

Constitution of Report The World at Indiana University

Report The World at IU strives to gather students from a multitude of fields who are interested in foreign affairs and international reporting with the goal of fostering an understanding of global issues, producing stories and multimedia content centered on local-global connections for an international audience and facilitating publication of stories reported through travel or globally-focused courses. RTW at IU publishes through the online global media platform News-Decoder as well as other publications dependent on the content of the work.

News-Decoder was founded in 2014 by Paris-based Nelson Graves with the support of a network of former Reuters correspondents including IU Media School Professor of Practice Elaine Monaghan. The IU chapter is one of 17 academic partners around the world. Members have access to News-Decoder webinars, discussions and e-learning platforms.

Article I: Membership

Membership is open to any IU student, graduate or undergraduate, provided they regularly attend meetings, contribute to the discussion constructively, and share the goals of the club and of Report The World at IU. Group's leadership may revoke membership by majority vote if a member doesn't participate in group's activities for a month or more without notifying the leadership board.

Article II: University Compliance

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

Article III: Executive Officers

The executive officers are a graduate ambassador, an undergraduate ambassador, a treasurer, and an ex-officio, non-voting advisor who is a member of faculty at the Media School. Student board members must maintain a passing academic record and may hold their positions for up to three years, with elections taking place around midterm and three-year terms beginning at the start of either the spring or fall semester each academic year.

Officer vacancies are filled by application directly to the board and approved following a board vote and a general vote by membership. Officers may resign with eight weeks' notice eight weeks into a semester, triggering an election for a replacement who will assume office at the start of the following semester.

Article IV: Advisor

A chief advisor maintains the relationship with News-Decoder's leadership and acts as an intermediary between News-Decoder and the club, as well as acting as an editorial advisor and media ethics guide. Along with an appropriate number of additional faculty advisors maintained in line with the size of the active student membership as students wish, the advisor helps guide student participants in their choice of news topic and in executing their projects. The chief advisor is Professor of Practice Elaine Monaghan. Advisors may serve indefinitely provided they have the support of Report The World and a majority of the student board and membership.

Article V: Meetings

Regular meetings take place twice a month during the fall and spring semesters, and during the summer semester with any interested parties.

Article VI: Statement of University Compliance

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

Article VII: Anti-Hazing Policy

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 VIII: 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 forprofit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.