**The ClariNetwork Association at Ohio State**

**Purpose Statement**

**The ClariNetwork Association at Ohio State** is an association of Ohio State students created for any educational purpose to support the vision and goals of the University set forth in the Academic Plan and Diversity Action Plan, to serve as a medium for academic discourse, personal growth, leadership development, intercultural understanding, community service and lasting friendships. This organization aims to engage all clarinet enthusiasts of The Ohio State University community, regardless of major, age, gender, race, and class. Enhancing positive educational environment, the ClariNetwork Association provides a community that is active and informative about the clarinet through performing, teaching/learning, discussing, listening, and reviewing diverse literatures and repertoires. This organization promotes the educational, research, and outreach mission of the University as well as provides musical activities and services to its members and to the general community with an emphasis on the clarinet. The organization acts as a resource of news from the clarinet community worldwide and enriches networking among the organization and beyond. Additionally, **The ClariNetwork Association at Ohio State** recognizes and advances the contributions members make to the global clarinet community at large.

**CONSTITUTION**

***Article l - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.***

*Section 1* – *Name*: The ClariNetwork Association at Ohio State

*Section 2* – *Purpose*: To enrich clarinetistry among its members and provide its musical services to the community

*Section 3* – *Non-Discrimination Policy*: This organization does not discriminate 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 bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment. To reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all, the ClariNetwork Association is committed to forming and cultivating a diverse community by pledging to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination.

***Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.***

All students at Ohio State are qualified to become involved in **The ClariNetwork Association**and to participate in the organization as leaders. Categories of membership include: Voting Members, Non-voting Members, and Honorary Members. Voting membership is only available to currently enrolled Ohio State students, regardless of majors. Other individuals such as faculty, staff, alumni, professionals, student partners or spouses are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members. Every member is highly encouraged to registered as a member of International Clarinet Association.

***Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers***

III.a. If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed for 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 - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.***

Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected or appointed from the ranks of the organization’s voting membership. The leaders positions may include, but not limited to: President, Vice-president, and Treasurer. Each committee member will hold the leadership position for one academic year per term. The general duties of president include, but not limited to, conducting necessary meetings/ activities/ services. The general duties of vice-president include, but not limited to, assisting president, and administration. The general duties of treasurer include, but not limited to, reporting the organization’s financial state, conducting and assisting any activities involving budgeting.

***Article V - Executive Committee (if needed): Size and composition of the Committee.***

This Committee (like a board of trustees or directors) represents the general membership and conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. In many organizations, this Committee is comprised of the organization leaders, chairpersons of the standing committees, and sometimes ex officio positions from related student organizations.

***Article VI - Standing Committees (if needed): Names, purposes, and composition.***

These committees serve the organization leadership, Executive Committee, and general membership and are permanent and designed to carry out the basic functions of the organization. Often chairpersons of these committees are appointed by the organization leadership.

***Article VII – Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.***

Advisers of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an adviser who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-adviser must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications. Responsibilities and expectations of advisers are to advise/supervise the direction and purpose of the organization, to be a meaningful resource to the organization.

***Article VIII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.***

Two general meetings of the membership may be required each academic term except for summer. Additional meetings will be appointed and announced by president.

***Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.***

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

***Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization***

Requirements and procedures for dissolution of the student organization should be stated. Should any organization assets and debt exist, appropriate means fort disposing of these assets and debts should be specified clearly and unequivocally.