

2019 Constitution of Online News Association, IU Chapter

Preamble

Whereas we believe college students interested in online media should be inspired innovators and excellent digital journalists who will better serve the public, we hereby establish a collegiate chapter of the Online News Association that shall be known as Online News Association at Indiana University (ONAIU).

Article I

Section 1

Adherent to the values and beliefs of Online News Association, ONAIU will be a supportive community dedicated to inspiring innovation in digital story-telling, providing resources for students seeking excellence, and exemplifying the best journalistic practices.

Section 2

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

Article II

Section 1

Any IU-Bloomington student who is attending classes full-time, and is interested in online media, may join ONAIU. ONAIU members must adhere to Article 1, Section 2, lest they be disbanded.

Section 2

Any member of ONAIU must join, and pay dues to, the Online News Association. Membership of the parent organization must be maintained in order to remain a member of ONAIU.

Section 3

Statement of Non-Discrimination: 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.

Article III

Section 1

Anyone who has been a member of ONAIU for one semester may be elected president. The president serves for one academic year and may serve a maximum of three terms. The president duties shall be call members to meetings, attend all meetings and events, appoint all special committees, and disband members who violate Article I, Section 2.

Section 2

Anyone who has been a member of ONAIU for one semester may be elected vice president. The vice president serves for one academic year and may serve an unlimited number of terms. The vice president's duties shall be to preside over all meetings and act in absence of a president. The vice president will not vote on any motion, unless there is a tie.

Section 3

Any member of ONAIU may be elected secretary. The secretary serves for one academic year and may serve an unlimited number of terms. The secretary's duties shall be to record meeting minutes and to act in the absence of a vice president. Additionally, the secretary must prepare a written report of each meeting, post that report online in a way that all members may easily access it, and store that report.

Section 4

Any member of ONAIU may be elected treasurer. The treasurer serves for one academic year and may serve an unlimited number of terms. The treasurer's duties shall be prepare an annual budget, account for all income and expenditures, and prepare subsequent budgets for ONAIU events.

(i.) The treasurer must complete the training regimen set in place for treasurers by the Student Activities Office.

Section 5

Any member of ONAIU may be elected Event Coordinator. The event coordinator serves for one academic year and may serve an unlimited number of terms. The event coordinator's duties shall be to conceptualize, prepare, and direct at least one event each semester that serves to accomplish ONAIU's mission.

(i.) Any event must be available to all IU students, not only ONAIU members. No admission fees shall be charged unless the venue chosen demands them.

(ii.) Should the event involve any form of fundraising, in the form of voluntary donations, a portion of the income must be donated to a philanthropic organization of the chapter's choosing.

(iii.) Another member of ONAIU will be elected Assistant Event Coordinator, and will share in all duties of the Event Coordinator. This assistant will also serve year-long terms, with no term limit.

Article IV

Section 1

Meetings will occur at least once a semester and will be located on the IU-Bloomington campus.

Section 2

Meetings are open to any IU-Bloomington student, faculty, or visitor. However, only ONAIU members may vote.

Section 3

Motions must receive at least three votes to be passed and can be passed by a single majority. Once motions are passed, they are effective immediately. Motions needn't be endorsed before brought to a vote.

Article V

Should the president relinquish his/her position, he/she will be succeeded by the vice president. The line of succession follows the officers' positions as they're enumerated in Article III.

Article VI

Bylaws, or amendments, must receive a three-quarters vote before they can be added to the constitution.

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.

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.

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