

The Constitution of the E-Bike Buckeyes



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

Section 1 – Name

E-Bike Buckeyes at The Ohio State University

Section 2 – Purpose Statement

The E-Bike Buckeyes design, build, and test E-Bikes and promote and discuss sustainable urban development of our cities and transportation infrastructure. Members will have the opportunity to acquire experience with the engineering of e-bike technologies including electronic systems, CAD software, battery design, and more, the role of urban design and planning in supporting the use of e-bikes, and how e-bikes fit into a sustainable and equitable mobility system. Members can also attend group events, talk about urban development and transportation infrastructure, and participate in community service.

Section 3 – Non-Discrimination 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 – Officer Titles and Duties

Section 1 – Officer Roles

- a. Primary Leader (President)
 - a. Holds the overarching responsibility of providing leadership to the student organization, including presiding over meetings, ensuring effective communication within the group and the technical leaders, and representing the organization through all external matters.
 - b. Responsible for project management, agendas, events, and direction.
- b. Secondary Leader (Vice President)
 - a. Provides support and assumes leadership responsibilities in the Primary Leader's absence or when delegated to do so.
 - b. Plays a key role in club initiatives, such as project management, meeting agendas, planning events, and directing the focus of the organization alongside the Primary Leader.
- c. Treasurer
 - a. Responsible for managing the organization's financial affairs, including record-keeping of income, expenses, and transactions.
 - b. Ensures fiscal responsibility and will be involved in fundraising efforts to support organizational activities.
- d. Business Director

- a. Oversees the business and operational aspects of the organization, managing logistics for events, meetings, and other activities.
- b. Coordinate with external vendors and sponsors, ensuring effective partnerships and support.
- c. Ensures the organization's compliance with legal and administrative requirements, supporting the President and Vice President in executing organizational strategies.
- e. Media Production Director
 - a. Responsible for managing the E-Bike Buckeyes public presence in-person and online through print media, social media, etc.
 - b. Oversees recruitment efforts and marketing around the university for the organization.
- f. Technical Director(s) (Technical Leaders)
 - a. Technical Leadership positions will be assigned by the President or Vice President as members prove themselves in the club. These positions will be amended to the constitution and will be subject to the election rules.
 - b. These roles are responsible for their respective projects as pertaining to the manufacturing or research and development of the E-Bike.
- g. General Members
 - a. Participates in club activities and contributes to projects.
- h. Non-OSU Members
 - a. Non-OSU members may engage with the organization but will not be a voting member.

Section 2 – Officer (Director) Stipulations

- a. There can be no greater than 9 officers at any given time.
- b. Positions that cannot be removed include:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Business Director
 - e. Media Director

Section 3 – President and Vice President Special Case

- In the case where new technical director roles need to be added as the club evolves, then the current President and Vice President can add them as deemed fit if they both agree.
 - o This also applies for removing director roles, but only when the position remains vacant for more than one semester.
 - o Adding a new director that did not exist previously or removing a vacant director position does not require an election.
 - o The President and/or Vice President must announce this new director role in the following meeting. If the voting body deems the role to be unnecessary or superfluous, they can call for a special election to overrule the decision with a majority decision.

Article III – Member Selection and Removal Process

Section 1 – Qualifications

- a. Must be a student currently enrolled at The Ohio State University

- b. Must engage themselves in respectful conduct in accordance with the Non-Discrimination Policy.
- c. Cannot engage in activities that are destructive towards the goals of the organization.

Section 2 – Selection

- a. There is no application process or selection process; qualified members who show up to meetings and engage with the organization will be considered members.
- b. The organization is always open for new members!

Section 3 – Removal

- a. Members who do not meet the qualifications or violate the non-discrimination policy will be removed from the organization.

Section 4 – Alumni and Non-Ohio State Members

- a. Members who once met qualifications but have since graduated or otherwise are able to be members of the organization but will not have the ability to vote in elections.

Article IV – Officer Selection and Removal Process

Section 1 – Selection

- a. Qualified members who attend 2/3 or more of the organization's meetings over the current academic year, attend events, and contribute significantly to the organization are eligible for an officer position.
- b. Members self-apply for officer roles or are nominated by the current officers to take their role. If there are multiple applicants to the same position, the current body of members will vote.

Section 2 – Removal

- a. Officers who do not meet the membership qualifications or violate the non-discrimination policy will be removed from the organization.
- b. Inactive Officers who meet the qualifications but have not attended or engaged in club activities for 6 weeks or more during the current academic term are subject to having their position given away to qualified members. Rulings on this require simple 2/3 by voting members.

Article V – Elections

Section 1 – Election Details

- a. Elections happen in March and the meeting for the election will be decided on within the previous 2-3 weeks.
- b. Officers that are leaving the organization or want to step down from the role will put up their officer roles for election.
- c. All voting members will cast votes for the candidates that either self-nominated or were selected by the previous officers. The candidate with the most votes will win.
- d. Votes will be cast in person and on paper.
- e. If there are no officer roles currently on the ballot, the election will be cancelled.
- f. Officer roles take into effect officially the following academic year as the elected officer works with the previous one to assume the role.

Section 2 – Officer Removal Special Election

- a. Officers who do not engage in any club activities for 6 weeks will have their role put up for election.
- b. Role can be put up for election anytime past the 6-week mark.
- c. Will require a 2/3 Majority by voting members. If the vote fails officer will keep their role.

Section 3 – Amending Constitution Special Election

- a. Current officers can add to the constitution with a unanimous decision from the other current standing officers.
- b. Any removal or effective overriding of previous amendments will require a unanimous decision by the voting members of the organization.