

**Our Mission:**

*To connect young professionals in the Amherst area.*

**Goals:**

1. To help young professionals build both personal and professional relationships with one another.
2. To support community development making the Amherst area a more attractive place for young professionals, businesses and entrepreneurs.
3. To build community through raising awareness, working with community organizations and fundraising.
4. To have fun.

**ARTICLE I**

**Membership and Dues**

Section 1. Any person interested in the purposes of the organization who applies for membership in an appropriate classification of membership and who tenders the necessary dues shall thereby become a member.

Section 2. Annual dues for individual active members shall be [amount].

Section 3. Annual dues for family members shall be [amount].

Section 4. Annual dues for institutional members shall be [amount].

Section 5. Annual dues for contributing and sustaining members shall be [amount].

Section 6. Annual dues for honorary members shall be [amount].

Section 7. Annual dues shall be payable in advance, and members in arrears more than six months after payment is due shall be dropped from membership.

**ARTICLE II**

**Schedule and Quorum for Meetings**

Section 1. Regular meetings of the society shall be held on the [day of the week] of each month.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Co-Presidents.

Section 3. The board of trustees shall meet every other month. Special meetings of the board of trustees may be called by the Co-Presidents.

Section 4. One-fifth of the active members of the society shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE III**

**Duties of the Officers and Trustees**

Section 1. The co-presidents shall have executive supervision over the activities of the society within the scope provided by these bylaws and shall preside at all meetings. The co-president shall report annually on the activities of the society and shall appoint the members of committees and delegates not otherwise provided f or.

Section 2. The co-vice presidents shall assume the duties of the co-presidents in the event of absence, incapacity, resignation, or removal of the president.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings of the society and of the board of trustees, maintain a list of members, and render an annual report.

Section 4. The treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of society funds, for maintaining adequate financial records, and for depositing all monies with a reliable banking company in the name of the society. Monies shall be paid out by numbered checks signed by the treasurer and the co-presidents. The treasurer will collect dues, and shall render an annual report based on the calendar year.

Section 5. The board of trustees shall have the power to conduct all affairs of the society. It shall select candidates for office, pursuant to the constitution. The board of trustees shall decide questions of policy that for any reason cannot be acted upon at a meeting of the society and perform such other functions as designated in the bylaws or otherwise assigned to it.

At any meeting of the board of trustees, four members shall constitute a quorum. The board of trustees will elect its own chairperson. The board of trustees, through the president, shall render an annual report at each annual meeting.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Committees**

Section 1. The society shall have the following standing committees:

(a) Finance Committee. Responsible for collecting dues, keeping track of financial records, developing and overseeing the organization’s budget.

(b) Membership/Sponsorship Committee. Responsible for membership drives and processing new candidates for membership. Will coordinate with Marketing/PR Committee and Events/Sponsorship Committee to help develop ideas on best ways to attract new members and retain existing members.

(c) Marketing/Public Relations Committee. Responsible for public outreach, raising awareness and promoting the organization, its events and its achievements.

(d) Events Committee. Responsible for contacting vendors, supporters, event host sites and planning organization events. Will also coordinate with the Marketing/PR and Finance Committee during the planning process.

Section 2. The board of trustees shall appoint members and chairmen of the standing committees.

Section 3. Other committees, standing or special, may be appointed by the co-presidents as directed by the society or board of trustees, except that the nominating committee shall be appointed by the board of trustees.

**ARTICLE V**

**Parliamentary Authority**

Section 1. The rules contained in this constitution shall govern the proceedings of the organization.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Amendment to the Bylaws**

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided notice was given at the previous meeting. Or they may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and a two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

Section 2. There may be a maximum of 10 board members. A new board member may be appointed by an existing board member and brought to discussion during a board meeting. A board member may be voted in by a majority of existing board members.

1. A board member term is one year and may be renewed each year without a maximum number of years provided the board member is voted back in by majority.
2. Once a board member reaches age 40, that board member is granted one additional term year provided a majority vote is reached on the term date renewal and then asked to step down as they are no longer considered a young professional by definition.
3. If the board unanimously votes to renew a board member term of maximum age, that board member may remain.

Definitions:

Young Professional: A working individual who is 21 and over.

Board Term: The length of time a board member serves on the board.

Quorum: The minimum number of members/board members needed to be present at a meeting in order for the meeting and its proceedings to be valid.

Majority Vote: The number of votes needed in order to pass, confirm, implement proceedings.