

People in the Soil (PITS) Club Constitution

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

Section 1 -

Name: People in the Soil (PITS) Club

Section 2 -

Purpose: PITS Club allows students to prepare and participate in soil judging contests with the competitive Ohio State Soil Judging Team. It provides a community for social and educational events for students with a common interest in soil science and morphology.

Section 3 -

Non-Discrimination Policy:

1.1 This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individuals for any reasons including; 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 basis in accordance with The Ohio State University guidelines

1.2 This organization will not partake, condone or tolerate hazing practices.

1.3 Any violation of aforementioned commitments—especially when privacy of a member is of concern—will be addressed by the Executive Board. When privacy is a concern, the Executive Board may choose to deal with the situation as is deemed appropriate—bypassing the general vote mentioned in Article 2.5.

Article II - Membership:

2.1 Membership is limited to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate members at The Ohio State University.

2.2 All other members of the OSU community may become non-voting members.

2.3 To become a member the individual must fill out a membership form.

2.4 Members who have not attended a meeting in the last semester may have their membership status temporarily revoked by the executive committee.

2.5 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.

2.6 A removal from the club, or violation of the Article II Non-Discrimination clause—and subsequent removal from club—will apply to a banning from all organization events.

Article III- Officers and Elections

3.1 This organization shall have the following officers:

3.1.1 President

3.1.1.1 The president shall be the official representative of the organization to any other organization, to The Ohio State University, and the surrounding community.

3.1.1.2 The president shall preside over all general meetings.

3.1.1.3 The president shall be responsible for ensuring that general meetings are scheduled regularly.

3.1.1.4 The president shall be responsible for organizing and running all executive meetings.

3.1.2 Vice President

3.1.2.1 The vice president shall help preside over all general meetings and will run meetings in the absence of the president.

3.1.2.2 The vice president shall assist the president with their assigned duties.

3.1.3 Treasurer

3.1.3.1 The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.

3.1.3.2 The treasurer shall be required to sign all checks and vouchers for the group.

3.1.4 Publicist

3.1.4.1 The publicist shall manage the club social media accounts and collect media from club events.

3.2 Elections and Removal

3.2.1 Elections of officers shall occur during or before the second to last general meeting of Spring Semester.

3.2.2 All OSU student members of this organization who have attended at least one meeting of the voting semester are eligible for office.

3.2.3 Quorum for the elections and impeachment of officers is two-thirds of the group.

3.2.3.1 Impeachment of officers requires a two-thirds vote of the group.

3.2.3.2 Any general member or officer may propose the impeachment of an officer. The member making the proposal will begin by making a formal complaint to any member of the executive board, and will present their claim at the next scheduled general member meeting.

3.2.3.3 In order for an impeachment to be considered, the proposal must include: appropriate reasons for impeachment, evidence to said reasons, and a plan of action post-impeachment.

3.2.3.4 If the impeachment is passed by two-thirds majority vote, a new officer will be voted upon and elected at the same meeting.

3.2.4 Any member is elected if they win a majority of the voting member votes.

3.2.5 If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.

3.2.6 The term of office runs from the first meeting after the election until the end of the spring semester the following year.

3.2.7 Incumbent officers and newly elected officers shall run the last meeting of the spring quarter jointly.

3.3 Executive Decisions

3.3.1 Executive decisions shall be made through non-secret voting of the

executive officers.

3.3.2 In the case of a draw, the President's vote shall be the deciding one

Article IV- Committees

4.1 There shall be an executive committee consisting of the officers and the advisors of the organization.

4.2 The formation of a committee may be proposed by any member. The officers shall decide by majority if a committee is to be formed. The president's vote will decide if the vote is a draw.

Article V- Amendments to this Constitution

5.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be presented by any member or group of members of the organization

5.2 Process of Amendments.

5.2.1 Amendments must be presented at the meeting in which they are voted upon.

5.2.2 Time must be allowed at these meetings to read and discuss the amendment.

5.2.3 The individual or group who proposed the amendment are thereafter responsible for presenting the new amendment.

5.2.4 At least one executive officer must be present at the meeting of the amendment proposal.

5.3 Voting on Amendments

5.3.1 Amendments shall be passed by majority vote by present members.

5.4 Withdrawing of Amendment Proposals

5.4.1 At any point in this process, the proposed amendment may be withdrawn by those who proposed it.

Article VI- Meetings

6.1 Ideally, meetings shall be held every week in term.

6.2 All decisions, except where otherwise provided for, shall be made by majority vote of all members present.

6.3 The officers shall hold an executive meeting prior to each general meeting for

planning purposes.

Article VII- Faculty Advisor

7.1 The faculty advisor of this organization must be a full-time member of the OSU faculty or administrative/professional staff.

7.2 The role of the faculty advisor is to aid the survival and growth of PITS Club and its members, and in the advancement of the purpose laid out above. How this role is manifested is left up to the faculty advisor.

7.3 The faculty advisor may be changed via executive decision.

7.3.1 In such an instance, the current executive board must unanimously approve of the appointment.

Article VIII- Dissolution

8.1 The organization may be dissolved upon a unanimous vote of members present where the vote is taken.

8.2 Quorum for dissolution is all members who have attended at least one of the last four meetings.

8.3 The organization may not be dissolved while in debt.

8.4 All remaining assets will be dispersed to The Ohio State Soil Judging Team.