



LAW MEN  
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## **LAW MEN OF CINCINNATI CONSTITUTION**

### **Article I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Law Men of Cincinnati.

### **Article II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of Law Men of Cincinnati is to delve into issues of masculinity and maleness, stereotypes and common misconceptions about being a "man." Law Men of Cincinnati is inclusive of all viewpoints regardless of gender, sexual orientation, and political views. Law Men of Cincinnati is designed to discuss the privileges that men have and do not have in society.

### **Article III – MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1 – CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

There shall be three (3) classes of members: voting, non-voting, and honorary.

#### **Section 2 – VOTING MEMBERS**

Voting membership shall be open to any full- or part-time graduate student at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

#### **Section 3 – NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Non-voting membership shall be open to any student of the University and any member of the University faculty or administrative staff.

#### **Section 4 – HONORARY MEMBERS**

Honorary membership shall be open to any person desiring such membership, elected to such membership by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 5 – LIMITS ON NUMBER**

There shall be no limit on the number of members in Law Men of Cincinnati, provided that the number of non-voting and honorary members together shall not exceed the number of voting members.

## **Article IV – OFFICERS**

### **Section 1 – OFFICERS**

The officers of Law Men of Cincinnati shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Director. When applicable, there shall be an office of President Emeritus.

### **Section 2 – THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside over all meetings, set the agenda and objectives of Law Men of Cincinnati, and see that the organization attains its goals. It shall be the duty of the President to direct all endeavors that have Law Men of Cincinnati's interests and to keep the membership abreast of any information of pertinent concern. The President is the representative and spokesperson of Law Men of Cincinnati and shall vote at Student Bar Association meetings. The President shall have the power to sign matters of financial concern. The President shall have the authority to delegate any duty of the President to the Vice President or, if the Vice President is unavailable, to another qualified member as an alternate.

### **Section 3 – THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice President shall assist the President in executive duties, serve as a liaison to outside groups when requested by the President, and shall have the duty of formal correspondence in matters dealing with Law Men of Cincinnati policies, concerns, or endeavors.

### **Section 4 – THE OFFICE OF TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall be entrusted with the receipt, care, and disbursement of funds. Treasurer has the power to sign matters of financial concern and shall keep a record of all financial transactions of Law Men of Cincinnati. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to plan and submit a fiscal budget to the Student Bar Association at the end of each school year.

### **Section 5 – THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee and Law Men of Cincinnati, report to the members the previous meeting's minutes, and call to vote for approval of such minutes by a majority vote of the officers and members who are present. It is the duty of the Secretary to record and tally votes when called and handle the collection of secret ballots when called. The Secretary shall handle internal correspondence, assist the Vice President in matters of correspondence, and have the duty of notifying members of meetings.

### **Section 6 – THE OFFICE OF MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

The Membership Director shall maintain the membership database including names and contact information for all members of Law Men of Cincinnati. The Membership Director shall circulate an attendance sheet at all meetings of Law

Men of Cincinnati. The Membership Director shall head all recruitment efforts for Law Men of Cincinnati.

#### **Section 7 – THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS**

In the event that a former President of Law Men of Cincinnati returns as a student in a year subsequent to successful completion of a full term as President, the former President shall be appointed to the office of President Emeritus.

### **Article V – APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

All officers shall be elected at a regular Law Men of Cincinnati meeting between April 1 and April 30 of each year, to be announced in writing to all members not less than two weeks in advance. Officers shall be elected by an absolute majority of those present and voting who were members in good standing at the time of nominations.

#### **Section 2 – OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

Nominations of candidates for office in Law Men of Cincinnati shall be made by any member of Law Men of Cincinnati in good standing, not less than one week prior to elections.

#### **Section 3 – VACANCIES OF OFFICE**

In the event that the office of President becomes vacant, the President will be succeeded by the Vice President. In the event that the offices of President and Vice President are both vacant, the President shall be appointed by a majority vote Executive Committee. In the event that any office other than President becomes vacant, the President shall appoint a member of Law Men of Cincinnati to that position. The President's appointment may be vetoed by a majority vote of the remainder of the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 4 – CHARTER OFFICERS**

The charter officers of Law Men of Cincinnati through the 2007-2008 school year shall be appointed.

The office of President shall be appointed to Alan Smithee.

The office of Vice-President shall be appointed to Sid Finch.

The office of Treasurer shall be appointed to Richard Bachman.

The office of Secretary shall be appointed to Georgette Spelvin.

The office of Membership Director shall be appointed to David Agnew.

## **Article VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Section 1 – FORMATION**

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall govern Law Men of Cincinnati. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of Law Men of Cincinnati.

### **Section 2 – DUTIES**

The Executive Committee shall introduce, approve, and implement all actions and activities necessary and proper for the functioning of Law Men of Cincinnati and not inconsistent with this Constitution.

### **Section 3 – TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES**

In the event of a tied vote of the Executive Committee, the President shall be the deciding vote.

## **Article VII – IMPEACHMENT**

### **Section 1 – PREREQUISITES FOR IMPEACHMENT**

Any officer who, during his or her term in office, has demonstrated negligence or incompetence in the performance of his or her prescribed Constitutional duties or willfully impeded the Law Men of Cincinnati program, may be impeached and removed from office.

### **Section 2 – IMPEACHMENT PROCEDURES**

Specific charges against the impeached officer must be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee, excluding the officer being impeached, at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

At the first meeting of the Executive Committee after the meeting in which the charges were approved, an officer shall present the charges and the impeached officer shall present his defense. Following these presentations, the impeached officer may be removed from his office by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Executive Committee, excluding the officer being impeached.

## **Article VIII – MEETINGS**

### **Section 1 – REGULAR MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of Law Men of Cincinnati shall be held at a minimum of once per semester. The time for such meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the voting members.

### **Section 2 – SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of Law Men of Cincinnati may be called at any time by the Executive Committee upon one week's notice to each member or by a petition of a majority of the membership, submitted one week before the scheduled meeting.

## **Article IX – NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Law Men of Cincinnati will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era.

## **Article X – UNIVERSITY ADVISOR**

Law Men of Cincinnati shall have a University Advisor who shall be a full- or part-time member of the University faculty, staff, or administration. The University Advisor shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

## **Article XI – AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1 – AMENDMENT**

This Constitution may be amended by:

- (a) An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Committee; or
- (b) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of Law Men of Cincinnati voting in a constitutional initiative.

### **Section 2 – CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE**

A constitutional initiative may be initiated by a petition of ten members of Law Men of Cincinnati. The amendment and petition must be presented to the Executive Committee no less than one week prior to proposing the amendment to Law Men of Cincinnati. For the amendment to pass, it must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of Law Men of Cincinnati present at the meeting at which the amendment is proposed. Any constitutional amendment may be vetoed by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

## **Article XII – RATIFICATION**

Ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the charter members of Law Men of Cincinnati shall be sufficient to establish this Constitution between said members so ratifying and with the approval of the appropriate governing board.