Constitution and By-Laws for Buckeyes Against Alzheimer's.

Article I - Legislation

Section 1: Name: The name of our student organization is Buckeyes Against Alzheimer's (BAA)

Section 2 - Purpose: The purpose of BAA is to make a difference in the Alzheimer's community through service, education, and fundraising.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy: Buckeyes Against Alzheimer's and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, ancestry, 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. In the case of apparent discrimination, the President should be notified immediately.

Section 4 - As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Buckeyes Against Alzheimer's 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: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Voting membership is defined by the following: Said member must be a full-time enrolled student at The Ohio State University, have paid the semester dues, and have attended at least six (6) weekly or three (3) biweekly meetings per semester.

Official membership is defined by the following: In order to run for office in BAA, said individual must meet the voting membership criteria and, in addition, must have participated in at least one (1) volunteer event in the past academic year.

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

The organizational leadership titles for BAA are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Networking, Director of Social Media, and Director of Community Outreach. The leadership positions will be chosen based on speeches and votes of eligible members of the organization. Elections will take place at the end of every fall semester. Each position will be up for re-election after every year; but previous leadership positions are allowed to run again.

President - The President of BAA is in charge of the overall direction and organization of the club and its meetings. The main duties of the president are: run agenda for meetings, communicate with advisors, create an active email list and GroupMe, send weekly emails, maintain club status, and oversee the other leadership positions.

Vice President - The Vice President of BAA is responsible for assisting the President with any tasks in addition to their main responsibilities. The duties of Vice President include: take notes at weekly meetings, advise the president on any matter they need assistance, and steer other leadership positions in the right direction in their projects.

Treasurer - The Treasurer is responsible for handling BAA funds, recording who has paid dues, coordinating any gifts to speakers, and overseeing the club tax return (if applicable). The Treasurer will also monitor the club's bank account and help the organization plan fiscally responsible events within our budget.

Volunteering Officer – The Volunteering Officer will schedule volunteering and communicate with the facilities of interest. This position will decide on volunteering logistics such as timing and carpool groups.

They will also communicate with members regarding weekly volunteering updates and decide on any other philanthropic events.

Secretary – The Secretary will reserve the weekly meeting location and keep track of attendance at each meeting. This position may also assist the President with creating an updated email list and other similar duties.

Networking Officer - The Networking Officer will schedule and coordinate guest speakers for BAA. This position is responsible for the communication and logistics of the speaker events. They will contact potential speakers each semester and market the speaker series when scheduled.

Fundraising Officer - The Fundraising Officer is responsible for researching and coordinating events going on in the university or Columbus community that promote Alzheimer's awareness and can potentially raise funds for the organization.

Social Media Officer - The Social Media Officer will handle the organization's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram social media accounts. This position will post photos of events and share meeting times and speaker series events on social media. This position will also try to connect with students who are potentially interested in our organization. All of the social media posts must be deemed appropriate before posting.

Article IV – Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members.

Membership is open to any student at The Ohio State University. General members are expected to attend weekly meetings, attend volunteering sessions, and pay semester dues of ten dollars. If a general member meets these qualifications, they will be considered a voting member and will be eligible to run and vote for officer positions.

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.

Officers will run at the end of every fall semester. Each member running for an officer position will give a short speech on why they would like a specific position. Voting eligible members will vote, with the exception of those running for that officer position. Terms of office will be one year.

If an officer does not fit their duties or for any reason has to leave their office, a transition election will be held at a weekly meeting to vote for a new member to take their position.

Article V – Advisor

Dr. Michelle Failla is the standing advisor for BAA. A new advisor may be picked upon the group's discretion, but until then, Dr. Failla will be the advisor indefinitely. Said advisor must complete the training modules every two academic years to maintain advisory status. The advisor may opt out of his or her role at any time, in which case a new advisor must be appointed. The main role of the advisor is to propose new events and new routes for the organization to participate and to be accepting of questions concerning BAA.

Article VI – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

Buckeyes Against Alzheimer's will hold weekly meetings consisting of speaker series and interactive activities. In order to be a voting member, six weekly meetings must be attended each semester.

In addition to weekly meetings, weekly volunteering opportunities will be available each weekend at local nursing homes. Voting members are expected to attend four volunteering event per semester.

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

Proposed amendments of the Buckeyes Against Alzheimer's constitution will be in writing and read at general meetings for three weeks before a vote is taken. A vote will be taken to approve or deny amendments to the constitution. Two-thirds of voting members are required to say yes in order to pass the proposed amendment.

Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of Organization

Should Buckeyes Against Alzheimer's dissolve, appropriate organization assets will be donated to a local Alzheimer's research organization. Any outstanding debts will be paid from the BAA bank account. If tremendous debt occurs, general voting members and executive officers will split this debt to ensure everything is paid where it is due.