

Constitution and By-Laws Accounting Honors Alumni Connections

Constitution

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

I.a. Name: Accounting Honors Alumni Connections (AHAC)

I.b. Purpose: The purpose of Accounting Honors Alumni Connection is to foster meaningful connections and develop skills among undergraduate accounting and finance students.

I.c. 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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Honors Accounting Alumni Connections 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.

II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

II.b. To qualify as an active member one must be a business major with a minimum GPA of a 3.5 and will be required to attend at least half of the meetings throughout the year.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

III.a. 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 two thirds vote of the officers with a recommendation of removal from the organization's advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board with a recommendation of removal from the organization's

advisor. The executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

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

IV. All Executive Committee members will hold office for a term of one full year, beginning in the second semester of the academic calendar..

Advisor - Provide guidance to the Executive Committee, assisting in external relationships and other miscellaneous areas the student Executive Committee finds their counsel critical

President- Coordinate with the Executive Committee to plan meetings. Maintain compliance with the school.

Vice President - Contact guest speakers and plan programming for meetings.

Treasurer- Work with the advisor to obtain funds for any expenditures and complete the necessary attendance list.

Recruitment Chair- Holds recruiting presentations for prospective students. Coordinates member development and internal programming.

Community Service Chair- Coordinates volunteering opportunities for members.

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

V. Elections of the executive committee will be held during a general meeting, members will be asked to announce their intention to run prior to the meeting. During the meeting all members running for executive committee will be given two minutes to address the other members in attendance. All members of the Executive Committee will be elected by popular vote of members in attendance of the meeting. Ballots will be passed out to each of the members and will be submitted anonymously. In the event of a resignation or impeachment, a special election will be conducted at a general meeting in which a replacement will be elected in the same fashion as in a normal election.

Article VI - Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee.

VI. The executive committee will be made up of five positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recruitment Chair, and Community Service Chair. Typically each position will be held by one person however at the discretion of the advisor positions could be occupied by multiple people.

Article VII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

VII. Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University Classifications. Responsibilities and expectations of advisors should be clearly and adequately described.

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

VIII. Two general meetings and attendance at all or 50% of events hosted may be required for membership each academic term except for summer.

Article IX – Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.

IX. The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee's behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization's constitution.

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

X. Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a two subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article XI – Method of Dissolution of Organization

XI. In the event of dissolution of the organization all assets and debts will be dealt with in accordance with the directive of the advisor. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from the website.

By-Laws

Article I – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the By-Laws shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

Article II- Membership

In order to become a member one must be a business major with a minimum GPA of a 3.5 and will be required to attend at least half of the meetings throughout the year. No dues will be collected. In order to terminate a member, two thirds of the executive committee must agree to terminate membership and the advisor must recommend termination.

Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership

Elections of the executive committee will be held during a general meeting, members will be asked to announce their intention to run prior to the meeting. During the meeting all members running for executive committee will be given two minutes to address the other members in attendance. All members of the Executive Committee will be elected by popular vote of members in attendance of the meeting. Ballots will be passed out to each of the members and will be submitted anonymously. In the event of a resignation or impeachment, a special election will be conducted at a general meeting in which a replacement will be elected in the same fashion as in a normal election.

Article IV- Executive Committee

Specific duties of the Committee include but are not limited to managing operations, and ensuring the group's activities align with its purpose. They oversee decision-making, strategic planning, financial management, and member engagement, while ensuring the organization complies with university policies.

Article V - Advisor/Advisory Board Responsibilities

Expectations of the advisor in the organization includes providing guidance, mentorship, and support to a student organization. They ensure the group adheres to university policies, offer advice on strategic decisions, and serve as a resource for resolving challenges, helping the organization grow and achieve its goals.

Article VI - Meeting Requirements

A meeting will not require a minimum number of people, however a quorum will be determined based on the total number of members on the roster, and will be considered more than half of the total members on the current roster.

Article VII - Method of Amending By-Laws

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bring the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present (a quorum being present).