

Constitution

ARTICLE I

I.a. Name: Actively Exploring and Outreach Neurological Sciences (AXONS)

I.b. Purpose: To educate the undergraduate students of the Ohio State University about the differences between neurological and behavioral disorders, and to eliminate the negative stigmas around them. To uphold a community where people with neurological and mental health disorders and those without can come together and share their experiences and learn from one another regarding said disorder.

I.c. Non-Discrimination Policy:

"The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.

Ohio State and The AXONS 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."

Sexual Misconduct:

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, AXONS expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here:

<https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

ARTICLE II

II.a. Membership: This organization is open to all Ohio State students. Non-students are welcome as well, however only as non-voting associates.

-Benefits: Members of AXONS will have the ability to learn about different neurological and mental health disorders. If they so desire, the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills by becoming “experts” on the topic disorder of that particular meeting and provided feedback from the members of the organization. Members will also be entered into a raffle. By the end of each meeting, a raffle will be held, for members only, and the winning member will receive a prize.

ARTICLE III

Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers:

III.a. If a member/executive officer engages in behavior that negatively impacts the advancement and/or purpose of the AXONS organization, violates the organizations constitution, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member/executive officer may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor provided evidence of wrong-doing.

III.b. The removal of an elected officer from their chair can include, however is not limited to: violation of section III.a., and failure to efficiently perform their appointed duties. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

III.c. If the reason for an officer/members removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot be shared for other legal reasons, the executive board, with consultation from the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend the executive officer/member from affiliating with the organization until further notice.

ARTICLE IV

Organization Leadership:

President: Oversees plans, meetings, projects, and other executive board members. Ensures the advancement of the organization.

Vice President: Assists the president and other officers in carrying out their duties.

Marketing Manager: Creates and publicizes social events. Manages social media.

Secretary: Organizes the calendar for all events and meetings. Maintains records for events/meetings. Responsible for bookkeeping.

Treasurer: Handles all the financial aspects of the organization

Counselor: Coordinates and assists in the organization of meetings.

Advisor: Upholds communication between the organization and the university.

ARTICLE V

Elections/Selection of Organization Leadership:

Elections will be held annually per calendar year. Any member of the organization is eligible for a role as an executive officer. A member must be nominated for a role by another member of the organization. If that nominated member chooses to accept the nomination, they will be casted onto the ballot for the nominated role. During Election Day, each nominee will give a speech regarding why they should be an executive officer. At the end, each member will have the opportunity to vote for the next set of executive officers. The person with the most votes in their respective category will win the chair.

In the event of a tie... current executive officers will meet and discuss how to proceed.

In the event of a sudden resignation... current executive officers will meet and further discuss how to proceed.

ARTICLE VIII

Advisor - Qualification Criteria: The advisor must be a full-time staff/faculty member of the university. If not, a co-advisor who fulfills this requirement must also be appointed.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings and Events of the Organization: Two general meetings as well as speaking with an executive board member about inquiries, is required for membership.

ARTICLE X

Attendees of Events of the Organization:

The organization reserves the right to address behavior by any member/event attendee given their behavior is detrimental to the progression of the organization or violates the constitution in any way.

