

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE ABXY GAMING NETWORK**

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#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the organization will be ABXY Gaming Network.

#### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of the organization is to create opportunities for members to play video games and tabletop games within a social setting. As a secondary function, the organization is to give members opportunities to grow professionally and to make connections within the video game industry.

#### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERS**

Section 1. Membership is open to all persons.

Section 2. All persons interested in becoming members will be considered members after paying the required dues each term.

Section 3. Full membership is only available to students enrolled at the University of Alabama. Paid members who are students of other universities or persons over eighteen years of age living in the local community are considered active members but will not receive certain rights and privileges reserved exclusively for members who are students at the University of Alabama.

Section 4. New members will be accepted at any and all points within a term. Membership begins at the point that the dues are paid and will continue until the end of the term in which those dues were paid.

Section 5. Upon applying for membership, aspiring members may be asked to provide identifying information. This information will be used in instances where identification of full or active members is needed.

Section 6. Information requested will consist of the applicant's name. Telephone number, e-mail address, and major may also be requested

Section 7. Membership status is maintained from the point that the appropriate dues are paid in full, and continues until the end of that term. There is no meeting attendance requirement for maintaining full membership.

Section 8. Previous members are required to pay dues for the new term in order to be considered active members again. Executive office holding members retain full member status with no requirement to pay dues.

Section 9. A member can be have their membership status revoked providing simple majority agreement between all office holding members following some action that the office holding members feel merits a revocation of that persons membership rights.

Section 10. Persons who have their membership revoked will receive no refund to the dues they have paid, and will lose all rights and privileges possessed by full, active members.

Section 11. Membership in the ABXY Gaming Network shall be open to all students of The University of Alabama, without regard to race, religion, sex, disability, national origin, color, age disability, gender identity or expression, sexual identity, or veteran status except in cases of designated fraternal organizations exempted by federal law from Title IX regulations concerning discrimination on the basis of sex.

#### **ARTICLE IV: OFFICES**

Section 1. The officer positions of the ABXY Gaming Network shall consist, at minimum, of the offices of the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. These four offices shall comprise the voting pool of the executive league of the ABXY Gaming Network. Each officer in the executive league will receive one vote. Under current circumstances, the total number of individual persons occupying offices within the ABXY Gaming Network should not exceed five.

Section 2. The offices of the ABXY Gaming Network shall function as a body of equal members. Each member of the executive league will receive one vote and will have no more authority than any other member of the executive league. In the event that members of the executive league are voting in a meeting that is open to non-officer members, they are also treated as not having any greater authority than any other active member.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected at an open meeting that is held on the second Sunday of April each year. Active members will be invited to the officer selection meeting based upon either self-nominations or nomination by current office-holding members.

Section 4. The officer selection meeting shall consist of all current officers and all nominated members. Nominated officers will be asked to present the name of the office that they are interested in along with a brief exposition on why they are qualified for that position.

Section 5. Officers are elected by a majority vote of all attending full, active members. Persons who are not able to attend the meeting, but would still like to vote, are able to vote by proxy through any active member who is present at the meeting.

Section 6. At any point following the election of officers, an officer can be impeached, requiring some action or lack thereof that is deemed as egregious enough to merit stripping that rogue officer of their position by the remainder of the executive league and at least one advisor.

Section 7. Removal of an officer will require either a minimum affirmative vote of fifty percent plus one vote of the remaining members of the executive league and at least one advisor. Impeached members will not be allowed to vote in such a hearing.

- Section 8. Following the removal of an officer, their position will be filled either by moving another willing officer to their position, or by the emergency nomination and election of a new member to that position.
- Section 9. In the event of a vacancy in an office, but not due to the removal of a previous officer from their office, that position can be filled by allowing an existing officer to move into that position, or by electing a new member into that position.
- Section 10. In the event of a temporary vacancy with a defined end point, the officer will be allowed to reassume their position following their return. During the duration of the vacancy of the officer, their duties will be assumed by the remainder of the executive league.
- Section 11. The duties of the office of the president comprise of calling meetings, scheduling events, managing and running all organizational activities, and existing as a final authority on all decisions made with regard to the organization. The office of the president can only be held by an individual whom held status as a full member in the previous term. A member is allowed to hold this position for a term of one year, with a maximum number of one term.
- Section 12. The duties of the office of the vice-president comprise of overseeing subgroups of the organization, managing staff members, managing group events, being a liaison with other student organizations at the University of Alabama, and working as public relations with organizations outside of the University of Alabama. Primarily, the office of the vice-president is to serve as a teaching position, and as such two individuals can hold this position simultaneously. The office of the vice-president can only be held by an individual whom held status as a full member in the previous term. A member is allowed to hold this position for a term of one year, with a maximum number of one term.
- Section 13. The duties of the office of the treasurer comprise of securing funding for the organization, managing any fundraising events, managing the accounts of the organization, and managing all purchases made by the organization. In addition to these duties, the office of the treasurer is expected to maintain a list of all persons with active or full memberships to the ABXY Gaming Network. The office of the treasurer can only be held by an individual whom held status as a full member in the previous term. A member is allowed to hold this position for a term of one year, with a maximum number of two terms.
- Section 14. The duties of the office of the secretary comprise of attending organizational meetings, taking notes of discussions at meetings, sending the minutes from meetings to relevant persons who were absent from important meetings, functioning as a historian for the organization, and overseeing all advertising, both on and off campus, for the organization. The office of the secretary can only be held by an individual whom held status as a full member in the previous term. A member is allowed to hold this position for a term of one year, with a maximum number of two terms.
- Section 16. Any duties not enumerated in this section of the constitution of the ABXY Gaming Network are to be defined and assigned to members of the executive league.

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

- Section 1. Regular meetings of the executive league will occur weekly at a location and time to be defined by the members of the executive league prior to the meeting.
- Section 2. A quorum will be established at meetings of the executive league providing that there are enough members of the executive league to establish a minimum fifty percent plus one vote from all offices of the executive league.
- Section 3. Regular general meetings of the executive league and the staff of the organization will occur, minimum, once every two weeks. These meetings will be held at a location and time to be defined by the executive league prior to the meeting.
- Section 4. A quorum will be established at a general meeting providing that enough staff members are attending to establish a vote of fifty percent plus one affirmative vote from members of the organizational staff and enough executive league members to establish a fifty percent plus one vote from members of the executive league.
- Section 5. Special meetings can be called at any time. These meetings will be between the executive league and any other organizational staff. These meetings can be called at the will of the office of the president, with the time and place being determined prior to the meeting.
- Section 6. A quorum will be established at a special meeting under the same rules that would apply to a regular general meeting.
- Section 7. In cases that non-staff members are required for a meeting to be conducted, a quorum will be reached when enough full members are present to establish a vote of fifty percent plus one affirmative vote from all persons holding full member status. This is in addition to any other quorum requirements for that particular meeting type.
- Section 8. An emergency meeting of the executive league can be called at any time in which one would be needed. These meetings will be called at the will of one of the offices of the executive league, and will be held at a place and time to be determined prior to the meeting.
- Section 9. A quorum will be established at an emergency meeting of the executive league under the same rules that would apply to a regular meeting of the executive league.

#### **ARTICLE VI: RELATIONSHIPS**

- Section 1. The ABXY Gaming Network has no relationship to and is not controlled by any similar organization at a local, state, or national level.
- Section 2. The University of Alabama chapter of this organization will maintain full autonomy, providing similar affiliate organizations are started in other locations.
- Section 3. In the event that such an affiliate organization begins to exist, they will be expected to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the chapter of the ABXY Gaming Network that is established at the University of Alabama.

#### **ARTICLE VII: FINANCE**

- Section 1. In the event that a subsidiary chapter of the ABXY Gaming Network, should any exist, becomes defunct all finances from that chapter should be transferred to the main

chapter of the ABXY Gaming Network, located at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Section 2. In the event that the main chapter of the ABXY Gaming Network becomes defunct, and subsidiary chapters exist, all finances from the primary branch should be divided equally amongst all of the subsidiary branches.

Section 3. In the event that the main chapter of the ABXY Gaming Network becomes defunct, and subsidiary chapters do not exist, the finances should be donated, in full amount, to the Child's Play Charity.

Section 4. In either case, should the main branch of the ABXY Gaming Network become defunct, all non-liquid assets should be sold. The resulting money should be handled in the fashion described in either sections 2 or 3 of this article.

### **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES (LEAGUES)**

Section 1. The ABXY Gaming Network shall have a number of members defined as staff members. All organizational staff members are persons whom are either league chairpersons or league members.

Section 2. For the well-being of ABXY as an organization, it is necessary the other leagues are created as are needed to manage the frequent organizational events and affairs.

Section 3. The executive league has the right to create and staff leagues as it deems necessary.

Section 4. All created leagues must have a chairperson. This chairperson will be chosen at a meeting that is to be held on the first weekend following the second Sunday in April. The league chairperson must have been a full member in the previous term.

Section 5. Each league must have a minimum of two, but no more than three leaders. These members include the league chairperson.

Section 6. Non chairperson league members can be chosen at the meeting that is held on the first weekend following the second Sunday, but also can be added to the league by the executive league or by the chairperson of that league, as is deemed necessary.

Section 7. A league chairperson can be removed from that position following any egregious action or lack of actions. A petition to remove a league chairperson can be created by any member with full membership standing in the organization.

Section 8. Any and all votes to elect league chairpersons or to remove league chairpersons from their positions will require a simple majority vote of all full, active members who choose to take part in the voting process.

Section 9. Within a league, the chairperson holds rights to remove league members at any time. The member of the organization holding the office of the executive league that directly presides over that league also holds rights to remove league members as they deem necessary.

Section 10. League chairpersons are required to communicate with a member of the executive league that directly presides over their league at a biweekly meeting, as defined in Article 5, Section 3.

## **ARTICLE IX: ADVISORS**

Section 1. Advisors exist to advise the executive league and to promote new ideas for the organization

Section 2. ABXY shall, at all times, have a minimum of one and maximum of two advisors. The organization should only have one advisor under circumstances in which they are seeking a new, second advisor.

Section 3. Advisors must be voted into their position by a simple majority affirmative vote of all full, active members who choose to take part in voting process.

Section 4. An advisor can be removed from this position by a simple majority affirmative vote of all full, active members who choose to take part in voting process.

Section 5. In the event of some egregious event or emergency, an advisor can be removed, replaced, or added by an emergency council of the executive league. This proceeding will require an affirmative, simple majority vote of the executive league.

Section 6. Under circumstances of voting, the vote of an advisor is counted as being equal to a full, active member.

## **ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained within the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall, where applicable, govern all meetings and discussions held by the ABXY Gaming Network. These rules of order will not be used under circumstances in which they conflict with by-laws and special rules of order that have been adopted by the ABXY Gaming Network.

## **ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution can be proposed by any person whom has a minimum of an active membership.

Section 2. If an amendment is proposed by an active member, it must receive an affirmative vote from a minimum of fifty percent plus one of all staff members with full member status.

Section 3. All amendments proposed by either non-officer staff members or members of the executive league must receive an affirmative vote equal to a minimum fifty percent plus one of all staff members with full member status.

Section 4. In cases of emergency meetings, an amendment can be approved by an unanimous vote from all offices.

## **ARTICLE XII: BY-LAWS**

Section 1. By-laws can be proposed by any person whom has a minimum of an active membership.

Section 2. If a by-law is proposed by an active member, it must receive an affirmative vote from a minimum of fifty percent plus one of all staff members with full member status.

Section 3. All by-laws proposed by either non-officer staff members or members of the executive league must receive an affirmative vote equal to a minimum fifty percent plus one of all staff members with full member status.

Section 4. In cases of emergency meetings, a by-law can be approved by an unanimous vote from all offices.

### **ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT HISTORY**

Amendment 1. Updated Committee language to reflect the naming of all sub groups of ABXY as Leagues.

Amendment 2. Updated Membership language to reflect changes required by The Source.

Amendment 3. Updated election requirements for President and Vice President.