



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Solar Splash

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Solar Splash of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in penalties or revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

University of Rochester Solar Splash is a group of students who are committed to designing, building, and racing a solar-powered electric boat. Our group emphasizes learning and practicing engineering skills through hands-on construction and real-world application of theory learned in the classroom. Through extensive drafting, construction, and testing, we hope to achieve success as a team while also exposing our members to the practical engineering process.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Eligibility - All Students' Association (SA) members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.
- B. Definition of active member - An active member must have consistent attendance throughout both semesters (must attend roughly 50% of the meetings each semester). An active member must work on their project and complete it by the specific deadline.
- C. Definition of associate member - All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership but not eligible to hold an officer position. Graduate students, faculty, and staff are not eligible to perform, compete, nor travel as part of a college student organization.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as ½ of the active membership plus one active officer.

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of a President, Business Manager, and Head Engineer.
- B. Underneath the Executive Board are Project Managers.
- C. Qualifications to run for Executive Board shall comprise of being an active member who has been a Project Manager previously, unless no one else is qualified. As a Project Manager, they should have effectively and accurately completed their projects by the deadlines.

SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above. They shall maintain a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. The president shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes. They shall update the technical report and other needed documents and act as the liaison for the advisor and sponsors.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions. They are expected to work on the boat.
- G. The Head Engineer shall be responsible for overseeing all the builds, organizing inventory and material shopping lists, and testing and reporting all data. They shall expect the Project Managers to report to them to get approval to integrate their

work on the final boat. They shall understand the boat inside and out and be influencing every step in the design.

- H. The Project Manager(s) shall be responsible for their specific chosen task. They are expected to be in charge of two specific projects. The projects can be over a plethora of categories – not just specific parts of the board. For example, social media manager is responsible for updating the website, Instagram, YouTube, etc. The Project Manager is expected to complete their project by a deadline. Project Managers shall organize active members to aid them on their project and report back to the Head Engineer.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure – Self-nomination shall take place for the Executive Board. Potential Executive Board members will be voted upon by all active members.
- B. Term of Office – The length of term of Executive Board Members is two academic semesters. After elections, there shall be a transition period during the last two months of the Spring Semester. This transition period is only for teaching, and the incoming Executive Board Members are not expected to fully take over.
- C. Elections – Elections shall be held within the last two months of the spring semester and at least two weeks before the end of the spring semester. Self-nominated interested members will meet with current Executive Board Members and be given a presentation on expectations and specific responsibilities. Then the self-nominated interested member shall select which position(s) are of interest. They will be asked to prepare a short written platform for each position of interest to be presented to all active members. The officer shall be elected by a simple majority vote. If there is a tie, a new vote in the following week shall commence. Winners shall be immediately informed and asked to confirm their acceptance. Once all incoming Executive Members confirm, an email will be sent out to notify the entire club.

SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

- A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in *Article V, Section Three*.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the entire active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, they must be notified one week in advance.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES

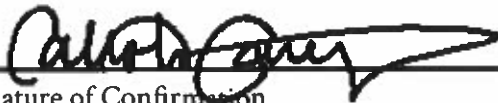
- A. Solar Splash of the University of Rochester will abide by their Resource Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by Solar Splash. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.


ARTICLE VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Solar Splash abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation
Calista Courtney
President, Solar Splash

Date



Signature of Approval
Evan Ji
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

4/17/23

Date