CONSTITUTION

OHIO STATERS INC. ALUMNI SOCIETY

Article I - Name

The name of this organization is The Ohio State University Ohio Staters Inc. Alumni Society, hereafter referred to as the Society. It shall be an integral part of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. hereafter referred to as the “Association”, the official alumni organization of The Ohio State University.

Article II - Object

The society is formed as a group of Thinkers, Believers and Doers in an about The Ohio State University who promote the mission, values and best interests of Ohio Staters, Inc. To these ends, the Society, through its members and other resources, will support and advance Ohio Staters, Inc., support and promote The Ohio State University, preserve Ohio Staters, Inc., traditions, and foster a spirit of loyalty and fraternalism among the members of the Society through service, unity of purpose and fellowship. The Society will also promote and support the mission of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Article III - Membership and Dues

Section 1: All persons who hold degrees awarded by the University including associate, bachelor, graduate, professional and honorary degrees, or are medical resident graduates from The Ohio State University and who were members of Ohio Staters Inc., are eligible for membership in the Society, and may hold office and vote on matters of the Society.

Section 2: All current and former faculty and staff who were members of Ohio Staters, Inc. are eligible for membership in the Society and are eligible to vote on matters of the society, but cannot hold office unless they meet the criteria in Section 1.

Section 3: Such non-alumni who by their interest and activity have distinguished themselves by furthering the object of the Society may be entitled to honorary membership by special action of the Board of Governors of the Society, and upon approval of the Board of Directors of the Association. Honorary members may not vote or hold office in the Society.

Section 4: Such non-alumni who express an interest in membership in the Society may be granted associate membership, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, in the Society. Associate members may not hold office or vote on matters of the Society.

Section 5: Dues may be as established by the Board of Governors.

Section 6: Membership in good standing is defined as having membership dues paid for the current fiscal year.
Article IV - Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of who must be Active Members in the Association.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be assigned in the Bylaws of the Society.

Section 3: Board officers shall be elected by the board for one (1) two (2)-year term or serve until their successors have been elected and qualified. Officers cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in a single office.

Article V - Board of Governors

Section 1: Board of Governors, all of whom must be Active Members of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., shall consist of:

a. The above-named officers

b. Eight or more members elected to the board by the membership of the Society as outlined in Article VIII.

c. The President/CEO of the Association or the President/CEO's designee as an ex officio voting member.

d. The Ohio Staters, Inc. faculty advisor as an ex officio voting member.

e. Two student representatives selected from and by the current student membership as ex officio voting members.

Section 2: The Board of Governors shall have full power to fill all vacancies.

Section 3: The governance of the Society and the direction of its activities shall be vested in the Board of Governors.

Section 4: The Board of Governors shall hold at least one meeting a year, and others at the discretion of the President.

Section 5: A meeting of the Board of Governors must be called by the President of the Society upon written request of at least three members of the Board of Governors.
Article VI - Membership Meetings

Section 1: At least one membership meeting must be held each year. Failure to comply with this provision shall make the Society charter subject to revocation by the Association.

Section 2: There shall be such other meetings each year, as the President, with the approval of the Board of Governors of the Society, deems desirable.

Section 3: The President/CEO of the Association must call a membership meeting upon the written request of five percent of the members of the Society. Upon failure of the President to call such a meeting within ten days of such request, the meeting may be called by any other officer or member of the Board of Governors, or by the petitioning members. In such instance, the President/CEO of the Association shall be notified, and the President/CEO shall send to all members of the Society, due notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Section 4: Where this constitution fails to provide authority for procedure, *Roberts Rules of Order* shall be used.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall be an ongoing standing committee of the Society and consist of the Officers of the Society.

Section 2: Additional committee structures of the Society shall be decided by the Board of Governors and outlined in the Bylaws.

Article VIII - Elections

Members of the Board of Governors shall be elected each year at the annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified. The terms will be staggered. Twelve or more board members shall be elected in 2002, at least four for one-year terms, at least four for two-year terms, and at least four for three-year terms. Elections will be held at the annual meeting to replace board members whose terms have expired. The Board of Governors of the Society will select the aforementioned officers.

Article IX - By-Laws

The Society is permitted to establish bylaws at any regular board meeting of the Society, a quorum being present, by a majority vote of all board members present, provided that notice of such proposed bylaw shall have been mailed or by electronic means to each board member at least ten days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to the bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the Society Constitution or is contrary to the constitution of the Association.
Article X - Adoption

This constitution shall be officially adopted upon its approval by a majority vote of the members of the Society in attendance at any regular or special meeting of the Society. It shall take effect upon the granting of the charter by the Board of Directors of the Association, authorizing its functioning as one of the official alumni constituent societies of The Ohio State University.

Article XI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the total votes cast in a manner decided upon by the Board of Governors of the Society. No amendments shall take effect until duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Adopted: October 17, 2003
Revised: February 28, 2016
BYLAWS

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Article I - Dues

Section 1. Regular/Associate Members: Dues for all regular or associate members of the society shall be twenty dollars ($20.00) per fiscal year.

Section 2. Honorary Members: Honorary members of the society are not required to pay dues.

Article II - Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and shall be chairperson of the Board of Governors and an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 2. Vice President: In the absence or disability of the President, or at the request of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall be a member of the Board of Governors and serve as the Chair of the Meetings, along with Membership and Program Committees.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall have the custody of the names and addresses of the alumni in the area provided by the President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. The Secretary shall record all changes, notifying immediately the Association, of any additions or corrections to the list. The Secretary shall not release the list for political, personal or commercial purposes, subject to expulsion from office by the Board of Directors of the Association. Release of the list shall be made only on approval of the Association, subject to the constitution of the Association. The Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Governors.

The Secretary shall send out all notices of meetings and shall send reports of all meetings and activities of the Society to the Association. The Secretary shall assist the President and shall be an ex officio member of all alumni committees.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall supervise all receipts and expenditures and shall be the ex officio member of the Meetings and Program Committee in charge of handling financial arrangements for the meetings. If dues are charged, the Treasurer shall collect and disburse them subject to the approval of the Board of Governors. The treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Governors. As requested, the Treasurer shall complete and submit annual financial forms to the Association. Additionally, he or she shall complete and submit any documents that may be required by the Internal Revenue Service.
Article III – Replacement of Officers

Section 1: President’s office: If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President for the unexpired term. If the office of the President becomes vacant and the Vice President is unable to act, the Secretary or Treasurer shall become President based on a majority vote by the Board of Governors.

Section 2. Vacancy: To fill a vacancy in any of the offices, besides President, listed in Article II, the Board of Governors must approve of the new officer with a majority vote.

Section 3. Removal of officers: For just cause, a 2/3 vote of the Board of Governors is required to remove any officer.

Article IV - Committees

Section 1: The President of the Society shall appoint the following standing committees with the approval of the Board of Governors:

a. Meetings and Programs: It shall be the function of this committee to organize the meetings of the Society; plan the program; obtain the publicity for them; and to get notification by mail, phone, or electronic means to the alumni of the Society.

b. Membership: It shall be the duty of this committee to check the names of all eligible for membership with the President/CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. and to use all means possible to encourage non-members to do their share in furthering the interests of the organization by joining The Ohio Staters Inc. Alumni Society. The committee will also encourage Active Membership in The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. whenever possible.

Section 2: The President of the Society, with the approval of the Board of Governors, shall appoint such additional committees as in the President's judgment the interests of the Society may require, and may prescribe the duties of such committees.

Article V – Amendments to the By-laws

At any meeting of the Board of Governors, notice of which shall have been given pursuant to the Society’s constitution, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Board of Governors, this code of bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, or new bylaws added thereto and adopted. No amendment or addition to the bylaws may be made that is not consistent with the intent of the Society.