

Computer Science Club

4-10-08

Article I – Name

The name of this organization chartered under this constitution shall be the Bemidji State University Computer Science Club.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization will be to stimulate interest in and foster the goals of the Computer Science Club.

Article III – Membership

Section I Memberships shall be open to all Bemidji State University Students and interested parties. Membership shall consist of a minimum of 25% Bemidji State students.

Section II Membership in this organization will not be discriminatory with regard to race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, national origin, or status with regard to public assistance or physical disability.

Section III Members must adhere to the constitution in order to retain membership.

Section IV Members will be required to regularly attend meetings in order to retain membership status.

Article IV – Finances

Section I There will be no dues required of anyone wishing to gain or retain membership.

Section II In the event that the organization should dissolve, any equipment and remaining funds obtained by the club shall be donated to the Computer Science department.

Article V – Officers

Section I The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Together, along with any committee chairs, they shall comprise the Executive Board.

Section II The powers of the Executive Board shall be as follows:

- a. The power to establish and dissolve committees, also known as project groups.
- b. The power to schedule meetings.
- c. The power to regulate membership according to the conditions in Article III.

Section II The duties of these officers shall be as follows:

- a. The President shall preside and maintain order at meetings, facilitate debate and motions, enforce the rules of this constitution, take care of other officer's duties in their absence, and other duties that may arise.
- b. The Vice-President will assist the President in his/her duties and preside over the organization in his/her absence.
- c. The Secretary shall:
 - 1. Take and present minutes at club meetings.
 - 2. Record club activities.
 - 3. Keep and maintain club records.
 - 4. Compile and update contact information for members.
- d. The Treasurer will handle paperwork dealing with finances, including: paying bills, and tracking and reporting revenue/expenditures.

Section III All officers shall be elected by secret ballot three months before the end of spring semester. The elected officials will be trained under the current officials for the remaining three months and will assume full duties at the beginning of the next fall semester.

Section IV Should an officer's position not be filled, either through resignation or other form of leaving, the position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a member chosen by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Board.

Section V Should there be no officers in place, the remaining members shall elect new officers for the remainder of the terms by secret ballot.

Section VI The term for each office will be one academic year.

Section VII At least one member of the Executive Board must be a BSU student.

Article VI – Organizational Structure

- Section I Meetings shall be scheduled weekly with at least one meeting per semester to remain active.
- Section II All members shall have one vote with a simple majority rule of a quorum of the membership. Quorum shall be half plus one members.
- Section III Special meetings shall be held in accordance to the Executive Board's decision and must give members a minimum of 48 hours notice.

Article VII - Committees

- Section I The Executive Board shall establish committees, from now on referred to as project groups, to achieve a specific task. When established, the project group chair shall become part of the Executive Board.
- Section II Upon establishment, the Executive Board shall decide the project group's name, purpose, and chair. All other project group members shall be chosen by the chair.
- Section III Upon completion of its purpose, the Executive Board shall dissolve the project group.

Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority

Meetings shall be held in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article IX – Advisor

- Section I An advisor will be selected from the Bemidji State University faculty and staff who will support and participate in the organization's activities.

Article X – Ratification

- Section I This constitution shall be, upon completion, sent to the Student Senate. After approval by the Bemidji State University Student Senate and by the Associate Director of Hobson Memorial Union, it will be sent to the University President or his/her designee, for ratification.

Article XI – Amendments

- Section I This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds membership vote at any meeting. The proposed amendment must have been submitted to the Secretary for a reading at the previous meeting. This amendment must then be sent to the Bemidji State University Student Senate for ratification.