

The Constitution of the Asian American Advocacy Alliance

Article I – Name, Affiliation, and Non-Discrimination Policy

- I. The official name of this organization shall be the Asian American Advocacy Alliance, henceforth abbreviated to A4.
- II. A4 shall remain affiliated with The Ohio State University and remain unaffiliated with any political party organization or establishment.
- III. A4 does not discriminate against individuals regarding age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or other characteristics under the law.
- IV. A4's members shall maintain an environment free of sexual misconduct per University Policy 1.15, which is found at <https://policies.osu.edu/assets/policies/Policy-NDH-Sexual-Misconduct.pdf>. If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, find resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or contact the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II – Purpose

- I. A4 shall be dedicated to advocating for and advancing Asian American civic engagement through voter registration, awareness of historical and contemporary Asian American social issues, and discourse on Asian American civic identity that is fostered through a supportive network of Asian American Pacific Islanders invested in the political needs of the community.

Article III – Membership & Removal Guidelines

- I. Membership shall consist of a General Body and a Leadership Body.
- II. There shall be no application or selection process for members to join the General Body. Prospective General Body members shall be admitted into the general body upon the attendance of at least one general body meeting. All General Body members shall be affiliated with The Ohio State University as enrolled students, faculty, or alumni.
- III. A member of the Leadership Body shall be removed upon a 3/4ths vote of approval by the Leadership Body.
 - A. The member of the Leadership Body under review for removal shall not vote.
- IV. Upon a written and submitted declaration of impeachment to the Leadership Body, a member of the General Body shall be removed by a 2/3rds vote of approval from the Leadership Body.

Article IV – Leadership Body

- I. The Leadership Body shall consist of two (2) Co-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, an Event Director, a Chair of Outreach, a Chair of Membership, and a Chair of Media,

- A. The Co-Presidents shall be the chief executives of A4, overseeing all major decisions and actions made by the organization and the Executive Board. They ensure adherence to the organization's mission, maintain its reputation, and ensure compliance with university policy.
 - 1. The Co-Presidents shall, with the advice and consent of the Leadership Body, have the power to create additional Leadership Body positions under the rules for election in Article V.
- B. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chief Financial Officer of A4, with responsibilities that include applying for funding, seeking external grants, maintaining financial accounts, overseeing all financial transactions, managing the A4's budget.
- C. The Secretary shall direct A4's communication efforts, maintain member lists, oversee emails, and propose newsletters, manage the A4 calendar, take meeting notes, and collaborate on outreach efforts.
- D. The Event Director shall lead A4's event planning efforts, reserving spaces, propose and implement event ideas, and organize event materials.
- E. The Outreach Chair shall expand A4's reach by proposing and organizing collaborative events with other organizations and volunteering opportunities.
- F. The Membership Chair shall foster relationships among A4 members, encouraging participation and recruitment.
- G. The Chair of Social Media shall maintain all social media accounts affiliated with A4.

Article V – Selection of the Leadership Body

- I. The inaugural Co-Presidents shall remain the incumbents for a period not exceeding two election cycles.
 - A. Any succeeding Co-Presidents shall be subjected to the same election rules hereafter outlined.
- II. Barring the inaugural Co-Presidents, a new Leadership Body shall be selected per annum in the Spring semester under the discretion of the Co-Presidents.
 - A. The selected Leadership Body shall assume their respective incumbency in the following academic semester.
- III. Any enrolled student that is a member of A4 shall have the ability to apply.
- IV. In the case of the removal or resignation of a member from a Leadership position, that position shall be filled by the rules outlined in this article.
 - A. Leadership positions can be removed if the elected leader(s) fails to uphold duties and expectations of their position.

Article VI – Advisor to A4

- I. Advisor(s) of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff.
- II. The Advisor(s) shall be consulted for the professional development of A4.

Article VII – Meetings & Events

- I. The General Body shall meet at minimum once per month upon the official organization and counsel of the Leadership Body.
- II. The Leadership Body shall convene for executive functioning and planning at minimum once per month.

Article VIII – Attendees of Events

- I. All attendees of events shall be mindful and respectful of the purpose and non-discrimination policy of A4 and The Ohio State University. Any violations shall be reviewed for disciplinary action by the Leadership Board.

Article IX. Method of Dissolution of Organization

- I. The dissolution of this organization shall require a unanimous vote by the Leadership Body and a 2/3rds vote by General Body Members. In the event of disillusionment, remaining funds shall be returned to The Ohio State University, remaining supplies shall be distributed amongst the Leadership Body and General Body Members, and student Activities staff Shall be contacted to remove this organization information from the Student Activities website(s).

Article X – Amending Process

- I. The contents of this constitution shall be under review for amending during the Summer transition semester of the Leadership Body.
- II. Amendments to this constitution during the Autumn and Spring semesters shall require a written proposal by a Leadership Body member and a subsequent 2/3rds approval vote by the Leadership Body for ratification.