

OHIO UNIVERSITY
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Ally
Society of Alumni and Friends

CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

Friends are those persons, agencies, and organizations that have demonstrated an interest in the general welfare of the Ohio University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Communities.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Directors are selected as follows:

All directors shall be nominated and elected from the regular membership. Nominations may be made by alumni and friends of the Ohio University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Communities.

Directors shall be nominated and approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article IV of the Constitution.

Election of directors shall be held at the Spring Meeting.

The terms of the elected directors shall begin July 1 following the Spring Meeting.

No director who has held office for two (2) full terms (six (6) consecutive years) shall be eligible for a third term for at least one (1) year with the exception of the person serving as Chair who shall be allowed to serve as immediate Past Chair the following year with the understanding that the subsequent year would be rotational year off the board.

The immediate Past Chair of the SOCIETY shall automatically be a member of the Board of Directors for two (2) years.

Officers of the SOCIETY, as defined by Article III of the bylaws, shall be members of the Board of Directors.

The Executive Director of the Ohio University Alumni Relations or his/her designated appointee shall be advisor to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

The officers of the SOCIETY shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, and Immediate Past Chair. The officers' term shall be two (2) years. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors or from within the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

CHAIR

The Chair or his/her designee shall preside at all meetings of the Society or its Directors, and appoint committees, and serve as a member thereof for two (2) years. The Chair shall exercise all powers and perform all responsibilities delegated by the Board of Directors.

VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair shall perform such duties assigned by the Chair and bylaws and shall be vested with all of the powers and responsibilities of the Chair during the absence of the Chair. The Vice

Chair coordinates the Nominations Committee for the Board of Directors. The Vice Chair shall serve as the treasurer in charge of funds, fund-raising and all monetary concerns.

CLERK

The Clerk shall be responsible for keeping official minutes, records of votes, resolutions, and proceedings for the Society and its Board of Directors. This information shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Ohio University Alumni Association or his/her designated appointee.

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

The Immediate Past Chair shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors and member of the Executive Committee. The Immediate Past Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair or Vice Chair.

VACANCIES

The Chair shall have the authority to fill, by appointment, vacancies in the office(s) of Vice Chair or Clerk on an interim basis until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors shall have the power to create from time to time such committees, standing or special, and to give such powers and authority, as it shall deem best, and to revoke their appointment.

Standing committees shall include, but not limited to the Executive Committee; Alumni/Student Recognition Committee; Career Contact and City Connections Committee; Planning and Networking Committee; and Nominations Committee;.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board of Directors.

The Alumni/Student Recognition Committee shall consider and recommend to the Board of Directors awards, scholarships and honors to be issued by the SOCIETY and recipients thereof. Career Contact and City Connections Committee shall work to establish links between graduating students with Alumni to ease the post college transition.

The Planning and Networking Committee shall identify means to enhance the activities of the SOCIETY and provide for improved effectiveness in achieving participation, financial support, and loyalty.

The Nominations Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members appointed by the Vice Chair. The committee shall be responsible for submitting a slate of nominations for the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

The following criteria shall be used for selection of the nominees:

They must be willing to provide faithful service to the SOCIETY and Ohio University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Communities.

They must have the ability and dedication to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Missing three (3) meetings during one term may result in the board member being replaced.

They must be a credit to Ohio University.

ARTICLE VIII

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Board of Directors shall appoint at the Annual Meeting two (2) undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at Ohio University as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. These students shall be nominated by the Coordinator/Director of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Programs.

ARTICLE IX

HISTORIAN

The Historian shall be appointed by the Chair and shall be responsible for gathering, cataloging and maintaining any such artifacts owned by, or on loan to, the SOCIETY.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or repealed at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the number of members in attendance at the meeting, with the exception of those bylaws, or Sections thereof, which are included in accordance with policies and regulations of Ohio University and/or the Ohio University Alumni Association, which shall be amended or repealed by the respective authorizing institution.

- Approved on October 27, 2001 in Athens, Ohio.