Constitution of The Ohio State Crypto Club

Article 1 - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

<u>Section 1:</u> The name of this organization is The Ohio State Crypto Club.

<u>Section 2</u>: The purpose of The Ohio State Crypto Club is to provide an environment for students with an interest in Crypto Currencies to learn and collaborate. This includes, but is not limited to Crypto mining, trading and the development of digital tokens. In addition, the club aims to create their own digital token in the long run.

<u>Section 3:</u> 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.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Section 1: Any student currently enrolled at The Ohio State University is eligible for club membership. Students become members by attending at least two meetings. Once becoming a member, membership will last until the end of the academic school year. If a member fails to attend additional club meetings or activities, they will no longer be a member. Members have the ability to vote and run for office. In order to vote, a member must have attended their first club meeting prior to the announcement of the election.

<u>Section 2:</u> Non-student members, such as Ohio State Faculty, Ohio State Alumni, and professionals, may become members but only as non-voting associate or honorary members. Non-student members admission/dismissal is to be decided by the executive committee members by majority vote.

<u>Section 3:</u> Members may be responsible for volunteering to help run club activities.

<u>Section 4:</u> No dues will be required for membership in this organization.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

<u>Section 1:</u> If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization's advisor.

<u>Section 2</u>: Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal,

state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor.

<u>Section 3:</u> In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

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

<u>Section 1:</u> The organization will be led by a four-member Executive Committee in consultation with the organization's advisor. The Executive committee will consist of the President (Primary Leader), the Treasurer, the Vice President (Secondary Leader), and the Secretary. The Executive Committee has the right to create new committee chairs as they see fit.

<u>Section 2</u>: The Executive Committee actions must be decided on by a majority vote by Executive committee members. If there is a tie in the voting, the organization's advisor will be the deciding vote.

<u>Section 3:</u> The Executive Committee must meet at least twice per month during the academic calendar year. The president will pick the time and the meetings will be to organize club activities and club meetings. Tasks should be delegated evenly among Executive Committee members.

Section 4: The President is responsible for managing club meetings and activities, leading the Executive Committee, and following the roles described by The Ohio State Center for Student Leadership and Service. The Vice President is responsible for assisting the President with his duties and managing fundraising for the organization. The Treasurer is responsible for the budget and following the roles described by The Ohio State Center for Student Leadership and Service. The Secretary is responsible for making the schedule for meetings and taking notes on what was discussed in those meetings. All of the Executive Committee member's roles are subject to change as needed.

Section 5: Each Executive Committee member will be elected by winning the most votes cast by voting members of the club for each position. All members are eligible to run for office as long as they have attended their third meeting by the time the elections were announced. They also must meet the requirements set forth by Ohio State. If there are multiple candidates running for an Executive Committee position and the margin between the winner and the runner up can be swayed by the votes allocated to the other candidates, then a runoff between the original winner and the runner up must go head-to-head in a follow-up election. If there is a tie, then the winner will be chosen by coin flip.

<u>Section 6:</u> Each Officer will serve for a one-year term. There are no term limits for officers as long as they meet the criteria for club membership.

<u>Section 7:</u> All Officers must meet minimum GPA requirements determined by the Ohio State Office of Student Affairs, must have been enrolled at Ohio State University for at least two semesters, and not be on academic disciplinary probation or suspension.

<u>Section 8:</u> If an Officer decides to step down, the member replacing them must win a majority vote in a special-election or be picked by the Executive Committee by unanimous decision.

Article V – Standing Committees: Names, Purpose, and Composition

<u>Section 1:</u> To form a Standing Committee, one must have a clear purpose, approval from a majority vote of the Executive Committee, one chairperson, and at least two other leaders.

<u>Section 2:</u> A Standing Committees may schedule its own activities as long as it stays within its purpose and does not interfere with Executive Committee Events. All Standing Committee activities must be approved by the President or the Treasurer.

<u>Section 3:</u> The chairperson of a Standing Committee will be responsible for leadership within the group. There should be at least two other leaders within the committee that can vote on committee decisions. A majority vote wins any decision.

<u>Section 4:</u> A Standing Committee chairperson will be voted on by the entire club and follow the same election procedures as an Executive Committee member. The other two leaders of the group will be appointed by the chairperson.

<u>Section 5:</u> Terms for a Standing Committee chairperson last one year. There are no term limits for a Standing Committee chairperson. A Standing Committee chairperson can be removed with a majority vote by the Executive Committee.

<u>Section 6:</u> Standing Committees may be required to come to Executive Committee meetings upon request from the Secretary or any other member.

<u>Section 7:</u> Standing Committees can be disbanded by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Standing Committee leadership may be present when vote takes place.

<u>Section 8:</u> Any member of the organization can be a part of a Standing Committee. Members of a Standing Committee must show initiative and interest in the committee's purpose of they have the right to be removed by a vote from the Standing Committee leadership.

<u>Section 9</u>: Once a Standing Committee is added, the constitution must be amended, and the committee's roles and responsibilities must be added. When a Standing Committee is disbanded, another constitutional amendment will be required to remove their section.

Article VI – Advisor(s)

<u>Section 1:</u> There must be a least one Ohio State faculty or staff advisor for the organization. An advisor must be a full-time member of the Ohio State University faculty or Administrative and

Professional Staff. A co-advisor can be appointed if deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

<u>Section 2</u>: Advisor selection takes place during the Spring Semester of each academic year. Advisors will be chosen by the Executive Committee with a majority vote. If a co-advisor is deemed necessary by the Executive Committee then they will be chosen and voted on. A co-advisor must be approved by the current advisor and meet all of the criteria to become a club advisor.

<u>Section 3:</u> The club advisor is required to meet with the Executive Committee at least once per semester.

<u>Section 4:</u> The club advisor is welcome to attend any club meetings or Executive Committee meetings. The club advisor may also assist the club to organize activities as the Executive Committee deems necessary. This could include finding club speakers; however, this is not required.

<u>Section 5:</u> The club advisor may be removed and replaced by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article VII – Meetings

<u>Section 1:</u> A general club meeting will include the Executive Committee and the general population. Meetings time and place will be determined and announced by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will determine the meeting's agenda.

Section 2: The Executive Committee must hold a planning meeting for a general meeting.

<u>Section 3:</u> Students must attend two of these general club meetings in order to become a club member. See Article II, Section 1.

<u>Section 4:</u> The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee's behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization's constitution. Disruptive behavior may lead to removal from the meeting or possible suspension from club meetings and activities.

<u>Section 5:</u> If a Standing Committee is to hold a general meeting then they must follow the same rules as the Executive Committee would. See Article VII, Section 1 and Section 2.

Article VIII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, Notice, and Voting requirements.

<u>Section 1:</u> Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing or email and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings until the voting meeting.

<u>Section 2</u>: The general meeting in which the votes will be taken and will require a two-thirds majority of the entire voting membership of the organization in person or by email in order to pass.

<u>Section 3:</u> The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article IX - Method of Dissolution of Organization

<u>Section 1:</u> In the event that The Ohio State Crypto Club ceases to be a student organization, all remaining operating and programming funds from The Ohio State University shall be returned to the University. Any money raised by the organization will be donated to the Make-A-Wish foundation or used to support The Ohio State University. This decision will be made by the most recent club President or the recent club advisor.