

# Native American Student Association Constitution

## Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be Native American Student Association (NASA).

## Article II Mission

A Native Community that is dedicated to the strengthening and expression of their indigenous identities, the creation of safe-spaces for Native community members, and the adherence to Native cultural values within the spaces and provisions provided by NASA and the First Nations Educational and Cultural Center (FNECC).

Native American Student Association welcomes indigenous students and those from indigenous communities who actively contribute to NASA's mission.

## Article III Statement of University Compliance

- **University Compliance Clause:** This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.
- **Non-Hazing Clause:** Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.
- **Personal Gain Clause:** This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

## Article IV Membership and Eligibility Criteria

**Section A:** Membership is open to any enrolled Indiana University-Bloomington student who:

1. Participates in and expresses their indigenous identity
2. Builds a close-knit, and regularly contributes to, community
3. Actively expresses Native community values

4. Shares their Native experiences
5. Respects the safe-spaces needed and created by NASA and the FNECC
6. Commits resources to Native-related or community-related activities
7. Participates in NASA activities as well as those provided by the FNECC for our benefit

**Section B:** “Participation in the proposed organization must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.”

**Section C:** Removal of member/denial of membership shall be based upon participation, attendance, and adherence to the organizations mission. Within a held meeting membership will be reviewed. Members not in compliance of mission will be given two warnings before membership is reviewed.

## **Article V Officers**

**Section A:** The Native American Student Association shall have a President and Treasurer.

**Section B:** All officers must be members of Native American Student Association.

**Section C:** The term of office shall be from the beginning of the academic semester to the end of the semester.

**Section D:** Election of officers shall be held semi-annually at the beginning of the fall semester for that academic year and the beginning of the spring semester for the academic year.

At least two weeks notice shall be given before the election meeting. Nominations of members in good standing (students who adhere and apply the values laid out in mission statement and membership eligibility) shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot. The person receiving the majority vote, most votes will be elected.

**Section E:** Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the total organization. Said officer shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of the members.

**Section F:** Any vacancy that may occur in an office shall be filled by appointment by the organization.

**Section G:** All officers must be students at Indiana University - Bloomington.

## **Article VI Activities and Finances**

**Section A:** Activities undertaken by the student group shall be decided by the needs and desires of the organization.

**Section B:** When traveling organization will adhere to IU's travel safety protocol.

**Section C:** Money shall be held in IU Credit Union and the elected Treasurer will have access to it. The Advisor approves transactions. Board members and general members shall vote on any financial expenditures of the organization. The majority, the most votes gets approved.