

Buckeye Y.A. Reading Group 2020 Constitution

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

Section 1:

Name: Buckeye Y.A. Reading Group

Section 2:

Purpose

- We invite students from different backgrounds to join social conversations using YA books as a point of departure, thus creating a community of learning, sharing, and support.
- We also strive to promote academic success and nurture creativity through developing an appreciation of a writer's craft and interacting among members.
- We aim to create more opportunities for cultural communication, encouraging members to bring in their own resources and learn about the past, present, and future world through gazing into the world view of others.

Section 3:

Non-Discrimination Policy

Buckeye Y.A. Reading Group 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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Buckeye Y.A. Reading Group 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 - Methods for Selecting/ Removing Members

Section I: Selecting Members

Voting membership is open to all currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate-level Ohio State Students who are interested in reading Y.A. books. Faculty and Alumni are welcome to join as honorary members, but are considered non-voting members. Members must attend at

least two of the monthly meetings each semester except for summer. Members must attend 50% of events hosted each academic term to maintain membership status.

Section II: Removing Members

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.

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 III - Methods for Selecting/ Removing Executive Officers

Section I: Selecting Officers

Individuals interested in leadership positions can reach out to current leaders and faculty advisors during the Spring quarter. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of their involvement with the organization, contribution to and participation at organization activities, skills, and interests.

Section II: Removing Officers

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.

Article IV - Organization Leadership

Most positions are a one-year term, exception for discussion facilitator and discussion host. Consecutive terms are permitted.

President:

- Set up yearly goals
- Oversee plans, delegate, and approve tasks
- Train future leaders
- Build stronger connections within the organization
- Nurture the organization's community of readers

Co-president:

- Set up yearly goals
- Oversee plans, delegate, and approve tasks
- Train future leaders
- Build inter-organizational networks

Treasurer

- Responsible for securing funding for social events
- Responsible for maintaining the organization's financial records

Events Coordinator

- Plan collaborative events inviting authors, professors, and graduate students to discussions
- Gather ideas from members on social activities around book reading and discussion
- Plan social activities around book reading and discussion

Blog and Publicity Manager

- Responsible for regulating and maintaining content on Buckeye Y.A. Reading Group Blog
- Add new member pages when members are added to the group
- Post content regularly: announcing books to be read and information about meetings.

Secretary

- Responsible for recording minutes of meeting
- Keep notes of discussion topics and decisions made during meeting
- Publish a brief summary after meeting on the blog

Social Media and Communications Manager

- Responsible for intergroup communications and Groupme account
- Post information about meetings
- Gather logistics for meetings from members

Discussion Facilitator

- Co-host discussion with the book recommender on the day of discussion
- Gather members' questions and points of interest in connection to story, prior to discussion

Discussion Host

- Take an active role in scaffolding reading experience when their choice of book is read at the club

- Provide outside resources accompanying the book being read, such as web articles, videos
- Contribute at least five questions to conduct an active discussion

Advisor

- Approve yearly goals
- Give advice on the running of the organization
- Recommend Y.A. books

Article V: Frequency of Meetings and Format of Meetings

Meetings will be held roughly once a month, depending on the time needed to read a selected book. On account of Pandemic, meetings in the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters will be organized on Zoom. Organization leaders will meet when needed.

Article VI : Method of Amending Constitution

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing 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 and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third majority of voting members. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article VII: Method of Dissolution of Organization

When members express interest in dissolving the organization within clear reasons, Buckeye YA reading group will be dissolved. Should any organization assets exist at the time of dissolution, these assets would be donated to Lima Campus Library at the Ohio State University.