UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

# Alexander Hamilton Society

## ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Alexander Hamilton Society (AHS) 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

The Alexander Hamilton Society is a nonpartisan organization that aims to promote education, career resources, and vigorous debate and intellectual discourse for University of Rochester Students interested in pursuing careers in foreign policy, national security, and global affairs.

## 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 CCC site. Undergraduate members are registered as voting members through the National Alexander Hamilton Society. 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 - To maintain active membership, an undergraduate student must attend 25% of meetings per semester. All active members are eligible to run for E-board.

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 or be considered as voting members. 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 two officers.

**SECTION TWO** - VOTING

A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
B. All members registered through the National Society will be considered active voting members.
C. In the case of member conflicts, voting power will be to the discretion of E-board members.
D. All members shall have equal voting power.
E. 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. List the titles of all officer positions and qualifications to hold their offices. The minimum requirement for officer positions is President and Business Manager. Please include the phrasing "unless no one else is qualified" for any officer positions that list qualifications in order to hold office (e.g.,
B. President - Must have been an active member for two semesters in total, have served on E-board previously, and have a nomination from one current E-board member, unless no one else is qualified.
C. Vice President - Must have been an active member for one semester and have a nomination from one current E-board member, unless no one else is qualified.
D. Secretary - Must have been an active member for one semester, unless no one else is qualified.
E. Outreach Coordinator - Must have been an active member for one semester, unless no one else is qualified.
F. Business Manager - Must have been an active member for one semester, unless no one else is qualified.

**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. The President shall serve as the chief representative and leader of the chapter, oversee all chapter activities and ensure alignment with national AHS goals, and act as the primary liaison with the national AHS organization and university administration.
F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keeping detailed records of all transactions. The Business Manager shall apply for and monitor university funding or external grants as needed, work

closely with the President to ensure sustainable funding for events and activities, and work with the national AHS and university to ensure proper fiscal procedures are followed.

G. The Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. The Vice President shall assist the President in executing chapter goals and initiatives, help manage meetings and events and step in when the President is unavailable, manage documentation related to membership, events, and internal correspondence, coordinate internal operations, and support the other officers in their duties.

H. The Secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes. The Secretary shall maintain organized records of all chapter activities, meetings, and decisions, take meeting minutes and ensure clear communication of agendas and outcomes, and support event logistics such as room reservations and scheduling.

I. The Outreach Coordinator shall lead the chapter's communication strategy, including email outreach and social media, design promotional materials and maintain the chapter's online presence, grow student membership and encourage campus-wide engagement, and collaborate with other organizations to publicize events and speaker visits..

**SECTION THREE** - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - All positions will be elected by Alexander Hamilton Society Members at the our University of Rochester AHS chapter election meeting, which will take place either online or in person. The Executive Board will send an email out to all members notifying them about elections and election procedures. From then to a week from when the email was sent out, the Executive Board will share nominations for President and Vice President candidates. The Executive Board will work together to decide on the nominations. Nominations will only be given by the consensus of the Executive Board for the roles of President and Vice President—members cannot self-nominate, and no other roles require nominations to run. Candidates are given the option to accept or deny their nominations. The candidates who decide to run will then be asked to provide their name, aspired position, and a platform for an election ballot. The election, either online or in person, will be held within three weeks of the ending date of the nomination period. The voting method for this election will be Approval voting.

B. Term of Office - After elections are finished, the sitting Executive Board, along with the newly elected, will have a transition meeting. This meeting will occur within two weeks of the election results being announced. Executive Board positions will start immediately after the transition meeting, and the sitting Executive Board's term ends once the transition meeting is done.

C. Timing of Elections - Alexander Hamilton Society Elections will take place once per academic year. The election for the following academic year will take place

at least two weeks before the end of the Spring semester. Please refer to the section below on vacancies.

**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 ⅔ 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. The Alexander Hamilton Society 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 the Alexander Hamilton Society. 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

The Alexander Hamilton Society abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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Signature of Confirmation — Date

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**President, Alexander Hamilton Society**

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Signature of Approval — Date

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**Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee**