Constitution

*Article I*

Section 1- A Kid Again - Ohio State

Section 2- A Kid Again- Ohio State is a student organization created to serve the local Columbus chapter of A Kid Again. A Kid Again is a national non-profit organization that focuses on providing respite for the children and the families of children with chronic life threatening illnesses. Many of these families allocate most of their time and funds to providing treatment for their child, so they do not have many opportunities to enjoy a worry-free family activity. The A Kid Again organization sponsors these families on various events such as trips to theme parks, concerts, sporting events, restaurant dinners, and seasonal parties, so that their child can forget the stress and worries for a while and feel like "a kid again". In addition, volunteers with the organization dedicate time to easing the pain of these children through hospital visits and other friendly interactions, such as a "pen pal" letter exchange. As a supporting branch for the main Columbus chapter, the Ohio State chapter focuses on volunteering and fundraising, but the student organization’s goals parallel those of the national organization. Members of the student chapter will work as volunteers with the A Kid Again program by visiting children in the hospital, hosting OSU based fundraisers, and helping to plan and set up events at the Columbus branch. The OSU Student Chapter consists of a group of students who each have something to offer to the organization, and are assigned a leadership role based on their skills and interest. Each member is held responsible for meeting the requirements of their particular title, as well for meeting the general requirements of the chapter. The chapter accepts new members year round, through an application and informal interview process. Students interested in becoming a part of the chapter should send an email to akidagainosu@gmail.com expressing their interest and requesting an application.

Section 3- This organization and its members does not discriminate against any individual(s) 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, or protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

*Article II-Membership Qualifications and categories of membership*

Membership is attained through an application process. Those that apply must be currently enrolled at the Ohio State University. As a member, they are given the right to vote over any issue where voting is necessary and contribute to an informed decision. These members are also allowed to run and hold an office position.

Other individuals who can apply for membership include alumni, professionals and faculty. To allow for the integrity of a student-run organization, they will not be given voting rights. They will, however, be able to give educational and professional opinions whenever they feel it is necessary.

*Article III-Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.*

*For all listed positions below: Elections will be held during spring quarter at the time of the Presidents or Board Members choosing (all of the elected officers make up the club’s board). Each officer also holds a term of one full academic school year, or for as long as they are eligible to without going over the one academic year restriction. Furthermore, during the date of elections each member must present a speech. To be qualified to be an officer, you must have volunteered in at least half of the volunteer events/socials during the school year and successfully met all of the requirements of your current membership title.*

*President (1 Position):* Presides over all club meetings. He/she will be in charge of making the agenda for each meeting, and is allowed to call a meeting whenever he/she deems appropriate. The president will be in charge of making final decisions if the club comes to a stale mate. The president also conducts the call for elections, and has the authority to dismiss a member if he/she deems it necessary for the club. He/she is also allowed to deposit and withdraw money from the club bank account when deemed necessary for the club. The president can also create committees or leadership roles if they deem necessary, however in doing so he/she must have a justifiable reason.

*Vice President (1 position)*: The vice president fills in the role of the president if the latter is not present. The vice president must attend all meetings, and is responsible for a portion of the administrative details of the organization. He/she helps the president with whatever duties the president is unable to do, such as lead meetings, deposit money into the club bank account, and other president-approved duties. The vice president also serves as liaison between A Kid Again – Ohio State and other organizations at Ohio State during the process of organizing collaborations.

*Treasurer (1 position)*: Is in charge of the club accounts. He/she must be able to do simple math and further understand how to create and implement budgets for the club. He/she must at all times be able to inform the club officers and other club member how much money is in the account by maintaining an up to date accounts record. He/she is allowed to deposit and withdraw money when deemed appropriate.

*Secretary (1 position)*: Is in charge of taking notes and recording the meetings that are held. He/she is also in charge of emailing information approved by the president/vice president to club members, such as meeting recaps and future events/meetings.

*Chair Members (3-4 positions):*

Those who are in charge of marketing the club. They act as liaisons between this organization and other Ohio State organizations, and also for Ohio State events. They are allowed to represent the club in a promotion base role only. They make flyers, participate in chalking around campus, and must facilitate club fair events by setting up the table and creating a work schedule for the event. The social chair officer, in particular, must plan monthly social events for the club and its members and may meet with other chair members for planning purposes.

*Board Members*: This consists of all the aforementioned officers. During the academic school year, they are in charge of coming up with and meeting agendas, and are also in charge of the main direction for the club. They must meet before and after every event in order to make sure that the course of events is in the best interest for the club. There should be equal input from all of the represented board members.

*Article IV*- *Method of Removing an Officer/Member*

An officer can be removed only during a general club meeting, and only if the officer in question has either (a) not been performing their duties effectively or accurately (b) if the club feels the officer has put the club in a bad academic standing (c)if the officer has been dismissed from the university. This must be done through paper elections, allowing the present club members to maintain anonymity by writing down their decision to either keep or remove an officer.

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

*Article V – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.*

Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. They are responsible for advising the club and overseeing organizations activities to make sure they are in accordance with Ohio State rules and policies.

*Article VI- Meetings of the Organization*

Meetings will be held at least twice a month but can change depending on the president’s or vice president’s request. Meetings are not required in order for members to participate in volunteering and fundraising events. However by attending general body meetings can help support the prospect if they chose to run for exec board.

*Article VII- Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.*

Proposed amendments should be in writing and read in the general meeting in which they are proposed. They should be read again at the subsequent general meeting, and finally voted upon two meetings following the proposal. Approval requires at least two-thirds of voting members present, and a vote of more than 50% or the organization. Only after this process should the amendment be acted upon.

Article VIII- *Method of Dissolution of Organization*

Should A Kid Again- Ohio State be dissolved, the members shall be notified through email and social media that that organization no longer exists, and that they can still volunteer as part of the A Kid Again- Columbus Chapter. Afterwards, the email account, social media account, and banking account shall be closed. Any excess of funds in the banking account will be donated to the Columbus Chapter, as well as any excess of assets (T-shirts, memorabilia, etc). Should there be any outstanding debts leading up to the dissolution, the organization will fundraise to bring the accounts to a zero balance.