

CONSTITUTION OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCIENCE OUTREACH SOCIETY

PREAMBLE

It is the mission of this organization to inspire a passion for science in youth through encouragement and involvement with many science activities, most importantly (but not exclusively) with Science Olympiad competitions. This club will work to help run and improve Science Olympiad tournaments, as well as participate in Outreach partnerships with 21st Century Scholars, IU Ambassadors, and other precollege programs.

Ambitious college students have a reputation for pursuing their own career goals with undivided attention. We believe that students who focus exclusively on their own career goals fail one of the fundamental tenets of community life: to help others and share knowledge. It is the vision of this club to serve as volunteers in the Bloomington community and to reach out to all communities to assist them in science education. This relationship is reciprocal; we are confident that the students in this club will grow and learn with the children they help. We understand we represent IU and hope the actions of this club will reflect well on IU and encourage younger students to pursue college. We believe this club has the capacity to help children by promoting the sciences.

This club's central activity is the State Finals Science Olympiad Tournament which occurs annually on the IU campus. This tournament brings over 1,000 of the state's brightest young scientists onto the IU campus. Although it is the mission of the club to help students at all levels, this event is a major focus of the group and presents an incredible opportunity for undergraduates to reach out to gifted young scientists to show them what their future may entail if they pursue a natural science degree. Therefore, this club shall be known as the Indiana University Science Outreach Society, hereafter referred to as IUSOS.

ARTICLE I Membership Requirements

All students are welcome to join the club and attend club meetings or activities. There is no size limitation to IUSOS. Science Outreach Society 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. Students are defined as anyone enrolled in at least one credit hour at the IU Bloomington campus in the most recent fall or spring semester.

ARTICLE II University Compliance

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

ARTICLE III Officers, Executive Board, Succession and Club Management

There shall be four officers of this club: the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The officers will carry out club policies. Three elected directors will assist in club maintenance and serve with officers as the executive board of IUSOS.

Section 1: Duties of the President

Be the chief executive officer of IUSOS

Define the agenda of the organization

Carry out the mandates, directives, and policies established by the executive board (see section 8)

Establish committees for extra meetings and duties as they are required

Appoint volunteers to chair and participate in committees

Preside over official meetings

Section 2: Duties of the Vice President

Preside over official meetings in the absence of the president

Maintain a list of contacts for the entire club

Notify the club of upcoming meetings, activities, and volunteering opportunities

Assist the president in all facets of running the organization

Section 3: Duties of the Treasurer

Be the chief financial officer for the IUSOS

Control the expenditures of IUSOS

Compile and deliver to the president a monthly financial report

Maintain the financial record of IUSOS

Oversee and implement fundraising

Seek out grant opportunities and present them to the executive board

Section 4: Duties of the Secretary

Serve as the clerk of the executive board and the mass meetings. In this capacity, he or she shall record votes and minutes of meetings as well as motions or acts

Maintain an official record of all IUSOS meetings

Compile and e-mail to all members the minutes of meetings

Section 5: Duties of the Recruitment Director:

Create and carry out programs for the recruitment of new members to the club

Compile a list of Science Olympiad alumni who have come to IU by contacting high school teachers connected to the program

Contact freshman honors science classes in order to recruit

ARTICLE IV 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. As such, all student organizations are prohibited from such behavior.

ARTICLE V Programs Involving Children

This organization, when working with children, will be aware of and abide by the University's Programs Involving Children (PIC) Policy.

ARTICLE VI Dues and Budgets

The treasurer will maintain all budgets and submit reports to the faculty sponsor and president. There will be no membership dues.

ARTICLE VII Finances

The IUSOS treasurer and president will work together to apply for and maintain an IUSOA account. The IUSOS will comply with all IUSOA policies.

ARTICLE VIII Personal Gain

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

ARTICLE IX Ratification

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any club member during an announced club meeting. A majority affirmative vote of all members (a quorum, defined as half of the total number of club members plus one, must be present) of the club will amend the constitution.