



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Optical Society

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Optical Society (OSA) 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 mission of the Optical Society is to promote and advance the science of light amongst the student body of the University of Rochester. To this end, the OSA is committed to providing professional development, social engagement, support, and outreach opportunities to the optics student body and community at large.

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 shall be any member who attends one half plus one of all OSA meetings/events. This count shall include attendance of E-board meetings only as meetings attended, not as part of total meetings held.
- 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. The only office an associate member may hold is Senior Advisor.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as one half of the active membership plus either the president and two additional officers, or two "Chair" officers plus one additional 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. President
- B. Professional Development Chair
- C. Outreach Chair
- D. Social Chair
- E. Business Manager
- F. Secretary
- G. Senior Advisor

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 Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. The President and Secretary 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 Secretary shall also track attendance at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members, and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- I. The Professional Development Chair shall be responsible for organizing no fewer than four (4) professional development events per academic year, as well as advancing professional development within the Optics community.
- J. The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for organizing no fewer than four (4) outreach events per academic year, as well as advancing efforts in Optics education.
- K. The Social Chair shall be responsible for organizing no fewer than four (4) social events per academic year, as well as advancing interaction between all members of the Optics community.
- L. The Senior Advisor shall be an officer from a previous year (preferably a former president) present to assist in prevention of repetition of mistakes made in previous years. This position shall serve to provide seniors in the Institute of Optics with a presence in the OSA governing structure without overly burdensome responsibilities and time commitments.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Any officer shall be nominated for a position when call for nominations is met by a motion for nomination by any active member, which is seconded by at least one additional member. At the next available meeting, following a good faith effort at publicizing the occurrence of an election, if a quorum is present, an election shall be held by secret ballot.
- B. Term of Office - The term of office of all officers shall be one year.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections shall be held in April. Timing is to be specifically set by the president.

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 $\frac{2}{3}$ 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. The Optical Society of the University of Rochester will abide 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 Optical 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

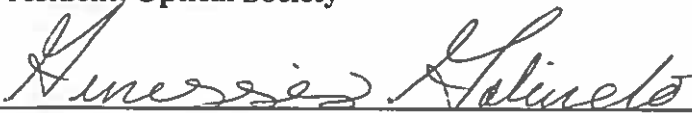
The Optical Society abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation
Benjamin Nussbaum
President, Optical Society

02/26/2020

Date



Signature of Approval
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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

02/25/2020

Date