

## **Constitution of H2O Students**

### **April 2024**

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

##### Section 1 - Name

The name of this student organization is **H2O Students**. It is primarily an undergraduate organization, although it contains members who are graduate and professional students as well.

##### Section 2 - Purpose

H2O Students seeks to help OSU students become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. H2O Students will pursue this goal in affiliation and cooperation with H2O Church (a church serving the OSU community) and with Collegiate Church Network, the national association of churches of which H2O Church is a part. H2O Students fully supports the educational purpose and mission of The Ohio State University.

##### Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy

Participation in the activities sponsored by this organization and membership will not be limited on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Holding office in this organization is open to all OSU students, and will not be limited on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. As a student organization formed to foster the sincerely held religious beliefs of its members in accordance with the beliefs and values of H2O Church and Collegiate Church Network, H2O Students requires its Student Officers to hold to the beliefs and values of H2O Church and Collegiate Church Network both in word and in practice.

#### **Article II - Membership**

To become a member of this student organization, an individual must be a student enrolled at The Ohio State University. Non-students can also join as associate members. The individual must demonstrate an intention to be actively involved in the organization including (but not limited to) regular attendance at weekly meetings.

#### **Article III - Organization Leadership**

The officers of H2O Students are President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Each office has a term limit of one year. Officers may be appointed for two terms.

New student leaders are appointed to office by the current student officers in consultation with the staff of H2O Church.

A person who wishes to be considered for an officer position must be a member of the organization in good standing. Additionally, student leaders must agree to hold to the beliefs and values of H2O Church and Collegiate Church Network, both in word and in practice.

The responsibilities of the student officers are:

- (1) President: coordinate room reservations, manage student organization information, primary contact for student organization, event coordinator
- (2) Vice-President: assist president with his or her responsibilities
- (3) Treasurer: manage funds, coordinate fund requests

#### **Article IV - Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers**

New student leaders are nominated, appointed, and approved by the current student officers in consultation with the staff of H2O Church. In December, each officer will be evaluated by the other two officers and a staff member of H2O Church to determine if they would serve another term or not. Each officer may serve up to 2 terms as long as their evaluation deems that an additional term is a good fit. If a current officer would like to transition to a new available position in their second term, they do not need to reapply. Instead, the other officers will review his/her performance and approve or deny their appointment to the new position. In January, an application for the number of officer positions open will be made available to the members of H2O Students. Applicants will be assessed and appointed by the current student officers in consultation with the staff of H2O Church. Incoming student officers will be announced to the members of H2O Students by March 15. Members will be given one week to challenge an appointment. If an appointment is challenged by a member in good standing, then a confirmation vote will be taken at a regular meeting. If the candidate receives a majority of the votes, then the appointment will be confirmed. If not, then a new candidate must be appointed by the existing officers in consultation with H2O Church staff. This process will continue until a candidate's appointment is not challenged, or until he or she receives a majority of the confirmation vote. In the case that no candidate is confirmed for an office by the membership by the end of March, an open election will take place. Any member who meets the qualifications for being an officer and who receives the majority of the votes from the membership will be elected to the office.

If at any time during their term of office a leader must leave office, that leader will be replaced by the current officers in consultation with H2O Church staff. If a leader fails to uphold the purpose statement of H2O Students, or fulfill the responsibilities of his or her office as described in this constitution, or does not hold to the beliefs and values of H2O Church and Collegiate Church Network, both in word and in practice, that leader may be removed from office and replaced by a leader selected by the current officers in consultation with the staff of H2O Church. The new leader must be announced to and confirmed by the membership in accordance with the process outlined previously for the appointment of new officers.

#### **Article V - Method of Removal / Dismissal of General Members**

If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

**Article VI - Advisor: Qualification Criteria**

The advisor to H2O Students must be a member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. He or she must also be in agreement with the stated purpose and beliefs of this organization. He or she must be willing to advise the student officers of this organization as requested, and to serve as an advocate for H2O Students with the university as needed.