

CONSTITUTION OF THE LUNAR SOONERS

1 NAME

The name of this Organization shall be “Lunar Sooners” (hereinafter “the Organization”).

2 PURPOSE

The Organization exists exclusively for scientific and educational purposes. The Organization’s purpose is to provide scientific education and outreach services to individuals and groups in the state of Oklahoma by giving free lectures, interactive activities, and public telescope viewings.

3 MEMBERSHIP

1. All students currently enrolled at the University of Oklahoma are eligible for membership.
2. Membership in, association with, and benefits emanating from the Organization and its related activities shall be based upon such considerations as performance, educational achievement, and other criteria related to the goals of the organization and purposes of the activities. Judgments in this regard based solely on an individual’s race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, or political belief are not judgments based on such considerations. Further, the purpose of the organization must be consistent with public policy as established by prevailing University Community standards.
3. Honorarium shall be provided to members participating in events where funding is available. Compensation shall only be given during the duration of time which the member is interacting with the public.

4. The Honorarium cannot be given to those with conflicting interests such as Research Assistant positions that include a component of outreach activities.

4 OFFICERS & ADVISOR

1. The Officers of the Organization shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Engineer.
2. The Officers of the Organization shall be elected by a simple majority of the qualified voting membership present at a general meeting.
3. Any Officer or Advisor may be removed for cause by a three-fourths vote of the qualified voting membership.
4. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Organization. The President shall preside at all meetings and direct the affairs of the Organization with the advice and consent of the other officers. In the event that there is no current President, the remainder of the President's term shall be filled in the following order of succession: Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, then Engineer.
5. The Vice-President shall perform such duties that are delegated by the President. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
6. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and monies keeping records thereof and be responsible for all financial reports for the organization and the officers.
7. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of each meeting and shall document every election. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining a list of qualified members of the Organization.
8. The Engineer shall maintain all equipment and acquire new equipment as needed.
9. The Organization shall have as an Advisor a full-time member of the University faculty or staff.
10. The Advisor's role in the Organization shall be limited to offering advice or feedback to the Organization, in addition to other duties delegated by the President.
11. The Advisor shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Officers, and shall serve a term of one year from appointment, unless a majority of the Officers vote to remove the Advisor and appoint someone else.

5 ELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Elections shall not be valid absent substantial compliance with this Article.
2. Elections shall be held at the end of the Spring Semester before the commencement of final examinations. In the event that there are no candidates for an office, the office may remain open until an election is called.
3. Elections may only take place if at least one week's notice of the date, time, and location of the election is given to members of the Organization.
4. Voting shall be by secret paper ballot, with each qualified present member having one vote for each position.
5. The Secretary shall document the names of the qualified members present at the election and the number of votes that each candidate for an office receives.
6. When an election is for more than one office, the order of voting shall be in the following order: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, then Engineer.
7. Any qualified member of the Organization may run for any office.
8. A qualified member may be a candidate for more than one office, but shall immediately remove himself or herself for consideration of any other Officer position after being elected. In no instance may one person fulfill more than one Officer position.

6 ADDITIONAL GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

1. The Organization is subject to Local, State, and Federal Laws.
2. The Organization is independent from any national or parent organization.
3. The Organization shall work with the astronomy portion of the Homer L. Dodge Department of Physics and Astronomy as the umbrella for outreach activities. All activities must include the consultation and approval of the Organization under the guidelines of the Constitution of the Lunar Sooners.

7 AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Organization's qualified voting membership present at a general meeting.