

Constitution of The American Society of Biomechanics Chapter at The Ohio State University

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be The American Society of Biomechanics Chapter at The Ohio State University. The organization is affiliated with the national American Society of Biomechanics.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of The American Society of Biomechanics Chapter at The Ohio State University is to promote the study and understanding of biomechanics through educational programming, networking opportunities, research discussions, and leadership development. The organization aims to support the educational mission of The Ohio State University by advancing knowledge and fostering professional growth within the biomechanics field.

Article III - University Regulations

Section A - Non-Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct

The American Society of Biomechanics Chapter at The Ohio State University agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination 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 basis in accordance with these guidelines.

Section B - Hazing Policy

The American Society of Biomechanics Chapter at The Ohio State University maintains a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.

Article IV - Membership

Section A - Membership Eligibility and Process

Membership is open to all currently enrolled Ohio State University students. To become a member, interested students must attend at least one general body meeting. Members will be asked to fill out a form to mark attendance for each meeting. If the meeting is a student's first they will be added to the student organization roster.

Section B - Composition of Membership

All members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment. 90% of the voting membership must be currently enrolled Columbus campus Ohio State students. Faculty, staff, alumni, and the partners of students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Ohio State may participate in the activities and programs of student organizations as associate members but may not comprise more than 10% of the total membership.

Section C - Member Removal

Members may be removed for behavior detrimental to the organization's purpose, violation of university policies, or violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Removal requires:

- Presentation of evidence to the officers and advisor.
- Written notification to the member with an opportunity to respond.
- A two-thirds affirmative vote of the Executive Board in consultation with the advisor.

Article V - Advisor

The advisor must be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. Advisors are selected by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Advisors will:

- Provide guidance and support to officers and members.
- Approve annual registration and funding applications.
- Complete mandatory training every two years.
- Serve a one-year term, renewable annually.
- May be replaced by a majority vote of the Executive Board and notification to the Student Activities office.

Article VI - Officers

Section A - Officer Positions and Responsibilities

President (Primary Leader): Presides over meetings, represents the organization, oversees projects, communicates with university offices.

Vice President (Secondary Leader): Assists the President, coordinates events and committees, assumes the President's duties if necessary.

Treasurer: Manages finances, prepares budgets, tracks organizational expenditures, submits funding requests.

Section B - Officer Eligibility

All officers must be currently enrolled students in good standing. The Primary Leader and Treasurer must be enrolled full-time.

Section C - Officer Selection Process

1. Open nominations will be held each spring.
2. Candidates must submit a statement of interest and qualifications.
3. Approval for ballot placement requires review by current officers.
4. Elections will occur via an anonymous online ballot.
5. A simple majority vote will determine the winner.

Section D - Officer Removal and Vacancies

Officers may be removed for failure to perform duties, violating the constitution, or conduct detrimental to the organization. Removal requires a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board and advisor approval. Vacancies will be filled through a special election within two weeks.

Article VII - Meetings

The organization will hold at least four general body meetings per semester. Officer meetings shall occur monthly. Members are required to attend at least two general meetings per semester to maintain active status.

Article VIII - Dissolution of Organization

Dissolution requires a four-fifths vote of the voting membership after providing a 60-day notice. Upon dissolution, any remaining assets will be donated to a charitable organization agreed upon by a majority vote of the Executive Board. All debts must be resolved before dissolution. The

Office of Student Life Student Activities staff must be contacted to assist with the dissolution process.

Article IX - Bylaws

The American Society of Biomechanics Chapter at The Ohio State University may elect to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, the Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs Registration Guidelines for Student Organizations at Ohio State.

Amendments and changes may be made to the bylaws and shall be consistent with the Office of Student Life approved constitution on file and the Office of Student Life's constitution requirements. Should the organization transition leadership in between registration cycles, the articles set forth in this document will remain in place unless a new constitution is provided to the Office of Student Life and is approved.

The American Society of Biomechanics Chapter at The Ohio State University will have bylaws governing the procedure for collecting meeting minutes and attendance, organizing non-general body meetings, and organizing fundraising.

Article X - Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments may be proposed by any active member and must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board. Amendments will be read at one general meeting and voted upon at the following meeting. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting membership present is required for adoption. All amended constitutions must be submitted to Student Activities for review and approval.

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