

# AUSTIN ALUMNI CHAPTER

## CONSTITUTION

### LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I

##### Austin Alumni Chapter

This organization shall be known as the Austin Alumni Chapter of the Louisiana State University Alumni association, and its domicile shall be in Austin, Texas.

#### ARTICLE II

##### Purpose and Powers

**Section 1.** The objects and purpose of the Chapter shall be to foster, protect and promote the welfare of Louisiana State University and its alumni.

**Section 2.** In order to effectuate the aforesaid proposed, or any other purpose implied thereby or incidental thereto, the Chapter shall possess the capacity and all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities which are now or may hereafter be accorded to non-profit corporations by the constitutions and laws of the State of Louisiana, including the power to acquire, receive, own, lease or dispose of property of any nature of description.

#### ARTICLE III

##### Membership

Any former student, whether a graduate or non-graduate, who attended the University for at least one semester and who was a student in good standing or any individual who supports the purpose of the Chapter as stated in article II above, and who lives in the geographical area of Austin, Texas, is eligible for membership in the Chapter and may attain and/or maintain membership in the Chapter upon satisfying the financial obligation, if any, provided in the by-laws of the Association. It is designated that any individual who is a member of this Chapter who supports the purpose of this Chapter as stated in Article II but is not a former student shall be designated as an Alumnus By Choice.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Officers

**Section 1.** The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing in the Chapter. The duties of said officers are as follows:

President -- Represents the Chapter in all respects. Acts as chair at special events and general Chapter meetings. Coordinates the activities of the Board of Directors, Appoints chairpersons and members of operating committees.

Vice-president -- Acts in the absence of the President. Oversees the work of the operating committees.

Secretary -- Records minutes of all general meetings and board meetings. Handles Chapter correspondence.

Treasurer -- records Chapter income and expenses. Deposits assets in the Chapter checking account and pays bills as they come due. Reports financial status of the Chapter on a regular basis to the Board of directors.

**Section 2.** The offices shall be elected annually, each for a term of one year, at the general meeting of the Chapter. The by-laws of the Chapter may provide for a method of nominating candidates for said offices. Which in thirty days after the general meeting of the Chapter, the names of the persons so elected shall be certified by the Secretary of the Chapter to the Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association. In the event of failure to hold an election or failure of the secretary to formally certify to the Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association the names of the officers so elected within thirty days after the date scheduled for the general meeting, the Louisiana State University Alumni Council is authorized to designate the officers of the Chapter for the succeeding year.

**Section 3.** At the time of his/her election, the President shall have been a member in good standing in the Chapter for one year. This provision does not apply at the initial general membership meeting. All other officers shall be members in good standing in the Chapter at the time of their election.

**Section 4.** The following named persons shall serve as officers of this Chapter until the next general meeting, to with:

President:	Steven M. Lanoux
Vice-President:	Janine L. Williams
Secretary:	Kathy L. Nugent
Treasurer:	James E. North

## ARTICLE V

### **Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** The governing authority of this Chapter is and shall be a board of directors consisting of the officers of this Chapter and eight (8) committee persons, including the Chapter's immediate past president who shall serve ex-officio. The eight board members must be members in good standing of the Chapter and will be elected annually for a term of one year at the general meeting of the Chapter. The Board of Directors is vested with the authority to manage all of the business and affairs of this Chapter; to adopt, amend or rescind by-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution; to determine and fix membership dues; to receive, administer and disburse all funds; and to perform any other acts necessary or incidental to managing the business affairs of this Chapter. The Board of Directors also has the authority to designate two (2) representatives to serve with the President of the Chapter on the Louisiana State Alumni council.

**Section 2.** Five (5) members of the Board of Directors out of the total of the eight elite Board of Directors shall chair the following committees: Scholarship fund and High School Relations, membership, Social and special Events, Publicity and Public Information, and telephone. The five board members shall chair their committees by designation of the President.

**Section 3.** Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, or by any five (5) members of the board of Directors. Notice of the calling of any such meeting, however, must be sufficiently in advance of such a meeting.

**Section 4.** A majority of the members of the Board will constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of those present will be required for the transaction of business. Voting by proxy will not be permitted.

## ARTICLE VI

### **Meetings**

General or regular meetings of the members of this Chapter shall be held on such dates as determined by the board of Directors. At the annual general meeting, officers shall be elected for the succeeding year. Special meetings will be called by the President or the board of directors.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by a majority of Chapter members present at any meeting of the Chapter provided that:

- (1) Written notice of such meeting is sent to all members of this Chapter prior to the time scheduled for such meeting. The notice shall read "A proposed amendment to the constitution will be considered."
  
- (2) Any amendment so adopted will not be effective until it has been approved by the Louisiana State University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

We the undersigned members in good standing of the Louisiana State University Alumni Association do hereby formally adopt the above constitution and bind ourselves to be governed by its provisions.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Approved by Louisiana State University Alumni Association Board of Directors on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Secretary

**BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
AUSTIN ALUMNI CHAPTER  
OF THE  
LSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I  
MAILING ADDRESS**

The mailing address for the Austin Chapter of the organization (hereinafter, the Chapter) shall be the mailing address of the current President, or such other address as shall be designated by the President. In the event of the resignation or relocation of the President the Chapter members shall be notified by mail in the next mailing following said resignation of the newly designated mailing address.

**ARTICLE II  
SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS**

In the event of the resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall serve in the President's capacity until the next general meeting. In the event of the resignation of the Vice-President, the President shall appoint a Vice-President who shall serve until the next general meeting. In the event of the resignation of both the President and the Vice-President, the Secretary shall serve as acting President, and the Treasurer shall serve as acting Vice-President until the next general meeting, at which a new slate of officers shall be elected. The acting President may choose to appoint temporary replacements for the Secretary and/or Treasurer at his/her own discretion with the advice and consent of the Acting Vice-President, who shall not withhold said consent except as to the appointment of a temporary Treasurer.

**ARTICLE III  
DUES**

Dues shall be paid directly to the LSU Alumni Association (hereinafter, LSUAA) on an annual basis when notified by the LUSAA and to comply with the LSUAA fiscal year. Dues may be collected by the Chapter which are separate and distinct from the LSUAA as determined by the Board.

**ARTICLE IV  
MEETINGS OF THE CHAPTER**

Section 1. Place. All general and other meetings shall be held at a place within the State of Texas, as specified by the Board.

Section 2. Notice. Notice of all meetings of the general membership shall be given in writing as early as is reasonably possible prior to the meeting. This includes, but is not limited to, mailings done by the Chapter individually on a localized basis or by mailings done by the University Alumni Office. Notices mailed by the Chapter may be restricted to its roster of dues-paying members when necessary as finances dictate. The Chapter shall use as its source the current rolls of the Chapter. Any dues-paying member is charged with notifying the Chapter of any change of address.

**ARTICLE V  
VOTING RIGHTS**

Voting rights shall be accorded to members on the following basis:

- (a) Each individual member paying dues on an individual basis shall have one (1) vote.
- (b) No member shall be allowed to vote by proxy.
- (c) No member whose dues are delinquent shall be entitled to vote.

For purposes of this section, dues shall be deemed delinquent if the individual is carried in a delinquent status by the LSUAA, unless paid prior to any vote taken at any meeting.

**ARTICLE VI  
REQUIRED VOTE**

All activities of the Chapter which are taken according to authorization granted by a vote of the membership shall require a majority of those members present at the meeting on which the vote was taken. The Secretary shall duly record the number present at the meeting and the vote count of the issue.

**ARTICLE VII  
AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of the membership as provided for in Article VI above, provided, however, that written notice is given to the membership in the meeting notice as provided for in Article I above. Said written notice shall state clearly that a By-Laws change is proposed and the nature of the change proposed.

**ARTICLE VIII  
CONFLICTS**

Any conflicts between the By-Laws and the Constitution of the Chapter shall be resolved in favor of the Constitution. Immediately upon determination of the conflict, the President shall undertake to propose a change in the By-Laws which will remedy the conflict and bring it to the attention of the membership as provided for herein.