

CONSTITUTION OF RHYTHMS

(approved on November 29, 2005)

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The organization shall be known as Rhythms.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. To publish for both the school and the community an annual literary magazine.

Section 2. To expose interested students to the many forms of literary expression for their enjoyment as well as enrichment.

Section 3. To involve interested students in group participation in which working together for a common goal takes priority over individual success.

Section 4. To provide members with experiences which will open to them various doors into the cultural activities and social life of their future communities.

Section 5. To provide a constructive outlet for the talents and energies of interested students.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All registered students, whether full or part time, are eligible for membership.

Section 2. After membership has been established by attending a minimum of two meetings during one semester, members will receive voting rights only after they have fulfilled their obligations on staff and committee assignments, if any.

Section 3. The membership of a student may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the club if he/she fails to fulfill the responsibilities assigned him/her or if he/she conducts himself/herself in such a way as to be disruptive to the club's functioning.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

Section 1. No dues are required of members.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. The President of Rhythms shall:

- A. Act as presiding officer at meetings.
- B. Be responsible for fulfilling the directives of the club.
- C. Represent the club at Student Government meetings.
- D. Establish the proper relationship between the club and the Student-Faculty Association.

- E. Call for special or emergency meetings.
- E. Appoint committees, with club members' approval.

Section 3. The Vice President of Rhythms shall:

- A. Assist the President as required.
- B. Fulfill the duties of the President in the President's absence.
- C. Attend committee meetings when possible and report on their progress to the President.

Section 4. The Treasurer of Rhythms shall:

- A. Disburse club funds upon authorization.
- B. Keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements.
- C. Make financial statements.
- D. Assist in the preparation and drafting of annual budgets.

Section 5. The Secretary of Rhythms shall:

- A. Keep an accurate record of all meetings.
- B. Maintain general official files of club materials, including press releases, photographs, production assignments, and committee reports.
- C. Assist the President with club correspondence.
- D. Keep attendance records, for voting-privilege lists.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elections shall take place by the 1st day of October.

Section 2. The term of office shall be from the date of election through the following June.

Section 3. The President or Vice President has the right to call a special meeting for the purpose of impeaching an officer for failure to fulfill his/her responsibilities to the club. A majority vote of the entire membership is required for impeachment.

Section 4. In the event of any vacancy, a special election shall be held for that office.

Section 5. The necessary vote for election into office is a majority of the voting members at the election meeting.

ARTICLE VII. EDITORS

Section 1a. The faculty advisor(s) and club president will collaboratively appoint editors to serve in the following capacities: type editors, layout editors, and one senior editor.

Section 1b. Editors will be appointed annually after November 1st.

- Section 2a. The senior editor will act as liaison between the printer and the group. The responsibilities in this capacity will be as follows: negotiating price, discussing layout options, deadlines, and other issues pertinent to the publication of the magazine. In addition, the senior editor will bring any changes recommended by the printer to the group for a vote.
- Section 2b. The senior editor may make any last minute decisions needed at the printer in order to avoid a detrimental delay in publishing.
- Section 2c. The senior editor may call mandatory editorial meetings as necessary for the publication process.
- Section 3. Type editors will be responsible for editing spelling, as well as checking for grammatical and mechanical errors.
- Section 4. Layout editors will be responsible for the magazine layout & will bring final recommendations to the group for a vote.
- Section 5. Editors will strive to include at least one piece per author or artist; however, editors may limit an author or artist to only one submission, dependent on space and quality of work.
- Section 6a. Editors must be willing to dedicate extra-curricular time to the publication of this magazine; therefore, all editors must be present for a minimum of 80% of all meetings to be given publishing credit for their work.
- Section 6b. The group may terminate an editorial appointment by a 2/3 vote should an editor fail to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to him or her.
- Section 6c. The faculty advisor and club president may collaboratively appoint a new editor to fill a vacancy.

ARTICLE VIII. SELECTION PROCESS

- Section 1. All submissions will be presented to the group members for vote on the initial inclusion in the magazine.
- Section 2. After a general vote of inclusion, the type editors will begin the editorial process as described in Article VII, Section 3 of the Rhythms Constitution.
- Section 3. The type editors will turn over edited material to the layout editors and collaborate with them in the editorial process outlined in Article VII, Section 4 and Section 5.
- Section 4. The layout editors will present the proposed magazine to the group for a final review.
- Section 5. The group members will vote on the final draft and approve the delivery of the magazine to the printer.
- Section 6. The senior editor, or designee, will deliver the product to the printer & communicate the status of the process to the group.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

- Section 1. Regular meetings of Rhythms shall be held once each week.
- Section 2. The President has the right to call special meetings when necessary.
- Section 3. Regular attendance is required for voting privileges.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Amendments shall become part of this Constitution when approved by a two-thirds vote of voting members.

ARTICLE XI. RATIFICATION

- Section 1. The Constitution shall be effective following ratification by a two-thirds vote of voting members.

The following amendments were added to the constitution by a unanimous vote on November 18, 2005:

- 1) Remove Article III, Section 4 (to be defined in Article VII, Section 1A)

Section 4. The editor and assistant editor of Rhythms (the magazine) shall be appointed by the faculty advisor. Their duties will include coordinating the publication of the magazine, including final lay-out decisions.
- 2) Add Article VII. (Editors) and Article VIII. (Selection Process), and change existing Articles VII & VIII to begin w/ Article IX