h) The Network Representative is assigned the task of representing the club at meetings for the Network. In this role, she will work with other organizations on setting up collaborative events, take in advertising requests from other organizations, and report to the Executive Board on their activities.

Article 4: Meetings

a) Meetings for AROUSE general membership shall be held weekly during Autumn and Spring Semesters. Times shall be determined in the By-Laws.

b) Meetings for the Executive Board shall be held bi-weekly during Autumn and Spring Semesters, with times determined in the By-Laws. The Executive Board meetings will be open to general club membership, though voting will be restricted to Board members.

c) The Executive Board members shall have the power to call special meetings. Notice shall be given by the Secretary to the general membership at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. These meetings shall not be included in the 90% requirement.

d) Fifty-one percent (51%) of the DJs shall constitute a standard quorum, which shall be necessary for any vote of the general membership of the organization.

Article 5: Advisor

a) Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the Ohio State University faculty or Administrative & Professional Staff and may be selected/terminated by the Executive Board.

b) The Advisor shall be retained until either termination by the Executive Board or resignation.

c) Responsibilities of the Advisor include: attendance at mandatory training; assisting in acquisition of funding; providing guidance in matters regarding University policy; and providing information about activities of relevance to the Amateur Radio Organization for Undergraduate Student Entertainment.

d) New Advisors shall be nominated by club members. Upon their acceptance of this position, they shall be voted on by a general vote of the club, and will attain the position with a majority of the vote.

Article 6: Methods of Removal of Members

a) Officers and members of the club are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws, as well as in a way that reflects well on the organization.

b) If it comes to the attention of the Executive Board that a member of the club has acted outside these bounds, the Board will hold a review of said member at the next Board meeting, with said member present. The offending club member shall be given their chance to defend themselves, then, if deemed necessary, given a stern warning and placed on probationary membership for the rest of the semester.

c) If the offending member acts again outside the bounds of the club while under probationary membership, the Executive Board shall have the power to end their membership by a majority vote.

d) To impeach an officer, a member of the club must bring a petition to a meeting of the Executive Board requesting such an impeachment, with signatures from at least 10% of the current DJ membership and a reason for complaint. The remaining officers of the Board shall review the officer’s conduct, and if deemed necessary, shall hold a special vote at the next general meeting for replacement of the officer.

Article 7: Amending the Constitution and By-Laws

a) Amendments

1. Any proposed amendment to the constitution must be presented at any general meeting with the signature of no less than two-thirds of the current membership of the club.

2. Proposed amendments will be read, but not acted upon, during the two consecutive general meetings following the meeting at which it was presented. At the third general meeting, voting shall commence upon the proposition, providing that a special quorum of two-thirds of the membership is present. If this quorum is not present, the proposal will be voted on at the next meeting at which the quorum is reached.

3. The proposed amendment shall pass with a two-thirds majority vote of those present at the meeting it is voted upon.

4. If the proposed amendment does not pass, it may not be proposed for voting again until the next semester.

b) By-Laws

1. The By-Laws shall be rules appended to the constitution, used as the standing laws of the organization. They shall have the same power of law as the rules in the constitution.

2. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws are to be presented to the Executive Board at a Board meeting, with a petition signed by at least 10% of the current DJ membership. The Board will hold a special vote at the next general meeting on the proposed amendment(s).

3. Voting on By-Laws will require a standard quorum of a majority of the club membership (fifty percent plus one). The proposed amendment shall pass with a simple majority vote of those present.

4. Accepted bylaws shall be appended to this constitution in the By-Laws, and will be made available upon request. They will also be posted for visibility in the studio as well as on the Facebook group page for the organization.

Article 8: Method of Dissolution of the Organization

a) Any proposal for dissolution of the organization due to accumulation of debt must be presented at a general meeting by a member of the Executive Board.

b) If the organization should accumulate debt, there will be one month for the funds and assets of the organization to be liquidated in order to repay its debts.

c) If debt should remain following this one month period, the funds for repayment will be raised in any way possible, and the organization will be dissolved.

d) The organization may not be re-established until one year has passed following dissolution.