

## **Constitution of 186 Bridge at Indiana University**

### **Preamble**

The United States' country code is 1 and the Chinese country code is 86. That's how "186" comes from. It is great which we can receive outstanding education opportunities in Indiana University. It is great which we can touch excellent people in Indiana University. All of these provide possibilities which we will be great in the future. Our organization is trying to help and push this process and one of the effective way is exploring and solving real life problems proactively.

186 Bridge at Indiana University's aim is to build a bridge to connect the college study and the world outside. We would like to explore and solve real life problems to promote our abilities.

### **Article I: Membership**

#### *Section A: Statement of Non-Discrimination*

186 Bridge at Indiana University allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization 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 B: Application and Acceptance for General Members*

All members are chosen through an application process. Members will apply through an online application and submit their resumes for review by the Executive Board. The executive board will update and renew the standards of acceptance every semester. Not every applicant will be accepted, as the process is meant to be competitive in order to produce high caliber members. The criteria are based on the applicants' academic performance and their past related experiences, such as leadership, communication, teamwork.

#### *Section C: Rights*

Every member reserves the right to leave the organization at any time.

#### *Section D: Liability of Membership*

Members have no financial liability to 186 Bridge at Indiana University.

#### *Section E: Revocation of Membership*

Membership can be revoked at any time. Any member who does not fulfill his or her duty shall be removed from membership with consent of the President.

#### *Section F: Limitation of Membership*

The majority of members must be enrolled in Indiana University. There is no minimum or maximum number of members in the organization.

### **Article II: Officers**

1. President: responsible for all events and activity organized and carried out by 186 Bridge.

Requirement: one must be an active member of 186 Bridge and must be good with communication and teamwork and present excellent character and responsible quality.

2. Directors of Activity/Marketing/Finance: responsible for events and activities in each division.

Activity: responsible for planning events, providing supplies and managing the events.

Marketing: responsible for market 186 Bridge as an organization and 186 Bridge events to the public.

Finance: responsible for funding and book-keeping.

Requirement: one must be an active member at 186 Bridge and present extensive participation in most events.

3. Executive Board is composed of the president and all directors. Officers may be removed due to lack of responsibility or not fulfilling one's job at the discretion of the President. All executive board's term is no longer than one year and they can be removed from the office by the pass of at least the half on the agreement vote from the Executive Board and their own division. If there is a vacancy of the executive board in office, the rest of the executive board could add an election for that position or officer. The election rules are as the usual rules in normal elections.

#### **Article III: Advisor**

186 Bridge must have an advisor at all times. The duty of an advisor is to supervise on decisions when there is a conflict.

#### **Article IV: Meetings**

Meetings are held by the President. Meetings shall be conducted twice every month, changeable with regard to specific events. Meeting agendas may be set by the President or any Vice- Presidents. And the time, place and details of the meeting will be provided in an email sent by the secretary 1 week in advance. Executive board may decide to have an extra or temporary meet which the general membership do not need to attend.

#### **Article V: Elections**

Elections are held annually by board members, and numbers of nominees are unlimited for each position. The voting is by secret ballot and majority of votes wins. The election is held in November every year for all executive board's positions. All general members and executive boards are able to vote.

#### **Article VI: Dues & Budgets**

186 Bridge does not charge any membership fee of any kind, but for specific events, there might be entry fee collected by the finance team. The finance team mainly manages the group's budget, depositing, withdrawing, and using the money. The budget shall be revised for each activity.

#### **Article VII: Finances**

The Finance team mainly manages financial affairs of 186 Bridge. The Director of Finance assistants to manage the Student Organization Account according to policies and procedures of SOA office. The

expenditures are applied by each division and decided by the at least half agreement vote from Executive Board.

**Article VIII: University Compliance**

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws

**Article IX: Personal Gain Clause**

This organization 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 directly from for--profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

**Article X: Non-Hazing**

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.

**Article XI: Amendments**

The Executive Board has the power to amend the constitution and it would pass by the at least half of agreement votes from the Executive Board.