

Constitution- Astro Club Eastern Mennonite University

Article I – Name:

The organization name (Astro Club) was developed based on the topic of interest: astronomy.

Article II – Purpose:

- To learn about our constellation
- To learn about the history and names of stars
- To have a group with sharing interests to stargaze
- To have a group with sharing interests to watch meteor showers
- To enjoy getting to know other people better through conversations under the stars

Article III – Membership:

Our joined interests of exploring the night sky and learning the history of the stars' names will be our connection. We do not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or any legally protected status in any of our schools administration.

To become a member, one is encouraged to join our current form of communication and to be open to learning about our constellation. It is encouraged, but not required, to participate in conversations and monthly events such as stargazing, camping under the stars, visiting a planetarium, etc.

Article IV – Officers:

- Head Leader(s): lead the conversations and organize events
- Co-leader(s): help lead conversations and partake in organizing events
- Treasurer(s): keep track of financial spendings and requests to SGA for approval
 - To be an officer, one must have the interest and responsibility to take on the role. The remaining members must vote a majority in order for the potential officer to take a role as a leader or co-leader.
 - If there is an unexpected vacancy of a leadership position, a nomination and vote will be placed for those remaining in the organization.
 - If the group comes to an agreement that a particular leader isn't taking responsibility for their role, a vote will be taken and the leader will kindly be asked to hand their role to a fellow member.
- Officer Terms - will last one academic year; no term limit for number of years for reelection for positions.

Article V – Elections:

- Elections will be held in the spring of the year for the following year's officers
- Nominations are made through current members to the current officers. The current officers will then compile the list of nominations for the members to vote on.
- Any member of the astro-club is qualified to be nominated and to nominate themselves.
- The results are determined by a majority vote from the members.
- Results from the vote will be announced once most members have taken a vote. The members will be told of the results at the same time through a meeting or through media communication.

Article VI – Meetings:

- Meetings will be held at least once a month
- Members will be notified of meetings through the use of a social media platform.
- Organizational decisions will be made through the majority decision and through the responsible decision of the leaders.
- All members are eligible to vote
- Meetings will be led by the leaders of the group

Article VII – Finances:

- The organization will finance its activities through fundraising opportunities and donations.
- An annual budget request will be made to SGA for approval.
- Financial records will be kept by the treasurer(s).
- In addition to keeping track of our spending, the treasurer(s) will draft a potential budget plan.
- The treasurer(s) will also keep track of collection and distribution of funds
- Expenditures will be confirmed by officers and the expenditures will be authorized by the treasurers group decision.
- The treasurer responsibilities can be divided between multiple treasurer officers.

Article VIII – Advisor:

The advisor would help provide ideas for exploration trips and would potentially lead a few meetings sharing their love for the constellation too. The advisor would also be one to whom the group leaders could go to for wisdom and advice.

Article IX – Committees:

The only committee is the leadership committee that would meet together to process through ideas and any spending opportunities for exploration trips or supplies.

Article X – Affiliations:

No definite affiliation.

Article XI – Amendments:

The constitutional amendments will be proposed by the leader(s) of the club by reading aloud each point. After every member of the group has heard the amendments, they will be voted on for confirmation to keep or to adapt. In order for each point to be incorporated into the Constitution, there needs to be a 75% confirmation vote.

Article XII – Ratification:

A signature of members will confirm that the constitution is ratified.