

Line Dancing at The Ohio State University Constitution and ByLaws

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Nondiscrimination Policy

Section I (Name): Line Dancing At The Ohio State University

Section II (Purpose): Introduce line dancing to students and faculty at Ohio State and provide enjoyment and entertainment as well as a place to socially connect.

Section III (Nondiscriminatory Policy): This organization and its members shall 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, protected veteran status or any other basis.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Line Dancing Club 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 (Membership):

Membership is open to any student, current or former, as well as faculty and staff. Voting membership will be limited to current students enrolled at Ohio State that attend at least two meetings a semester.

Article III (Member/Officer Removal):

III.a. 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.

III.b. 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.

III.c. 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 (Leadership):

Section I (Roles and duties): The governing body will consist of four members:

President: Duties are, but not limited to, planning meetings, teaching new line dances, lead meetings, introduce new members to the club, complete administrative work for the club, assign tasks to other members of the leadership team and other members of the club, and keep an open and clear conversation going with the advisor as well as with the other members of the governing body. The president will be responsible for designing graphics and social media posts as well as general club communication.

Vice President: Duties are, but not limited to, helping plan meetings, oversee the progress of goals and club objectives, oversee meetings, help with administrative work, and keep an open and clear conversation with the advisor and other members of the governing body. The vice president is responsible for tracking member attendance and feedback through surveys and conversations with members.

Treasurer: Duties are, but not limited to, keeping track of the club's funds, create a budget for the club every semester, help organize events, and communicate ideas to the other members of the governing body.

Secretary: Duties are, but not limited to, keeping track of club events,

record ideas, communicate any problems within the club, organize emails to club members, and keep an open and clear dialogue with the advisor and other members of the governing body. The secretary is also responsible for recording media during club meetings (photos and videos). Any media must be approved by the executive office before being published on social media.

Section II (Voting and Term Lengths): Each term for the positions listed above will last approximately 1 year. Voting will occur in the spring semester, exact date will be determined by the governing body and sent out to voting members no less than 3 weeks before the expected voting date. Majority vote wins each position. If a tie was to occur, the two members tied will be put on the ballot again and a revote will happen before the end of the voting session. If a member of the governing body is unable to perform his/her job, a majority vote from the remaining governing will determine whether said person will continue being a part of the governing body or will vote on a replacement until a vote can be arranged.

Article V (Advisor Responsibilities): Advisors must be members of Ohio State's faculty or Administrative team. Advisors are not required to attend every meeting, but are expected to help officers of the governing body learn and teach line dances to the general membership.

Article VI (Meetings): Meetings will be no less than once a month during the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent number if deemed necessary by the governing body. Meeting times and locations will be determined by the governing body and sent out to the rest of the club.

Article VII (Amending the Constitution): The process of amending the constitution will consist of a vote by the governing body, advisor approval, and a majority of members at a voting session. Any amendment not passed by either the advisor or the governing body can be passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of general membership.

Article VIII (Dissolution): If $\frac{3}{4}$ of the general membership votes to dissolve the club, all assets will be given to Ohio State University for safeguarding in case the event of a student wishing to create a line dancing club at Ohio State.

ByLaws

- Bylaws can be amended by a majority vote of the governing body
- Meetings, including voting sessions, are not mandatory

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