

McMaster Astronomy and Physics Students' Association

Constitution

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I. NAME & PURPOSE

A. Name

The name of this club shall be the **McMaster Astronomy and Physics Students' Association**, abbreviated to MAPSA ("map-sah").

B. Purpose

MAPSA is a collection of peers among the Department of Physics and Astronomy graduate student body volunteering to improve the quality of life of its members by:

- being points of contact for the Department
- organizing non-academic events
- serving as an alternative means of voicing members' concerns to the Department
- disseminating information and promotions to the graduate student body
- participating in Department Meetings as a student voice and to

Executive members do not make executive decisions on behalf of MAPSA as MAPSA should not be in positions to make such decisions.

It is important to emphasize that this association must not take away from the personal and academic growth of participating members.

II. MEMBERSHIP & DUES

A. Eligibility & Membership

B. Dues

Dues shall be \$0 CAD per year, that is there are no dues. No financial instruments shall be exchanged between members for purposes of MAPSA operations.

III. ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE AND EXECUTIVES

A. Structure

MAPSA employs a flat hierarchical structure. The nature of MAPSA acting as point of contacts and is no position higher than another, executives do not

B. Representatives (Elected by Members)

One for each constituency and two for Department Meeting

C. Officers (Elected by Reps)

The following officers are to be voted into their positions by the Representatives. Such officers may be nominated persons among the Representatives or any standing member. No one person shall conduct the role of multiple officers.

- Chair
- Treasury Officer
- Communications Officer
- Visitor Coordinator(s)*
- Events Coordinator(s)*

*a maximum of two such coordinators may take each position at any time.

D. Election

Elections are to be held each year during the final week of September by all members for their respective constituency's Representatives. The Representatives must conclude on a list of Officers before the end of October of each year.

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IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVES**A. each role (Reps & Officers)****V. MEETINGS****VI. CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS****VII. CONTINUATION**