

Constitution of the Society of Physics Students of The Ohio State University

Article I ***Name, Purpose, and Non-Discriminatory Policy***

Section I: Name

Society of Physics Students of the Ohio State University (SPS).

Section II: Purpose

SPS exists to build a stronger community among students who are interested in the physical sciences. SPS builds a community for both physics and STEM students where they can collaborate, learn, and network. We strive to help our members develop the professional skills they need to be successful scientists, as well as organize social events to foster stronger relationships among our members.

Section III: Non-Discrimination Policy

This organization and its members shall 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, admission, or programs.

Section IV: Sexual Misconduct Policy

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, SPS 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 in SPS shall be based upon interest in the physical sciences and is not restricted to physics majors. SPS membership can be attained through attending weekly meetings and participating in SPS events.

Article III *Leadership*

Section I: President

The President is responsible for organizing official gatherings. The President provides leadership and organization at group meetings. They shall serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee and Liaison Officer to the local zone chapter of SPS.

Section II: Vice President

The Vice President is responsible for fulfilling the duties of the President in their absence. The Vice President is also responsible for assisting the President, and Treasurer as needed.

Section III: Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate records of club funds, including those acquired or spent for acquisition of equipment and educational trips. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, the Treasurer is responsible for fulfilling the duties of the President. The Treasurer has the right to veto any proposal which would result in a negative balance in the treasury.

Section IV: Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for club communications and publicity. They are also responsible for keeping records of meetings, although another officer may be the one to take the meeting minutes. The Secretary fulfills the duties of the President in the absence of all other officers.

Article IV *Officer Elections*

Annual elections will be held at a meeting before the end of March. Nominations will be by open nomination at a previous meeting. If an officer position becomes vacant, then an interim election will be held at a meeting to fill the open position, while the responsible officer covers the duties in the meantime.

Article V *Member and Officer Removal*

Section 1: Member Removal

If any member or officer 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 must be reported to the Advisor. The member may be removed through an unanimous vote of officers and the Advisor, or by a majority vote of members at a general meeting.

Section II: Officer Removal

If an officer fails to fulfill their duties, a member or other officer should report to the advisor. The officer can be removed upon an unanimous vote of the other officers and the Advisor or a majority of votes at a general meeting.

Article VI *Advisor*

The advisor must be a full-time member of the University faculty or administrative professional staff in the Department of Physics or a co-advisor must be chosen who satisfies these above qualifications. The advisor shall provide liaison among the Chapter, the Physics Department, and the National Office of Society of Physics Students.

Article VII *Meetings and Events*

Regular meetings shall be held as regularly as possible every week, with specific dates determined by officers. Special meetings may be called by the President or Vice-President. There shall be at least six meetings per year.

Article VIII *Constitutional Amendments*

Amendments must be proposed in a general meeting and voted upon in a subsequent meeting. In order for an amendment to be passed a two-thirds majority of members (a quorum of at least four being present) is required. Such amendments shall conform to the regulations established by the National Constitution of Society of Physics Students.

Article IX *Dissolution*

In the event of dissolution of the club, if any organizational assets exist, a general meeting shall be held to decide their disposition. All members shall be notified two weeks in advance of this meeting.