**Constitution – The Academic Team at The Ohio State University**

Approved by vote of general membership on 2025-03-31

**Article I: Name, Purpose, and Fundamental Policy of the Organization**

**Section 1: Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Academic Team. The full name is The Academic Team at The Ohio State University.

**Section 2: Purpose**

The purposes of this Ohio State University student organization are:

1. To compete in intercollegiate quiz bowl events. Quiz bowl, sometimes known as Knowledge Bowl or Academic Challenge, sees the team compete in tournaments that involve answering questions on a wide variety of subjects. The team typically competes in tournaments that use the NAQT tossup/bonus format. Main goals of the team include qualification for and successful competition at high-level tournaments (such as the NAQT ICT competition and the ACF Nationals competition) as well as attendance and success at regional and local events.

2. To provide a venue for students who are interested in academic question and answer competitions to meet, practice, and have fun. Practices involve reading and answering questions on a variety of subjects. Additionally, team traditions (such as “vanity packets” where team members have the opportunity to read their own humorous packets of questions to the team) and the camaraderie of a common interest group allows students who come to practice to have an enjoyable time away from classes.

3. To Participate in various ancillary and related activities. While the main focus is competing in intercollegiate academic competitions, a broader range of activities are also within this organization’s scope. They include hosting on campus quiz bowl tournaments, writing questions, and participating in or hosting “trash” (current events/pop culture) tournaments. It is important, however, that reading “trash” questions not get in the way of the organization’s main purpose of success in academic quiz bowl competitions. As such, no practice shall consist of more than one-third trash, and it is anticipated that in general practices will be less than one fifth trash.

**Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.

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.

**Section 4: Sexual Misconduct Policy**

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, the Academic Team 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](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).

**Section 5: Anti-Hazing Policy**

Our student organization agrees not to participate in hazing. Hazing, defined by the Ohio Revised Code, means “doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another.”

**Section 6: Good Sportsmanship Policy**

The Academic Team competes in intercollegiate quiz bowl tournaments. It is expected that all members will participate honestly and in the spirit of competition. While competition itself may be fierce, is imperative that the team maintain respectful, open, and cordial relationships with local high school teams and coaches, other college quiz bowl teams, and organizations like the Academic Competition Federation (ACF) and National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT). Cheating, disruption of competitions, dishonest behavior, rudeness toward others, or unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable and reflects poorly on the team, the university, and the Quiz bowl community.

**Section 7: Fiscal Accountability Policy**

It is imperative that the organization maintain fiscal health and financial solvency. The organization shall strive to make long-term budget projections, make allowances for future expenditures, and pay bills and invoices promptly. All organization members must be accountable to the fiscal health of the organization and must recognize that any shortfalls could result in members being unable to afford tournaments or could require substantial out-of-pocket expenses. In general, the club may not spend more than its income. However, in extraordinary circumstances (as determined by a majority vote of the membership), should the club have the resources and find itself in necessity, it may engage in deficit spending on cash reserves. This spending must be strictly regulated, and as such the amount specified in Article I section 8 must be available at the end of the year, and the club may not engage in deficit spending for more than two years in a row. If it is not possible to maintain the amount specified in Article I section 8 , it is the treasurer's responsibility to sequester further expenditures unless such expenditures are being incurred to resolve outstanding debts or to raise additional funds. This section may be waived by a unanimous vote of the club officers. Wasteful or excessive expenditure of organization funds is unacceptable. All expenditures must be approved by the treasurer and must align with and further the purpose of the organization.

**Section 8: Minimum Balance**

The cash balance held by the club at the end of each academic year must be greater than or equal to $750.

**Section 9: General Accountability**

Members agree to abide by the university’s Code of Student Conduct and by local, state, and federal laws. The Academic Team and its leadership does not condone the failure of any member to abide by the organization constitution or the Code of Student Conduct and by local, state, and federal laws. Members shall report any violations to the relevant authorities.

**Article II: Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership**

**Section 1: Open Practices**

In general, all are welcome at practices. Only disruptive individuals, or those specifically banned from attendance after due process (as described in Article III), shall be removed from practices.

**Section 2: Requirements for Active Membership**

Subsection A) Active members are those attending, or committing to attend, at least 6 practices per semester. For the purposes of this section, competing in (or aiding in the hosting of) a tournament shall count as attendance at 3 practices. Attendance of a substantial portion (>50%) of any practice shall count as attendance of the entire practice. Active members shall be listed on the organization roster. Active membership, once verified with an officer, shall be valid for the remainder of the academic year. No person new to the organization shall be an active member without previous attendance at 4 practices. An individual who was previously considered a member the previous academic year shall maintain their membership active for the following academic year if they have attended 1 practice or tournament.

Subsection B) The organization’s active membership shall be limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others nonstudent members, such as faculty, alumni, etc., may attend practices as honorary members.

Subsection C) To gain active membership status, a student shall verify with an officer that the requirements for active membership set forth in Article II, Section 2, Subsections A and B have been met. Once these requirements are met, the student will be listed in the organization roster.

Subsection D) It is imperative that members contribute to the long-term health and stability of the organization. This includes assisting in fundraising, staffing tournaments, and other needs of the club in order to ensure the success of the club. If these requirements cannot be satisfied, it is imperative that the member still find some way to assist the club in furtherance of its purpose. The club officers may disallow a member to compete in a tournament if that member is not contributing to the long-term health and stability of the organization.

**Section 3: Rights of Active Membership**

Active members shall be permitted to vote in elections for officers and in other matters (such as voting on changes to the constitution. Honorary members are non-voting.

Active members shall be permitted to attend tournaments as representatives of The Academic Team at The Ohio State University. If funding or tournament constraints do not permit all interested members to attend a particular tournament, fair tryouts shall be held to determine which members shall attend. This is anticipated to be minimized as most tournaments are open to all interested members. Individuals who are not active members may compete (subject to tournament eligibility constraints) if slots are available after active members are given the opportunity to attend.

**Article III: Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers**

**Section 1: Methods for Involuntary Removal of Members**

If a member engages in behavior that is seriously detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a unanimous vote of the officers after first consulting with the organization’s faculty advisor.

Involuntary removal of a member is a serious step and should not be taken lightly. It shall be done only with due care and after due process.

Involuntary removal of a member implies that that member is no longer permitted to attend team events or practices.

**Section 2: Methods for Involuntary Removal of Officers**

Officers may be impeached for unbecoming nature of any degree and manner. In order to involuntarily remove an officer, similar steps are taken in line with removing a member of the team.

In order to begin the impeachment process, the remaining officers must agree in a majority that the officer is acting in a manner unbecoming of their position. Next, the officer in process of being impeached will be given the chance to defend themselves in front of the other officers and active members. Two weeks’ notice will be given prior to holding this “hearing” style of meeting. In order to successfully impeach an officer, unanimous consent from the officers (barring the impeached individual) and a two-thirds vote in favor of removal from the general active membership. Finally, the faculty advisor must be consulted and also agree to the removal of the offending officer.

At this stage of the process, the offending officer has been stripped of their previous role in the executive board. If the level of offense warrants questioning the status of their membership, invoke the procedure stated in Article III, Section 1 regarding removal of a member from the club.

**Section 3: Temporary Suspension of Members or Officers**

The temporary removal or suspension of any member or officer (not to exceed 3 weeks) to prevent ongoing disruption, to allow time for perspective after an incident, or to allow time for due process of removal to occur, shall be permissible upon a majority vote of all officers and a 2/3rds vote of active members present at a regular meeting or at an event. At least 30% of all active members must be present at said meeting. Due to the temporary nature of this suspension, two week notification of membership of an upcoming vote is not required.

**Section 4: Voluntary removal of Members or Officers (e.g. Resignation)**

Subsection A) An officer may inform a member or another officer that substantial grounds exist for involuntary removal. A member or officer facing clear and inevitable involuntary removal may instead choose to resign or depart. Those who do this may be more likely to be welcomed at future practices or events, depending on the severity of any issues or transgressions.

Subsection B) A member may be removed voluntarily by agreeing in writing with an officer that he or she no longer wishes to participate, or that he or she no longer meets membership requirements as set forth in Article II, Section 2, or that there are other grounds for removal. At this point the member will be removed from the roster of active members and any other sanctions agreed to shall be put into place.

Subsection C) An officer may resign and maintain good standing (e.g. active membership status) within the organization after giving the other officers reasonable notice that he or she is unable to continue fulfilling the duties of the office. Reasonable notice is defined as one month, barring unforeseen circumstances like family emergencies.

Subsection D) An officer resign effective immediately, but without maintaining good standing, upon agreeing in writing with the other officers that he or she no longer meets membership requirements, that he or she is no longer able to serve, that he or she wishes to immediately resign, or that there are substantial grounds for involuntary removal. At this point that person will no longer be an officer. They likely will also no longer be a member in good standing although weaker sanctions agreed to may instead be put into place.

**Section 5: Removal or Suspension in Special Cases**

In the event that the reason for member or officer removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the organization’s advisor, in consultation with Ohio Union Student Organization Staff, the relevant member or officer, or other officers (if applicable or possible) may vote to suspend or remove a member or officer.

**Article IV: Organization Leadership**

**Section 1: General Information**

The organization has three to five official officers, in addition to a faculty advisor. The primary leader is the president. The secondary leader is the vice president. The fiscal officer is the treasurer. The leaders are elected by vote of membership as described in Article V. The duties of the advisor are described in Article VII. The duties of the president, the vice president, the treasurer, and additional officers are described in this article, under Sections 2, 3, and 4. Temporary positions (of Tournament Director and Captain) are described in Article X, Section 5. All officers, in addition to their listed duties, are required to follow university policy and regulations related to their office (such as the president and treasurer attending mandatory trainings). All officers are expected to set a good example to the rest of the group by coming to at least 75% of practices and by having their actions reflect positively on the organization to the outside community.

**Section 2: President**

The President of the organization shall serve as the organization’s primary leader. The President shall organize practices, reserve rooms, and coordinate the work of the other officers and the rest of the membership. The President shall be the senior officer in charge of meetings and coordinating the work of other officers (such as Membership Secretary and Communications Chair when it comes to recruitment).

The President is also responsible for interfacing with the Ohio Union Student Activities staff and with the advisor. The President has primary responsibility over ensuring a smooth officer transition from year to year. Finally, the President shall coordinate with the treasurer to verify that the treasurer is properly maintaining the organization’s fiscal integrity. The President, at their discretion, may also appoint individuals the role of student advisor, akin to being a former officer.

**Section 3: Vice President**

The Vice President is the organization’s secondary leader. The Vice President shall assist the President in official duties. The Vice President role will be in charge of managing tournament registration and creating a public, centralized methodology for tournament sign-ups.

**Section 4: Treasurer**

The treasurer is the lead fiscal officer of the organization, with responsibility over the team’s budget, bank account, payments, accounting, and fundraising.

The treasurer is an officer and may also assist the president and vice president with their duties as needed. The treasurer will investigate funding sources and work to ensure the organization’s fiscal responsibility.

The treasurer will maintain a working budget, accounting statements, and financial projections; these will be available to membership and other officers upon request and should be emailed to the other officers and the advisor at least once per semester.

The treasurer shall produce an annual report on the organization’s budget and organized accounting statements; these will be gone over with the membership in a brief presentation during officer elections at the end of each year. The treasurer shall ensure that during officer transitions, the incoming treasurer is given any needed assistance.

The treasurer will also preserve records and transfer them to the incoming treasurer.

The treasurer shall always act with integrity and transparency and rigorously adhere to Article 1, Section 7. The treasurer is responsible for ensuring that team expenses are not approved or incurred for which the organization does not have funds to pay for – and all expenses must further the organization’s mission and involve proper documentation (i.e. invoices or receipts).

The Treasurer shall be required annually to file notices to maintain the organization’s tax-exempt status and compliance with the law, including but not limited to, the Form 990-N or other applicable forms with the Internal Revenue Service, and the Annual Disclosure Notice with the Ohio Attorney General.

**Section 5: Additional Officers**

Two additional officers will be elected by the general membership. One shall be the Membership Secretary and the other shall be the Communications Chair.

**Section 6: Communications Chair**

The membership shall elect a Communications Chair who shall be responsible for communicating with other schools’ teams and shall run any club media.  The role of the communications chair would be to ensure long-term interest in Academic Team Competitions from the high school level. This could be done through recruiting players to Ohio State University to participate in Academic Competitions or creating new Academic Team Clubs.  
  
**Section 7: Membership Secretary**The Membership Secretary is the organization’s leader when it comes to member retention and onboarding new members. The Membership Secretary shall assist the president and Communications Chair on recruitment duties, as well as be personally responsible for inducting new members, tracking their progress, and their adjustment to the club. The Membership Secretary would also be responsible for organizing orientation/information sessions and materials, giving officers a “pulse” or “read” on the status and sentiments of new members, and advocating for the needs and interests of incoming new recruits.

**Article V: Election / Selection of Organization Leadership**

**Section 1: General**

The selection of organization leadership takes place in a vote between the second week of March and the second week of April. At least three officer positions (president, vice president, treasurer) are filled at this time. The date of the vote will be announced at least two (2) weeks in advance. The vote is a vote of all active members present at a regular meeting. At least 67% of all active members must be present at said meeting. The officers are appointed for one year. The terms for officers shall expire on the first day of May following an election, at which point the terms for their successors shall commence.

**Section 2: Eligibility for office**

Any degree-seeking OSU student who is an active member, is willing and able to serve for the entire upcoming school year, and has participated with the team in at least 2 tournaments (either by helping host or by competing) and 8 practices shall be eligible to run for office. University policy requires said officers be full time students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher; additionally students are not permitted by university policy from serving as officers of more than three student organizations. Any candidate who has misgivings about inability to meet any of these requirements or inability to serve for the entire year shall disclose these concerns to membership and to current officers. Current officers can permit candidacy by unanimous consent in ambiguous situations. If the officers decline to permit candidacy and a member still desires to run, the dispute shall be settled by decision of the advisor. If possible and reasonable, rulings will be biased in favor of allowing an interested member to run.

**Section 3: Candidacy**

Eligible members may declare candidacy for office by informing a current officer that they intend to run for office. While the same individual may run for more than one office, no one may hold two offices at once. Candidacy shall be declared at least one week prior to the vote to allow time for ballots to be printed; the official list of candidates shall be made available to membership at least one week prior to the election as well.

**Section 4: Elections**

Candidates shall be asked to make a speech immediately prior to the vote. The time allotted for each candidate to speak shall not exceed 5 minutes. After speeches, voting will be conducted by secret ballot.  
  
For each office, each candidate will be scored from 1 to 5 points by each voter. The candidate with the most amount of points shall be elected. During the voting process, voters may score different candidates the same number of points. If there is a tie between three or more candidates, repeat the aforementioned process with the tied individuals. If there is a tie between two individuals, a runoff election will be held. In order to be elected for the given position, the candidate must win a majority within the runoff election.  
  
In any election with only two candidates, including runoff elections, voters will each cast votes for a single candidate, with a majority of votes required to win and no candidate scoring. If only one candidate is running for an office, that candidate will be elected by acclamation without a vote.

The President shall be elected first, followed by the Vice President, followed by Treasurer, followed by the Membership Secretary, followed by the Communications Chair. This allows members to run for multiple offices at once. Once a candidate is elected to any office through the process described in this section, the winning candidate would remove their name from consideration for the subsequent offices if they were running for multiple offices at once.

**Section 5: Vacancies**

In the event of any vacancies due to the resignation or removal of any officer, a new special election will be held. The newly elected officer will fill that role for the remainder of the academic year.   
  
If there is a two or more week advanced notice that an officer will be removed (due to, for example, voluntary resignation), a special election will be announced for a new officer to fill the departing officer’s role. The new officer will fill that role for the remainder of the academic year. The date of the vote will be announced at least two (2) weeks in advance. The vote is a vote of all active members present at a regular meeting. At least 67% of all active members must be present at said meeting.

If there is a sudden vacancy in the office of President or Treasurer, then the Vice President will serve as acting President or Treasurer until a special election is held. When acting as President or Treasurer, the Vice President must declare whether or not they are running in the special election. If so, a concurrent special election for Vice President must be prepared for the event that they are elected President or Treasurer. If they choose not to run or are not elected, then the Vice President will return to their regular duties once the President or Treasurer role is filled. For sudden vacancies in other positions, an interim officer may be appointed by the faculty advisor or unanimous consent of the remaining officers if needed.

If fewer than five club officers were elected at the most recent general election, the membership may elect another officer by a three-fifths vote to serve until the end of the terms of the other officers.

**Section 6: Special Cases**

In the event of special cases, unforeseen circumstances, or other irregularities, the officers and any other interested members should meet with the advisor to determine a fair path forward.

**Article VI: Executive Committee: Size and Composition of the Committee.**

Given the current size and scope of the organization, the elected officers are the executive committee and are responsible for direction of organization business in consultation with the advisor. The executive committee shall meet at least every two weeks, either in person, or virtually, to discuss the direction of the club and to ensure that all officers are aware of information pertinent to club administration.

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

**Section 1: Faculty Advisor Description**

The organization shall have a Faculty advisor. The advisor must meet the qualifications in Section 3 of this article.

**Section 2: Faculty Advisor Duties**

The advisor shall consult with the student organization as described throughout the constitution. The advisor shall provide guidance and suggestions to the club leadership. The advisor may help to mediate and arbitrate disputes, as well.

**Section 3: Faculty Advisor Qualification**

The faculty advisor must meet qualification requirements set by the university. Currently, advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. It is hoped that if possible, the advisor would have experience with Quiz Bowl.  
  
In addition to our university-mandated faculty advisor, ex-officers are considered student advisors, as they have both the requisite experience of the team’s administrative needs as well as operating within the realm of Quiz Bowl itself.

**Section 4: Advisor Selection**

It is expected that advisors will serve for many years – they serve indefinite terms. Faculty advisors leaving due to situations involving inability or unwillingness to further serve (such as resignation or retirement from the university, or a belief that a more suitable advisor is warranted) shall be replaced by a new qualified advisor. The new faculty advisor shall be selected by the officers, and if possible should be approved by the outgoing advisor. Approval also is needed by a vote, announced two weeks in advance. The vote requires the unanimous consent of all officers, followed by 2/3rds of all active members present at a regular meeting. At least two-thirds of all active members must be present at said meeting.  
  
In the case of student advisors, their roles may only be revoked through unanimous consent of all officers or through resignation. Officers who have been impeached are ineligible to become Advisors and shall not receive the role upon removal. The President also has the power to appoint individuals the role of Advisor as they see fit.

**Section 5: Special Cases**

The possibility of co-advisors or an advisory committee may be reasonable in some scenarios. If such a possibility is considered, the constitution must be amended as described in Article VIII, Section 2. Note that many sections of the constitution would need to be rewritten to replace “the advisor” with “advisory committee”, so this would be a major revision. Other special cases involving, for example, removal of the advisor against their wishes should involve consultation with Ohio Union student activities officials and a vote, announced two weeks in advance. The vote requires the unanimous consent of all officers, followed by 3/4ths of all active members present at a regular meeting. At least 67% of all active members must be present at said meeting.

**Article VIII: Method of Constitutional Amendment**

**Section 1: Minor Revisions**

Minor revisions to the constitution may be proposed at any time by any member. The in-force constitution, the draft proposed constitution, and a description of changes shall be made available to membership one week prior to a vote. Revisions are minor if they make small or non-substantive changes in the view of the officers. If any member objects to the classification of revisions as minor, the revisions will be re-classified as major. The vote (announced at least one week in advance) requires unanimous consent of all members present at a meeting (and unanimous consent of all three officers). After the vote, the new constitution shall come into force.

**Section 2: Major Revisions**

Major revisions to the constitution may be proposed at any time by any member. The in-force constitution, the draft proposed constitution, and a description of changes shall be made available in writing to membership two weeks prior to an announced debate and vote. The debate shall involve an opportunity for all members to comment on the changes and potentially modify wording. The vote requires the unanimous consent of all officers, followed by a two-thirds vote of all active members present at a regular meeting. Prior to the vote, the advisor should be consulted regarding major revisions to the organization’s constitution. At least 67% of all active members must be present at said meeting. After the vote, the new constitution shall come into force.

**Section 3: Mandatory Revisions**

If it becomes clear that revisions due to changes in university policy are required, the officers, in consultation with the advisor and Student Activities staff at the Ohio Union shall make said revisions.

**Section 4: Proscribed Revisions**

No revisions shall be made to subvert, circumvent, weaken, or substantially modify Article I without the approval of the advisor and the Ohio Union Student Activities staff. This article represents fundamental policy of the organization. If the advisor and Student Activities staff have approved, the proposed change shall be announced and made available in writing to membership. A debate and vote shall take place two weeks later, and the vote requires unanimous consent of all members present at a meeting (and unanimous consent of all 3 officers). At least 67% of all active members must be present at said meeting. If the text is required by the university to be modified or strengthened, changes may take place more smoothly as per Article VIII, Section 3.

**Article IX: Method of Dissolution of Organization**

The organization intends to exist in perpetuity, and we do not foresee likely circumstances in which dissolution would be needed. However, should interest drop such that maintaining an active quiz bowl team at Ohio State is not possible, the club shall enter into inactive status. During the inactive status, the former officers shall continue to serve as points of contact and safeguard the organization’s reputation, integrity, and funds. The president, as well as the other officers, and the advisor, shall be responsible for making meaningful attempts to rekindle interest in quiz bowl at Ohio State during the inactive status of the team. Student activities staff shall be properly updated on any changes to the organization’s status. When enough interest has been generated to restart meetings, new officer elections will be held with new members, and the organization shall return to active status. Transitions to and from inactive status will only be approved with unanimous consent of all newly elected officers and the advisor. Officers who stay on during inactive status to oversee restarting of the team shall ensure a smooth transition to the new leadership and shall work especially hard to pass down team know-how and records.

Should it become completely clear (after attempts to restart the organization after inactivity, for example) that permanent dissolution is warranted instead of inactive status, the acting/most recent officers, in consultation with the advisor would wind down the organization. Student activities staff shall be properly updated on these events. Funds of the organization should be donated in a way that furthers quiz bowl if feasible. Furthering quiz bowl could involve funding other high school or college teams operating expenses with a particular focus on providing funds to cash-strapped organizations. If this is not feasible, funds shall be distributed to the university, with preference that the funds benefit other student organizations. Debts of the organization should not exist as the treasurer is responsible for ensuring that expenses are not approved or incurred for which the organization does not have funds to pay for. Tangible organization property may be processed as the advisor and officers see fit in dissolution cases, with the expectation that valuable organization property such as buzzers would go to further quiz bowl or trivia competitions at the university or at any other quiz bowl team (for example, team-owned buzzers could be donated to a needy area high school that wanted to own a club in the event of the dissolution of Academic Team at the Ohio State University).

**Article X: Additional Material**

**Section 1: Description of this Article**

This article shall contain any additional information, policies, or regulations as needed. They may be on a variety of subjects.

**Section 2: Organization History**

The president shall be responsible for maintaining the organization’s history, which shall be documented here. Any additions to this section will be considered minor revisions and shall be processed as such unless any member objects

List of Presidents *(List obtained before Pres. Stahler obtained via record of whom submitted the Club Const)*:  
Jarret Greene (2013-16)  
Tristan Mooney (2016-17)  
Aniketh Udipi (2017-20)  
Sam Stahler (2020-22)  
Luke Miceli (2022-24)  
Simon Zimmerman (June 2024 – August 2024)  
Danel Fernandez (August 2024 – May 2026)

List of Treasurers (*List obtained before Treasurer Stahler obtained via who submitted funding requests)*:  
FNU Treuhaft (2006-08)  
FNU Mapa (2008-2009)  
Yue Yu (2009-2011)  
Maxwell Bucher (2012-16)  
Amol Gahndi (2016-18)  
Christopher Schroth (2018-19)

Sam Stahler (2019-20)

Roxanne Tang (2020-22)  
Visvam Srinivasan (2023-2024)  
Andrew ‘Drew’ McIlveen (2024-2025)  
Matthew Lam (2025 – Present)  
  
List of Vice Presidents:

Luke Van De Weghe (2020-22)  
Shourjo Ganguli (2022 – August 2024) *Establishment of 2nd VP position*  
Calvin Bostleman (2022-June 2024)  
Rohan Dushyanth Navaneetha Raj (October 2024 – Present)  
Jacob Goodson (October 2024 – May 2025)  
  
List of Communication Chairs:  
Kenneth Shafer (April 2024 – May 2025)  
Jacob Goodson (May 2025 – Present)  
  
List of Membership Secretary:  
*Position Established, Abolishment of 2nd VP position*

Mikolai Davis (May 2025 - Present)

**Section 3: Buzzers**

The buzzers owned and used by the organization are important to the team. The president shall be responsible for maintaining records of the organization’s buzzer systems. These records shall be documented here. Any modifications to this section will be considered minor revisions and shall be processed as such unless any member objects. It is worth noting that buzzers are valuable property and officers and team members must work diligently to safeguard this property.

**Section 4: Trophies**

Trophies or other prizes won through successful participation in tournaments will become property of the organization unless awarded to an individual instead of the team as a whole. The officers may decide to safeguard the trophies as property of the team for team history purposes and for marketing purposes (i.e. for display at the involvement fair). Disposal of trophies should they be not or no longer needed for this purpose will occur only if all members have had the opportunity to keep said trophy; members who participated in the tournament where the trophy was won (and competed with the team that won the trophy) shall be given the first opportunity to keep that trophy. Any disputes regarding this section shall be settled by the advisor. Note: some tournaments provide trophies to top teams and to individual high scorers; other tournaments award medals, trinkets, or used books. Monetary or valuable are virtually nonexistent; if they existed they would be property of the team unless awarded to the players individually.

**Section 5: Temporary Positions**

Temporary positions include Tournament Director and Captain. These positions are not officer positions (but may be held by an officer) but are instead short-term designations. They are a position related to a specific event or tournament. They are positions appointed by officers. The Tournament Director is responsible for hosting a specific tournament and has ultimate responsibility for the success of that tournament. The Captain is the senior member in charge of the organization’s participation at a particular tournament. The captain is responsible for the team’s transport and lodging arrangements, and during play is responsible for directing answers at tournaments requiring a captain.

**Section 6: Student Activities Staff**

The constitution occasionally refers to Student Activities or Student Organization management staff at the Ohio Union. These individuals are the ones who organize president and treasurer trainings. They may serve as arbiters during any particularly contentious disputes.

**Section 7: Practices**

Practice times and locations shall be chosen by the officers in consultation with the membership in an attempt to ensure that practices are well-attended and that members are satisfied with available practice opportunities.

**Section 8: Approved Expenses**

Except as provided in this section, no expense shall be made without the approval of the treasurer. The president may make the following expenses without the approval of the club treasurer: mirror fees, replacing buzzer parts, reimbursing outside staffers at tournaments, and reimbursing transportation expenses as provided in this section if the tournament was registered for by the president or their designee in accordance with this constitution. The club shall reimburse reasonable fuel costs to transport the team to a tournament. Other forms of transportation shall only be reimbursed in special circumstances and requires a vote of the club officers to approve. It is the intention of the club that other forms of transportation be reimbursed only in special circumstances and not due to the distance of the tournament. The cost of lodging shall not be reimbursed without a vote of the officers.

**Section 9: IRS Tax-exempt purpose**

This Organization is organized exclusively for International Amateur Sports Competition purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Approved by membership and President Danel Fernandez, Treasurer Andrew ‘Drew’ McIlveen, Vice Presidents Rohan Dushyanth Navaneetha Raj and Jacob Goodson, and Communications/Outreach Chair Kenneth Shafer on March 31, 2025.