

# Purdue Linux Users Group Constitution

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## Organization Name

The name of the organization is Purdue Linux Users Group (PLUG)

## Purpose

The purpose of PLUG is to further understanding of the Open Source movement, Open Source software, operating systems, development methodologies and related technologies. PLUG is also chartered to provide support for computer-related problems, specifically relating to Open Source software, operating systems, and development. PLUG is also chartered to provide forums, speakers, information, and events to help foster and grow the Open Source community at Purdue.

## Definition of Membership

Membership is open to Purdue Students exclusively. University staff, faculty, alumni, and any member of the community at large are welcome to become adjunct members. Adjunct members shall not pay dues, however they may make an appropriate donation to the organization as they see fit. Membership and participation are free from discrimination based upon race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a veteran. Students are free to join at any time during the year. To do so outside of the Fall callout, the student must contact the officers, present membership dues, forms, and identification to the treasurer or other officers appointed to the task.

Membership in PLUG lapses two weeks hence from the start of each fall semester, regardless of when the previous year's dues were paid. The membership of adjunct members does not lapse. A member or adjunct member may be expelled from PLUG if they repeatedly and deliberately disrupt club activities or damage club property. Disruption of activities or damaging of property or associated clubs or Purdue University may also provide adequate grounds for suspension of membership. A student is acknowledged as a member upon receipt of membership dues. The phrases "member" and "membership" as used in this document describe these students.

The faculty Advisors are non-student members of the organization, with all rights and privileges therein, except for the right to vote (except during a tie in elections) or hold office.

The expulsion procedure is nomination by anybody inside or outside the organization, followed by a special officer meeting, with the nominator and nominee present, where the nominator and nominee present their cases. The officers will then vote on expulsion, which will be decided upon by unanimous vote.

Membership and participation are free from discrimination on the basis of race,

religion,color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran.

## Elections, Position eligibility, and Duties

Officers may be undergraduate or graduate students at Purdue in good academic standing. Students wishing to run for office must be nominated and seconded by another member or themselves.

A general election shall be held during the final 2 months of the spring semester. Officers are to be elected by a simple majority of present members at general election. Should only one member be nominated for a position, he or she shall be given the office without need of a vote. The length of each term in office for all officers is to be from the date of election until the next scheduled general election.

The following positions must be filled at general elections:

- President
  - The President shall be responsible for setting the policies and agenda of PLUG, scheduling and coordination major events, inter-organization relations, communication with officers and constituents, officer oversight, and hold final responsibility for PLUG.
- Treasurer
  - The treasurer must keep accounts, deposit the organization's funds, and make expenditures in a manner approved by the Business Office for Student Organizations;

The following positions are optional:

- Vice-President
  - The Vice President shall be responsible for the scheduling of events, speakers, meetings, and other PLUG gatherings, maintain a list of contacts for the organization, acts as a faculty/staff liaison, handle new membership, and help coordinate the publicity of events.
- Secretary
  - The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the events of the organization (meeting minutes), help coordinate new membership with the vice president, and send thank-yous and other documents on behalf of PLUG. Should the position be unfilled, these duties fall the vice president.
- Webmaster
  - The Webmaster shall be responsible for webpage development, infrastructure planning and implementation, mailing list management, and other technical issues of the organization. Should the position be unfilled, the officers shall dispense these duties amongst themselves.
- Member-at-Large
  - The Member-at-Large shall act as a liaison to SIGs and committees, act as the voice of the membership, provide emergency presentations, and help provide motivation for the officers.
- faculty/staff advisor (primary)
  - The faculty/staff adviser must be an adjunct member in good standing with the organization. The advisor shall be the breaking vote in event of a tie during elections.
- faculty/staff advisor (secondary)

In the event that an officer cannot fulfill his duties, if that officer holds one of the required positions (listed below), the position must be filled via a general election for that office only. All other positions may be filled by a simple majority of the officers at a regular officers meeting.

## Amendments

Amendments to the constitution of PLUG must be proposed and seconded during a general meeting. Discussion time must be allocated during that meeting to discuss the meaning of the proposed amendment to the organization.

The vote for the amendment will begin fourteen days after the amendment was first proposed to the assembled organization. Only votes made by members will be counted. The method of voting may vary, but it must allow every member to cast one and only one vote within a period of 3 days. There must be a two-thirds majority to pass the amendment.

All amendments to the constitution and bylaws are subject to the approval of the Office of Student Activities and Organizations.

## Date of Adoption

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President's Signature

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Advisor's Signature

## Date of Recognition

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Office of student Activities and Organizations