



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Comics Club

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish Comics Club 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

Comics exists to foster an appreciation and understanding of comics of all time periods and cultures in addition to supporting the creation and publication of new comics. We seek to provide a place that supports comics creators, facilitates community among comics readers, and brings the medium of comics into the public eye. In doing so, we hope to bring together a diverse community of comic enthusiasts across the University of Rochester, the Eastman School of Music campuses, and the Greater Rochester Community.

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 - Active members must attend 25% of meetings each semester.
- C. Definition of associate member - All University of Rochester faculty, sta, 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 1/2 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 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. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Business Manager
- E. Publicity Chair
- F. Programming Chair

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.
- F. The Vice President shall be responsible for reserving spaces for club and e-board meetings, determines what funds are needed for what parts of the organization, and helps the Business Manager with supplemental funding requests.
- G. The President and 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.
- H. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- I. The Secretary shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- J. The Publicity Chair shall be responsible for maintaining the image of the club through social media, establish good relations with other student organizations, and advertise club events to the student body.
- K. The Programming Chair shall be responsible for overseeing club events, seeking out co-sponsorship opportunities, and maintaining a calendar of events with the Secretary.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Active members will have the opportunity to submit a proposal for election nomination to the current E-board. Members

nominated must be active members who have participated in the club for at least a semester, unless no one is eligible. Members seeking nomination for the position of President must have held an officer position in a previous term, unless no one is eligible. Voting will then be open to all active members. Candidates must receive a plurality of votes to be elected.

- B. Term of Office- Officers shall serve in their place of duty for a term of one year. When new officers are elected, they will shadow those who previously held their position for a duration of at most one month, as determined by the previous officer.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will occur during the first week of April and results will be released by the second week of April.

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 officer shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES

- A. The Comics Club 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 Comics Club. 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 Comics Club abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation
Sara Jo Jeiter-Johnson
President, Comics Club



Date



11/2/22

Signature of Approval

Date

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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee