**ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization shall be the Ohio State University Branch of the American Conservation Coalition, shortened to American Conservation Coalition. The organization will utilize the abbreviation ACC-tOSU and may be referred to as ACC. The ACC Branch is affiliated with the national organization the American Conservation Coalition.

**ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT**

The American Conservation Coalition is changing the narrative on environmental discussions through promoting a mix of market-based, pro-business, and limited-government environmentalism in legislatures, college campuses, the political arena, and beyond. The tOSU Branch of the American Conservation Coalition will specifically do these things on campus to prepare students with the ability and knowledge to act on environmental issues within their values, wherever that be on the political spectrum, through legislation, service, or any way connected to their personal goals. Our intended methods of action include but are not limited to: volunteer activities, educational seminars, social campaign events, creative outreach, and collaboration with other student organizations that align with our values. We will do all this for the protection of our environment so that current and future generations may enjoy a clean Earth without having to deviate from their desired lifestyle.

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all undergraduate and graduate students at The Ohio State University.

Section 2: Membership shall also be open to anyone with an expressive interest in sustainability in the Columbus community. Off-campus participation shall be no more than 10% of the total student member base.

Section 3: Executive officers also count as club members.

Section 4: To be eligible for membership, a person must attend and sign in to at least one meeting a semester. Joining the University branch of ACC will also elect you as a member of the National ACC organization.

Section 5: To be eligible to become a voting member of ACC, a person must have attended at least three meetings in the current academic year, with one meeting in both the fall and spring semesters. Voting will only take place in the general elections that occur at the end of each academic year.

Section 6: Membership in ACC may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

a. Non-attendance at any meetings during the academic year.

b. Non-payment of any dues, fees, or assessments required by the organization.

c. Failure to adhere to the constitution or bylaws of the organization.

d. Any action that brings disrepute to the organization or its mission.

e. Conduct that violates the University's Code of Student Conduct or any local, state, or federal laws.

Section 7: Before a member can be removed from ACC, a meeting shall be held with the member in question to determine an effective action plan. Failure to adhere to the action plan will result in the termination of membership. The meeting will consist of the member in question, the organization president, and vice president.

**ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS**

Section 1: The elected officers of the ACC-tOSU are the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The term of office will be for the Fall and Spring semesters of a given School Year.

Section 2: The appointed officers shall include the Community Outreach Coordinator, Organizational Ambassadors, Media Officer, Marketing Officer, and Secretary. Not all positions need to be filled, as the choice of fulfilling said roles is determined by both the elected President and Vice President. They are first appointed by the President and then interviewed by the Vice President, and both are required to agree for appointment to occur.

Section 3: The elected officers and the appointed officers shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 4: The requirements to become an elected or appointed officer are that a person must be a student at The Ohio State University or be in close contact with the community surrounding the University.

Section 5: To be eligible to run for an elected officer position, a member must have attended at least five meetings in the current academic year, with at least two meetings in both the fall and spring semesters.

Section 6: Officer elections shall take place annually during the last general meeting of the academic year. Nominations for officer positions will be opened at least two weeks before the election meeting. Any active member may nominate any other voting member, including themselves.

Section 7: Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. Voting will be held through an online voting platform.

Section 8: An officer may be removed from their position for any of the following reasons:

a. Failure to fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in the constitution or bylaws.

b. Conduct that violates the University's Code of Student Conduct or any local, state, or federal laws.

c. Any action that brings disrepute to the organization or its mission.

Section 9: Before an officer can be removed from their position, a meeting shall be held with the officer in question to determine an effective action plan. Failure to adhere to the action plan will result in the removal of the officer's status. The meeting will consist of the officer in question, the organization president, and vice president.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Section 1: Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members at the last general meeting of the academic year. Any active member may nominate any other voting member, including themselves.

Section 2: A meeting will be held to count votes casted by executive officers. During this meeting, the secretary shall count the votes in the presence of all of the other executives. Results will be determined and released at this given meeting.

Section 3: No continued campaign shall happen on organization time. All campaigns shall be held outside organization meetings unless otherwise specified.

Section 4: One optional meeting will be held during the election month to introduce candidates and their goals for the organization. Each candidate shall receive no more than 5 minutes for their campaign layout during said meeting. The meeting date is determined by all of the executive members.

**ARTICLE VI: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

Section 1: A person is eligible to be removed from office if three of the other members of the executive board, or if the majority of the organization feel as if they are not fulfilling their responsibilities. Meeting shall be held with the officer in question to determine an effective action plan. Failure to adhere to the action plan will result in the removal of officer status. The meeting will consist of the officer in question, the organization president, and vice president.

Section 2: A person removed from office is still eligible to be an active member of the organization.

**ARTICLE VII: REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES**

Section 1: In the instance a position is vacant, the Executive Board will temporarily appoint a member, by majority vote, to carry the duties until the next election. The interim officer is eligible for permanent office in the next election. The interim term does not apply towards the set term limit.

**ARTICLE VIII: MEETING RULES**

Section 1: All meetings of the organization will follow the most up-to-date version OSU’s Event Procedure.

Section 2: A general meeting will be considered a meeting of the members of the ACC and must have a quorum of 5. A general meeting must be advertised to members at least one

(1) week in advance. A general meeting cannot intentionally be a meeting of only the Executive Board.

Section 3: The Secretary will maintain notes and time for the meeting of the Executive Board and will maintain attendance for all meetings, both Executive Board and general.

**ARTICLE IX: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all undergraduate and graduate students at The Ohio State University who are interested in the mission and values of the American Conservation Coalition.

Section 2: Membership eligibility criteria include attendance at at least two meetings per semester and payment of any required dues.

Section 3: Membership may be revoked for any of the following reasons:

a. Conduct that violates the University's Code of Student Conduct or any local, state, or federal laws.

b. Any action that brings disrepute to the organization or its mission.

Section 4: To remove a member from the organization, a meeting shall be held with the member in question to determine an effective action plan. Failure to adhere to the action plan will result in the revocation of membership. The meeting will consist of the member in question, the organization president, and vice president.

**ARTICLE X: ADVISOR & FACULTY INSTRUCTOR**

Section 1: The Advisor of the organization will be picked by the executive board. The advisor of the organization must be a faculty or staff member of the Ohio State University.

Section 2: The Faculty Advisor should generally be interested in the goals and mission of the American Conservation Coalition, nationally and branch-wise.

**ARTICLE XI: UNIVERSITY POLICY**

This organization is to abide by all University policies as laid out at<https://policies.osu.edu/>.

**ARTICLE XII: NO HAZING STATEMENT**

This organization will not participate in any activities which could be regarded as hazing. “Hazing” refers to any activity expected of someone joining a group (or to maintain full status in a group) that humiliates, degrades, or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person’s willingness to participate.

**ARTICLE XIII: NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

"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 XIV: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION**

Section 1: To amend the constitution, the members of the Executive Board will create an idea of the change and it will be voted on at the next general meeting. Any member can submit ideas for changes in writing to the President to be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

Section 2: If the club has no members, but an Executive Board, the officers may amend the constitution if all the board agrees to the changes.

**DOCUMENT HISTORY**