

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be The Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA) at The Ohio State University (OSU).

Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to provide a means through which Ohio State students may examine the many facets of the Taiwanese American identity through:

1. Collaborating with other organizations on the Ohio State campus to create events which have a wide-range of cultural, academic, and social relevance to the Asian community and others interested
2. Engaging in community service to meet the needs of the Asian community and campus community at large
3. Providing an environment in which individuals may explore their identity in relation to their families, friends, community, and ultimately, to the larger American identity and civil society

Non-Discriminatory 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.

Article II

Membership

Membership is open to any enrolled Ohio State student, part-time and full-time.

Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but only as non-voting or honorary members.

Rights

Only recognized members in good standing shall be eligible to run for and to hold office.

Only recognized members in good standing may vote in an executive board election or participate in any decisional process in general meetings.

Article III

Censure and Suspension or Removal from Office or Membership

In order to remove an individual from membership, at least two general body members and one officer must document a complaint to the executive board in writing (Appendix A). Once this complaint is filed, the member in question will be notified and asked to appear before the executive board at the next executive board meeting. At this time, the member in question shall be given an opportunity to defend his or her behavior. Based on a simple majority vote, the executive members present at the meeting must decide to act upon one of the following options:

1. Removal of the member for the remainder of the academic year.
2. Probation of the member from club-related activities for the remainder of the academic term or until substantive efforts have been made to alleviate the source of the complaint. This member must appear before the executive board and be deemed suitable for membership before being released from probation.
3. Membership of the individual remains unchanged.

In order to remove an individual from an officer position, at least two general body members and one officer must document a complaint to the executive board in writing (Appendix A). Once this complaint is filed, the officer in question will be notified and immediately suspended from officer responsibilities. The officer may choose to resign and remain a general member, or he or she may present his or her case to the executive board at the next executive board meeting. Based on a simple majority vote of the executive board members present, the members and officers must decide to act upon one of the following options:

1. Removal of the officer, after which the officer can remain as a general member and reapply for an officer position the following academic year.
2. Officer position of the individual remains unchanged.

Article IV

Advisor(s)

Advisors of TASA must be a member of the University faculty or part of the administrative/professional staff. If a person serving as an advisor is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be selected who does meet the university classifications. The responsibility of an advisor of this organization is to serve as a liaison between the organization and the university and as a mentor to executive members.

Meetings

Executive board meetings shall be held at least once every two weeks. A general body meeting shall take place during the first week of every semester, with the exception of summer semester, which all executive board members must attend. This meeting will serve as a means for members to discuss events, activities, and goals for TASA during the upcoming semester. Additional meetings shall be organized based on activity needs and general consent of the recognized members of TASA.

Article V

Elections

Elections for the executive board shall be conducted in March each year. Officers shall transition in April.

The executive board shall elect the positions of President and Vice President internally. The remaining positions shall then be elected from both existing executive board and membership through an application process and voted upon by the aforementioned three positions.

Term of Office

The term of each of the offices will begin the month after the officers are elected until the end of May the following year.

Governance

The executive board shall operate for the common good of TASA.

Board members shall not be constrained by “official titles” in determining their role(s) within the organization.

Each academic year, the current executive board will need to evaluate additional necessary positions for the following year.

The following description of each of the executive board positions serves as a guideline of various responsibilities each of the board members are accountable for.

President

- Shall oversee all meetings
- Shall establish meeting agendas
- Shall serve as a link between the organization, fellow students, and community (external liaison)
- Shall not serve more than two terms
- Must be an active member for at least a year (attending at least half of the meetings/events) by the start of their term of office

Vice President

- Shall take on responsibilities of the President when they are unable to fulfill the responsibilities of President as outlined in this constitution
- Shall serve as a link between the organization and the Ohio State community (internal liaison)
- Must be an active member for at least a year (attending at least half of the meetings/events) by the start of their term of office

Treasurer

- Shall maintain the organization's bank account
- Shall provide monthly statements of treasury activity at executive board meetings
- Shall secure and organize records of treasury activity
- Must be an active member for at least a year (attending at least half of the meetings/events) by the start of their term of office

Secretary

- Shall keep and organize records in Google Drive
- Shall provide the membership with regular updates via bi-weekly newsletters
- Shall provide the Executive Board with meeting minutes, as well as the general Membership when appropriate

Logistics Chair

- Shall provide updates and information for each TASA event
- Shall coordinate all logistical details for the functioning of events
- Shall coordinate collaborations between other APIDA organizations at OSU

Marketing Chair

- Shall promote the purpose and objectives of TASA as outlined in this Constitution
- Shall effectively maintain the TASA Facebook and Instagram
- Shall create and distribute TASA flyers/signage and other necessary print materials

Membership Chair

- Shall oversee the Moon Festival and Night Market Committees
- Shall encourage communication between the general body and executive board
- Shall promote general body participation in events and discussions
- Shall maintain and update a TASA membership contact list
- Shall be appointed as a family head in the family system

Outreach Chair

- Shall maintain communication with ITASA National Board
- Shall keep members updated on events and activities related to ITASA
- Shall keep members updated on relevant Taiwanese news
- Shall provide organization with necessary and accurate cultural history
- Shall oversee collaboration between TASA/TSA at other college or universities
- Shall work with the Logistics Chair to ensure cultural learning and engagement at TASA events

Article VI

Amending the Constitution

Proposed amendments must be in writing and read during the subsequent executive meeting. A proposed amendment will require a simple majority of the entire executive board for ratification.

Article VII

Dissolution

Dissolution will occur only if two-thirds majority approval of the voting membership provide a notice of a vote on dissolution 60 days in advance to the membership at which time the organization may not have any out-standing debts. Upon dissolution of the organization, all existing assets shall be donated to a charity or saved for future organizations.

Appendix A

Removal of Member/Officer

Members Filing the Complaint (Print/Signature/Date):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Officer(s) Endorsing the Complaint (Print/Signature/Date):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Complaint:

Date Received by Executive Board: