

# Geeks and Gadgets Constitution

## **Article I**

### Section 1. Purpose:

The purpose of this organization is to promote creative thinking and collaborative problem solving via the use of technology and through its applications and to inform people of their rights using said technology.

### Section 2. Voting

All orders of this organization shall be handled with majority vote.

### Section 3. Definitions

#### 1. 1. Active member:

A member who has actively participated in at least 2 of the last 6 club events. Active status may be granted to a member by an officer if circumstances deem it fit to do so.

## **Article II**

### Section 1. Qualification

All students, faculty or staff of Marshall University are eligible to become a member of Geeks and Gadgets. Membership is open to all without regards to race, sex, color, ethnic origin, religious affiliation, age, or physical, or physiological handicap or sexual orientation.

### Section 2. Rights and Obligations

All members shall:

- A. Be entitled to attend all functions
- B. Be entitled to vote all general and special meeting, and;
- C. Be required to adhere to the constitution of the organization.

### Section 3. Resignations

A member may resign from the organization at any regular or special meeting verbally or at any time in writing.

### Section 4. Suspension

Any member, who for any act or conduct which by the decision of the club officers is injurious to the best interest of this organization, may be suspended from the club upon two thirds of the attending club members.

### Section 5. Meetings

- A. Regular meeting will be held every week. The actual time may vary due to room availability and/or scheduling
- B. Special meetings will be announced by the President.
- C. Committee meetings will be held as deemed necessary by their directors
- D. CONDUCT. Any persons disturbing the peace during any meeting in any matter maybe be fined or suspended
- E. QUORUM. Two thirds of the active members must be in attendance at any regular meeting or special meeting to hold a quorum.

### **Article III**

#### **Section 1. Dues**

- A. ADMISSION to the club is FREE
- B. Members that choose to participate in events without club funding will have the responsibility to afford any costs associated with their participation.

### **Article IV**

#### **Section 1. Officers**

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and or other positions deemed necessary by these officers via a majority vote.

#### **Section 2. Qualifications**

- A. A candidate for an elected office must be a student of Marshall University with a minimum GPA of 2.2

#### **Section 3. Terms of Office and Vacancy**

All officers shall be elected to serve for the term of one year from August 24<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup> of the following year. Upon the occurrence of any vacancy, the President will appoint the successor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

#### **Section 4. Elections**

Elections will be held within the last two weeks of regular meetings during the Spring semester. The President or a delegated party will be responsible for conducting said election and releasing the results before the end of the Spring semester. To be elected, one only needs a simple majority of the votes.

#### **Section 5. Duties**

- A. PRESIDENT  
The President shall be the chief executive officer of this organization. He or she shall preside over all its meetings and shall assign duties to officers/members as required.
- B. VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President will serve as acting president in the absents of the President. The Vice-President will also assume the duties of the secretary/treasure in the vacancy of said position.

**C. TREASURER**

The duties of the treasurer are as follows: he or she shall have custody of all funds and all items of value as may come into the club's possession, keep complete records of funds. Report status of same at all regular membership meetings, and provide basic budget information for functions.

**D. SECRETARY**

The duties of the secretary are as follows: he or she shall record votes at regular or special meetings, be responsible for the registration of club members, and aiding the president in the management and distribution of club documents.

**Article V**

**Section 1. Committees and Non-elected Positions**

- A. The president shall determine the committees of this organization with approval from a majority of the officers.
- B. Non-elected positions may be appointed by the president if needed with the approval of a simple majority of the voting members.

**Article VI**

**Section 1. Information Sharing**

All programs, documentation of works, etc of the club or made for club use shall be shared openly within the club and with non-club members who wish to use these programs.

**Section 2. Licensing**

All programs, projects, documentation, etc will be shared with open source licensing. The license to be used will be determined by the members upon the time of project creation.

**Article VII**

**Section 1. Amendments to Bylaws**

- A. These bylaws may only be amended by a majority vote of the active membership. The club's officers shall determine the time and method of voting.
- B. A call to table an amendment to the constitution may be invoked by two thirds vote of the active members or by a majority vote of the officers.

**Article VIII**

**Section 1. Hazing Policy**

In accordance with the policies of Marshall University and all national organizations represented on our campus, hazing will not be permitted. All acts of hazing by any organization member are forbidden, they are...

“Any action taken or situation created intentionally whether on or off campus, to produce mental, emotional, or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities and situations may include paddling, creation of excessive fatigue, sleep deprivation, shocks, inappropriate quests, engaging in public stunts, morally degrading the dignity of the individual including forced use and abuse of alcohol and drugs.”