

# OSU A Cappella Alliance Constitution

Amended: 7 October 2016

President: Jacob Conrad  
Vice President: Sarah Siewe  
Treasurer: Fope Olajide  
Secretary: Cassidy Aughe  
Advisors: Kelsey Tschanen, Zac DelMonte

## Contents

<b>Article I:</b> Purpose and Non-Discrimination Policy of Organization.....	<a href="#">1</a>
<b>Article II:</b> Membership Qualifications.....	<a href="#">2</a>
<b>Article III:</b> Organization Leadership.....	<a href="#">2</a>
<b>Article IV:</b> Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members.....	<a href="#">3</a>
<b>Article V:</b> Advisor(s) or Advisory Board.....	<a href="#">3</a>
<b>Article VI:</b> Meetings of the Organization; Attendance.....	<a href="#">4</a>
<b>Article VII:</b> Method of Amending Constitution.....	<a href="#">4</a>
<b>Article VIII:</b> Method of Dissolution of Organization.....	<a href="#">5</a>
<b>Article IX:</b> Revision Clause Index.....	<a href="#">5</a>

## Article I

### Purpose and Non-Discrimination Policy of Organization

- A. The OSU A Cappella Alliance is hereby established as the primary communication network for individuals already involved with existing a cappella groups, individuals who wish to get involved with existing a cappella groups, and individuals wishing to create their own a cappella groups. Its main functions are to i) market on behalf of existing groups, ii) facilitate multi-group performances for these groups, iii) recruit and reach out to potential members, iv) plan social and music-related programs for members, and v) instill a sense of camaraderie among anyone who wishes to engage in a cappella.
- B. 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. State law and university regulations strictly prohibit hazing of any form. As such, the OSU A Cappella

Alliance forbids member groups from participating in hazing activities or rituals to new or existing individual members. Failure to meet these criteria can warrant immediate removal from the organization at the discretion of the executive board. The university policy regarding disability services is recognized by the OSU A Cappella Alliance and is affixed to the bottom of this document.

## Article II

### Membership Qualifications

- A. Membership is granted to individuals on the basis of interest or promotion of a cappella groups.
- B. Membership is maintained through i) regular attendance of social events, ii) participation in discussion forums, and iii) participation in multi-group social events.

**Commented [1]:** it sounds like this paragraph is talking about the GROUPS though.

**Commented [2]:** I believe the university needs to know that individual people are being admitted to the organization, not groups or communities. I'm not sure the latter's allowed.

**Commented [3]:** that, to my knowledge, don't exist

**Commented [4]:** \*regular meetings

**Commented [5]:** again with the resurrection. I think unless we actively plan to do these things, (which I'd like to do) then we should take them out.

## Article III

### Organization Leadership

**President:** Head of the organization, responsible for being the final say in all-major decisions. Duties include providing a vision for the organization, putting together meetings, and communication. Must attend President training annually via the Ohio Union.

**Vice-President:** Responsible in assisting the president with executive decisions and providing major insights. Handles the musical aspects of the alliance. Facilitates the development of the organization by accomplishing tasks assigned by the president. Considered a "jack-of-all-trades" in a sense.

**Treasurer:** Handles all financial aspects of the club. Collects any dues for merchandise. Manages the organization's bank account. Must attend Treasurer training annually via the Ohio Union.

**Secretary:** Takes notes of the meetings, assists in scheduling officer meetings, collaborates on and sends e-mails, manages the listserv of said emails, and promotes the OSU A Cappella Alliance and its affiliated a cappella groups on social media.

Any duties and responsibilities not listed within these leadership descriptions are to be delegated by the president to the individuals of the executive board at his or her discretion, and will be represented by the executive board as a single unit.

## **Article IV**

### **Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members**

- A. All leaders are elected early in spring semester by process of interview and discussion amongst the presiding executive board. Transfer of power to the new executive board occurs on the final day of scheduled classes for that academic term OR upon election should the position not be filled until after the final day of classes. Leaders must meet the qualifications of being a general member of the organization as ruled by the Ohio Union Activities Board, the executive board, and the university.
- B. Grounds for immediate impeachment are warranted if leaders are charged with any sort of major misconduct with the university.
- C. If the officer in question is found to be consistently incapable of fulfilling his or her duties and responsibilities as an officer, he/she can be removed with 80% of the popular vote and 60% of the officer vote. New leadership is to be sought by the remainder of the executive board immediately following the removal of the delinquent officer.
- D. Members and member groups can be removed by the officers with 60% of the vote if found to be counterproductive to the aims of the organization in any fashion.

## **Article V**

### **Advisor(s) or Advisory Board**

- A. Advisor(s) of student organizations must be members of the university faculty or administrative & professional staff. They are to aid in brainstorming ideas for putting together performance events and social events, as well as providing general guidance with their knowledge of the university. The advisor(s) complete Advisor training every other year via the Ohio Union.

# Article VI

## Meetings of the Organization; Attendance

- A. There will be no less than three meetings per quarter semester with the exception of the summer academic term. Meeting times are to be determined on a yearly basis. Attendance policies and requirements are to be determined at the beginning of the year by the executive board. Failure to meet attendance policies will warrant private discussion between the offending party and the executive board, and may warrant removal from the organization at the discretion of the executive board.
  
- B. There will be no less than two concerts organized by the executive board per academic year, to be attended by all members of the organization unless strictly specified by the executive board. Failure to attend a required concert will warrant private discussion between the offending party and the executive board, and will warrant removal from the organization at the discretion of the executive board.

# Article VII

## Method of Amending Constitution

- A. Proposed amendments will be in writing, will not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, will be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval requires at least 60% of the general vote and 60% of the officer vote.
  
- B. A revision clause will activate when and only when material within the constitution in its present form is considered irrelevant or no longer applicable. For instance, a university change from quarters to semesters will activate a revision clause. In this situation, the executive board may decide to amend the constitution insofar as the irrelevant information is altered or removed. The executive board is not required to field approval via general vote in this instance; however, amendments will still require 60% of the officer vote. All revisions met under this clause must be listed and timestamped in Article IX of this document and is not to be removed by any officer or advisor.

## Article VIII

### Method of Dissolution of Organization

The OSU A Cappella Alliance will be dismantled if Ohio State University a cappella life ceases to exist; OR if 80% of the a cappella groups involved on campus vote for the end of its existence; OR if by the beginning of the academic term directly following an election process there is not enough interest and/or support for the role of at least two officer positions.

## Article IX

### Revision Clause Index

Below are listed all moments from October 7th, 2016 onward wherein the revision clause within Article VII-B had been activated.

7 October 2016: grammatical and formatting errors resolved

---

**DISABILITY SERVICES:** Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services are welcome, will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; HYPERLINK "<http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>" <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.