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Google Developer Student Clubs

University of Toronto

CONSTITUTION | GDSC @ UTSC

Article 1: Name of Organization

- 1.1 The official name of the organization will be "Google Developer Student Club - UTSC".
- 1.2 The organization may be referred to by the acronym "GDSC @ UTSC" or simply "GDSC".

Article 2: Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of GDSC @ UTSC is empowering undergraduate students from any background to **GROW** their knowledge in technology, **UNITE** with like-minded peers of the Google community, and **IMPACT** their community by building solutions for real-world problems.
- 2.2 The GDSC @ UTSC will enhance the educational, recreational, social, or cultural environment of the University of Toronto Scarborough by providing Google Developer workshops to boost technical knowledge, bringing industry experts for insights and networking, facilitating practical learning with hands-on projects, forging partnerships with UofT's tri-campus clubs to unite our community, and ensuring continuous learning with year-round events & activities.
- 2.3 The GDSC @ UTSC will serve as a non-profit function within the University of Toronto Scarborough, and will not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature. Furthermore, GDSC @ UTSC will operate as an independent entity working within the University of Toronto Scarborough community subject to the values and policies of the University.
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Article 3: Membership

- 3.1 Membership is open to all students, staff, faculty, and alumni of the University of Toronto Scarborough, from any program, background, year, and discipline. The term of membership for the will be from September 1 – August 31 each year.
- 3.2 There is no membership fee associated with being a member.

3.3 Each member will be given the right to freedom from discrimination based on sex, race, religion, or sexual orientation, as well as the right to be free from censorship, control, or interference by the University based on the organization's philosophy, beliefs, interests or opinions unless and until these lead to activities which are illegal, or which infringe on the rights and freedoms already mentioned above. Furthermore, each member will be given the rights to:

3.3.1 The right to participate and vote in group elections and meetings;

3.3.2 The right to communicate and to discuss and explore all ideas;

3.3.3 The right to organize/engage in activities/events that are reasonable and lawful;

3.3.4 The right to freedom from discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or sexual orientation;

3.3.5 The right to be free from censorship, control, or interference by the University on the basis of the organization's philosophy, beliefs, interests or opinions unless and until these lead to activities which are illegal or which infringe on the rights and freedoms already mentioned above;

3.3.6 The right to distribute on campus, in a responsible way, published material provided that it is not unlawful;

3.4 Each member shall possess the following responsibilities relative to participation in:

3.4.1 Support the purpose of the organization;

3.4.2 Uphold the values of the organization;

3.4.3 Contribute constructively to the programs and activities offered by the organization;

3.4.4 Attend general meetings;

3.4.5 Abide by the constitution and subsequent official organizational documents;

3.4.6 Respect the rights of peers and fellow members;

3.4.7 Abide by University of Toronto policies, procedures, and guidelines;

3.4.8 Abide by the Laws of the Land, including but not limited to the Criminal Code of Canada.

3.5 The values and respects the personal information of its members. The secures its member's information at all times and will not supply names or other confidential information to third-parties.

3.6 The will protect the privacy of member information and must use it only for the delivery of service and not for commercial gain.

Article 4: Executive Team

4.1 The president of the club will be known as the GDSC Lead and will be selected by Google during an application period in the Summer.

4.2 The executive members must be students at the University of Toronto and chosen by the GDSC Lead.

4.3 The term for all executive members shall be from September 1st until June 30th, except the GDSC Lead who will continue to be the Lead until Google has selected the new GDSC Lead.

4.4 The executive team is collectively responsible for the day-to-day decision-making of the organization including but not limited to monitoring finances, event planning and execution, member services, and advocating on behalf of members to Administration and student government.

4.5 The executive team will be structured as follows:

4.5.1 Administrator Team

will be responsible for the Management & Coordination Of Club Events, Meetings, & Activities, Collaboration, Direction & Goal Setting, Delegation & Monitoring, and Resource Management

4.5.1.1 Vice-Lead

Supports & collaborates closely with the Lead's directives, Ensures smooth operational flow, Monitors team progress, Aids strategic discussions & planning, and Bridges team interactions

4.5.2 Academics Team

will be responsible for the Educational Initiatives & Workshops Coordination, Facilitation Of Professor-student Research Projects, and Execution Of The AI & Machine Learning Curriculum.

4.5.2.1 Academics Vice-Lead

Leads academic strategy, oversees project collaborations, ensures curriculum execution, and reports the team's performance in weekly meetings.

4.5.2.2 Academics Directors

Support workshop planning, assist in coordinating professor-student projects, and contribute to developing the AI & Machine Learning curriculum.

4.5.3 Partnerships Team

will be responsible for Industry Partnerships & Sponsorship, University & Club Collaboration, External Relations Management, and Industry Outreach Efforts

4.5.3.1 Partnerships Vice-Lead

Leads partnership strategies, manages sponsor relationships, coordinates collaborations with universities and clubs, oversees external relations

4.5.3.2 Partnerships Directors

Create sponsorship packages, Outreach to industry & university partners, Coordinate club and external collaborations, Secure guest speakers

4.5.4 Operations Team

will be responsible for the Logistics Management, Event Planning & Execution, Club Record Keeping, Budget & Finances Management, and Membership Relations

4.5.4.1 Finances Vice-Lead

Manages club finances, tracks budget allocations, and handles reimbursements.

4.5.4.2 Operations Vice-Lead

Leads event planning & execution, delegates tasks, and oversees logistics.

4.5.4.3 Operations Directors

Support event setup, assist in planning and execution, enhance organized record keeping, aid in budget management, and contribute to fostering positive membership interactions.

4.5.5 Marketing Team

will be responsible for the Content Creation, Branding & Design, Event Promotion, Social Media Management, and Member Engagement.

4.5.5.1 Marketing Vice-Lead

Oversees team coordination, task delegation, club promotion, brand consistency, and performance reporting in weekly meetings.

4.5.5.2 Marketing Directors

Manage social media, visual content creation, support content development, archive club activities, and interact with members to boost engagement.

4.6 Any executive of the organization may resign, provided that such resignation is made in writing and delivered to the GDSC Lead. Unless any such resignation is, by its terms, effective on a later date, it shall be effective on delivery to the GDSC Lead, and no ratification by the organization shall be required to make the resignation official.

4.7 Only student members of the organization may hold executive positions.

4.8 The executive positions collectively will form a committee that acts as the primary steward of the organization.

4.9 This committee is collectively responsible for the day-to-day decision making of the organization including but not limited to monitoring finances, event planning and execution, member services, and advocating on behalf of members to Administration and student government.

4.10 This committee cannot make amendments to the constitution without the approval of the general membership at a valid general meeting.

4.11 The term of each executive will last from May 1 following their election to April 30 of the following year.

4.12 Any executive of the organization may resign, provided that such resignation is made in writing and delivered to the President. Unless any such resignation is, by its terms, effective on a later date, it shall be effective on delivery to the President, and no ratification by the organization shall be required to make the resignation official.

4.13 Any vacancy of executives shall be filled by the President or designate of the organization until such a time where a by-election is held, a permanent appointment occurs, or a hiring process is conducted.

4.14 If the President resigns, notice of such resignation must be submitted in writing and delivered to the executive committee at a valid executive meeting. Unless any such resignation is, by its terms, effective on a later date, it shall be effective on delivery to the executive committee, and no ratification by the organization shall be required to make the resignation official.

4.15 Any vacancy of the President shall be filled by another executive committee member appointed by a simple and clear majority of the executive committee until such a time where a by-election is held, a permanent appointment occurs, or a hiring process is conducted.

Article 5: Removal of Members and Executives

5.1 The GDSC Lead holds the right to remove any member or executive if they have engaged in unlawful actions or activities, violated the constitution, violated University of Toronto policies, procedures, or guidelines, violated the rights of a fellow member, or not fulfilled their organizational responsibilities.

5.2 If at least two executives bring a valid complaint to the GDSC Lead, the club will hold a meeting with more than 80% of executive members present and discuss the complaint. The GDSC Lead must be present in this meeting and will issue the final decision.

5.3 All executive members of GDSC should abide by the Google Community Guidelines for Google Developer Student Club, available at <https://developers.google.com/community-guidelines>. GDSC will show a zero-tolerance policy to any general or executive member not following the community guidelines.

5.4 The process for removing a member or executive may be initiated when a committee of no less than three 3 non-executive general members and two 2 executives appointed by the general membership to investigate a complaint determines that:

5.4.1 A member or executive has engaged in unlawful actions or activities;

5.4.2 A member or executive has violated the constitution;

5.4.3 A member or executive has violated University of Toronto policies, procedures, or guidelines;

5.4.4 A member or executive has violated the rights of a fellow member;

5.4.5 A member or executive has not fulfilled their organizational responsibilities;

5.4.6 Other criteria deemed to be appropriate by the Executive Committee in consultation with and approved by a majority of the general membership.

5.5 The process for removing a member or executive may also be initiated when:

5.5.1 A petition calling for a vote and bearing the signatures of a majority of the general membership is submitted to any member of the executive.

5.5.2 A motion for a removal vote is put forward by any member of the executive and passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the executives. The individual facing potential removal vote is entitled to vote on the motion if they are an executive or be given an opportunity to explain themselves if they are a non-executive general member.

5.6 The removal of members and executives will be facilitated by a three tier procedure which operates as follows:

5.6.1 First Tier:

The executive or member will be warned both verbally and in writing that their behavior constitutes grounds for removal from the organization and that it should cease effective immediately.

5.6.2 Second Tier:

Initiated because the member or executive has violated section 5.1 after receiving a first tier warning relative to a particular action or behavior.

The GDSC Lead will be responsible for contacting the executive or member and facilitating training or suggesting best practices on how to correct the issues of concern.

The GDSC Lead must address all complaints in writing by formulating an action plan and timeline to correct any issues involving executives or members within fourteen (14) calendar days.

The executive or member accused of violating section 5.1 will be given fourteen (14) calendar days from receiving the Vice President Human Resources' written response to demonstrate progress or correction of behavior.

5.6.3 Third tier:

Initiated because the member or executive has violated section 5.1 after receiving second tier warning relative to a particular action or behavior.

The removal vote must take place at a valid general meeting of the membership. A representative supporting the motion for removal and the executive or member facing removal (or an individual they designate), may speak for up to five minutes each.

The removal of an executive or member requires a 2/3 majority vote of all of the members present at a valid general meeting (including executives). The executive or member facing removal is entitled to vote on the motion.

Article 6: Finances

6.1 The Vice-Lead Finances shall keep an active record of income and expenses, and present the group's updates on the group's financial position at weekly executive meetings, whenever required.

6.2 Any expenditures over \$100.00 must be approved by the GDSC Lead and Vice-Lead Finances.

6.3 The group may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature and will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus chapter of a commercial organization.

6.4 The group will not pay salaries to any of its executives.

6.5 The GDSC Lead and the Vice-Lead Finances shall be the signing authorities of banking instruments for the organization.

6.6 The funds of the organization shall be expended pursuant to the operating budget approved by the general membership at a valid general meeting.

6.7 Notwithstanding section 6.1, the executive committee may not approve any unbudgeted expenditure of the organization's funds above \$100.00 without the approval of the general members at a valid general meeting.

6.8 All Budgets shall be prepared by the Vice-President Operations in accordance with the organization's priorities as determined by the executive committee in consultation with general members at a valid general meeting.

6.9 The Vice-President Operations shall present a proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year to the general membership for its consideration at the final general meeting.

6.10 The operating budget shall be the major budget for the fiscal year and provide for all expenditures of the organization for the subsequent year.

- 6.11 The operating budget shall be approved by a majority vote of the general members present and voting at a valid general meeting.
- 6.12 The banking business of the organization, or any part thereof, shall be transacted with such bank, trust company or other firm or body corporate as the Executive may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time and all such banking business, or any part thereof, shall be transacted on the organization's behalf by one or more Officers or other persons as the Executive may designate, direct or authorize from time to time and to the extent thereby provided.
- 6.13 The President, the Vice-President Operations, and only in special circumstances the shall be the sole signing authorities of banking instruments for the organization.
- 6.14 GDSC Lead will ensure that proper and accurate financial records are maintained and passed on to incoming executives following each year's elections.
- 6.15 GDSC Lead will accept full financial and production responsibility for all activities it sponsors, plans, or executes.

Article 7: Meetings

- 7.1 The Executive Team shall meet weekly. The presence of Vice-Leads and GDSC Lead is mandatory in the weekly meeting, however, directors can skip one meeting in two consecutive meetings.
- 7.2 General meetings will be replaced by indicated Discord channels where any student can drop suggestions and provide feedback at any time.
- 7.3 Emergency meetings can be called for extenuating or unforeseen circumstances that may arise from time to time. The presence of at least two Vice-Leads or GDSC Lead is necessary for such a meeting.
- 7.4 The purpose of General Meetings is to provide a forum for executives to overview the activities of the organization and solicit feedback from members, to engage in policy-making, to propose amendments to the constitution, and to report on the financial status of the organization.
- 7.5 General meetings will be facilitated by a Chairperson selected by the general membership from the executive committee. The Chairperson shall be responsible for:
 - 7.6 Formulating and distributing an agenda for each meeting no later than two ② days before the meeting;
 - 7.7 Ensuring appropriate conduct and leading the meeting in an efficient, reasonable manner;
 - 7.8 Moderating the discussion at meetings according to the agenda;
- 7.9 Suspending members from participating in meetings for constitutional or procedural violations.
- 7.10 The procedure at meetings of members shall be governed in accordance with the process outlined in Appendix A.
- 7.11 There shall be a minimum of one ① general meeting held each month. The date of each subsequent general meeting will be confirmed at the preceding general meeting and will be reiterated to members via email a minimum of two ② calendar days prior to the meeting.

- 7.12** General meetings may be called to order by the President, through a petition by a petition signed by three ③ executive members, or by a petition signed by five ⑤ non-executive general members.
- 7.13** General meetings are open to registered members of the organization only. Quorum will first be established by the presence of a simple and clear majority of the executives.
- 7.14** For quorum to remain valid, the number of non-executive general members present at a general meeting must exceed the number of executives present at all time.
- 7.15** All executives are expected to make brief progress reports on their activities at every general meeting.
- 7.16** Minutes of all general meetings must be recorded and maintained for reference purposes.
- 7.17** Members must contact the Chairperson a minimum of 48 hours before a general meeting to inform them of new business they wish to discuss. The Chairperson will then add the discussion item to the agenda.
- 7.18** Each member of the organization shall be entitled to one ① vote at a general meeting except the Chairperson who shall only vote in the event of a tie.
- 7.19** Any question at a valid general meeting shall be decided by a show of hands.
- 7.20** Whenever a vote by show of hands occurs, a declaration by the chairperson that the vote upon the question has been carried, carried by a particular majority, or failed shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 7.21** In case of an equality of votes at a valid general meeting, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have the deciding vote.
- 7.22** The Chairperson presiding over a meeting of members may, with the consent of the majority of members, decide to adjourn these meetings from time to time.
- 7.23** The purpose of executive meetings is to provide a forum for the organization's executives to discuss and make decisions on day-to-day matters affecting the organization.
- 7.24** Executive meetings will be facilitated by the President of the organization. The President shall be responsible for:
- 7.25** Formulating and distributing an agenda for each meeting;
- 7.26** Ensuring appropriate conduct and leading the meeting in an efficient, reasonable manner;
- 7.27** Moderating the discussion at meetings according to the agenda;
- 7.28** There shall be a minimum of one ① executive meeting held every two ② weeks during the period September 1 to April 30. The date of each subsequent executive meeting will be confirmed at the preceding meeting and will be reiterated to executives via email a minimum of two ② calendar days prior to the meeting.
- 7.29** The frequency of executive meetings occurring between May 1 and August 31 will be left to the discretion of the executive committee.
- 7.30** Executive meetings may be called to order by the President or through a petition signed by three ③ executive members.

- 7.31** Executive meetings are restricted to executive members only. Quorum will be established by the presence of a simple and clear majority of the total executives for the organization.
- 7.32** Minutes of all executive meetings must be recorded and maintained for reference purposes.
- 7.33** Executives must notify the President a minimum of six ⑥ hours before an executive meeting to inform them of new business they wish to discuss. The President will then add the discussion item to the agenda.
- 7.34** Each executive member of the organization shall be entitled to one ① vote at a valid executive meeting.
- 7.35** Any question at an Executive Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands.
- 7.36** Whenever a vote by show of hands occurs, a declaration by the President that the vote has been carried, carried by a particular majority, or failed shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 7.37** In case of an equality of votes at an Executive Meeting, the motion will be recorded as having failed.
- 7.38** The President may, with the consent of the majority of executives, decide to adjourn these meetings from time to time. 9.1 Emergency meetings can be called for extenuating or unforeseen circumstances that may arise from time to time.
- 7.39** These meetings must abide the respective rules outlined in sections VII and VIII depending on the nature of the meeting.
- 7.40** Notice of these meetings must be provided a minimum of 24 hours in advance through email.
- 7.41** Less notice for emergency meetings may be provided at the discretion of the President in agreement with a minimum of five ⑤ general members.

Article 8: Elections

- 8.1** The GDSC Lead must independently apply and be selected through Google's hiring system to ensure fairness and professionalism standards, and to comply with GDSC's global requirements.
- 8.2** Selection of new Vice-Leads will be based on a hiring procedure issued by the previous year's GDSC Lead. The new GDSC Lead must abide by the set procedure to hire their new Vice-Leads.
- 8.3** The newly selected Vice-Leads and Directors must be approved by the previous year's GDSC Lead. Otherwise, the new GDSC Lead does not have the right to hire them.
- 8.4** The selection of new Directors is based on the procedure that the new GDSC Lead sets, and the new Directors must be approved by the previous GDSC Lead.
- 8.5** If the previous and new GDSC Leads have conflicting ideas on the selection of new Vice-Leads and Directors, a meeting with more than 50% of the previous year's executive members will be held and the selection will be based on the majority vote in that meeting. The previous GDSC Lead holds the right to veto any unreasonable decisions. 9.1 Emergency meetings can be called for extenuating or unforeseen circumstances that may arise from time to time.

- 8.6 Executive elections will be held prior to March 31 each year.
- 8.7 Candidates for executive positions shall be selected through an application process subject to meeting a set of minimum qualifications for holding a particular position. These qualifications will be established by the outgoing executive team each year prior to the commencement of the application submission period.
- 8.8 Only student members who meet the minimum qualifications to hold an executive position shall be permitted to participate in an election and hold executive positions.
- 8.9 All screening of candidates will be conducted by a committee comprised of majority number of non-executive general members and minority number of executives who will assess each candidate's qualifications against pre-established criteria for holding the positions.
- 8.10 Notification of the acceptance of applications for executive positions will be sent via email to all general members a minimum of twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the general meeting at which the election will be held.
- 8.11 All application periods must commence a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the general meeting at which the election will be held. The application period must end a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the general meeting at which the election will be held.
- 8.12 Successful candidates will be permitted to give a short speech at the general meeting where the election is being held. Each speech will be followed by a short question and answer period. The length of each speech and the question/answer period will be left to the discretion of the Chairperson.
- 8.13 Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot, and overseen by an election oversight committee separate and unique from the candidate selection committee described in section 10.4.
- 8.14 This committee will be comprised of two (2) non-executive general members and one (1) executive.
- 8.15 Successful candidates will be determined by accrual of the most number of votes tallied from amongst the general membership.
- 8.16 Final results of the election must be presented to the membership for ratification of the process only. The results themselves should not be brought into question; only the process through which these results were tabulated.
- 8.17 If an error in the process is found, the election should be re-held at the final General Meeting with a new election oversight committee.
- 8.18 Candidates who run for a position unopposed must receive a simple and clear majority of the total eligible votes at a valid general meeting in which an election is held to be declared the winner of that election.

Article 9: Amendments

- 9.1 All constitutional amendments shall require an 80% majority vote of the executive team to be passed at a general meeting. The GDSC Lead must comply with the decision of the meeting.

- 9.2 Any general or executive member holds the right to read the constitution and propose suggestions and changes to the GDSC Lead. It is entirely dependent on the GDSC Lead if the changes will be considered in a meeting (refer to 9.1) or discarded.
- 9.3 The Executive Committee shall submit the revised constitution to staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto within two weeks. Amendments to the constitution shall take effect only once the revised constitution has been approved by staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto.
- 9.4 The organization may make, amend or repeal the constitution or certain sections therein.
- 9.5 Notice of a meeting called to consider such a resolution shall be given as follows:
- 9.6 Notice of the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment shall be given to each member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting called to consider the change;
- 9.7 A summary of the rationale for the proposed amendment shall be given to each member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting called to consider the change.
- 9.8 Amendments to the constitution require the approval of two-thirds of the members present at a valid general meeting (a general meeting that has achieved quorum).
- 9.9 The general membership must have the final say on amendments to the constitution.

Article 10: Transition

- 10.1 All outgoing executives are required to transfer all organizational resources used relative to a particular role over the preceding year to new executives upon leaving the position.
- 10.2 All outgoing executives are responsible for providing a detailed report to incoming executives that stipulates the status of ongoing projects in their portfolio and evaluations of previous projects and programs that they lead.
- 10.3 All outgoing and incoming executives will participate in a joint training session occurring no later than the end of May each year to assist with the transition between new executive teams.

Article 11: Emergency Powers

- 11.1 In the case of extenuating circumstances, the GDSC Lead shall be afforded the ability to act without direction from the organization's members.
- 11.2 An extenuating circumstance is defined as any instance that may jeopardize the immediate functioning of the organization including but not limited to executive vacancies, unexpected cancellations, removal from position, or lack of response from members.
- 11.3 Emergency powers may only be used for such a period as is needed to address an extenuating circumstance.

11.4 General members have the ability to remove emergency powers where appropriate through submission of a signed petition from at least 10% of the entire general membership.

Article 12: University Policies, Food Handling on Campus, Legal Liability

12.1 GDSC will abide by all pertinent University of Toronto policies, procedures, and guidelines. Where the University's policies, procedures, and guidelines conflict with those of GDSC, the University's policies, procedures, and guidelines will take precedence.

12.2 GDSC will conform to Provincial and Municipal Health Regulations when events that include the sale and/or service of food products are held on the University of Toronto Scarborough campus.

12.3 The University of Toronto Scarborough does not endorse the 's beliefs or philosophy nor does it assume legal liability for the group's activities on or off campus.

Article 13: Banking

13.1 GDSC agrees to provide the name of the bank, the branch number and address, transit number, bank account number, and a list of all signing officers for all bank accounts opened in the organization's name to the Department of Student Life, University of Toronto Scarborough.

Appendix A: General Meeting Rules of Order

I. Call to Order

1. The Chairperson may call the meeting to order only if a quorum of executives and non-executive general members is present in person. If a quorum does not exist, the meeting is not qualified to conduct business. A general member may not appear by proxy or mail ballot.

2. The meeting must be open to all applicable general members. General members must receive notice of the meeting in accordance with, the constitution.

II. Review of the Agenda

1. The first draft of the agenda is prepared by the chairperson prior to the meeting. Agenda items should ordinarily appear in the order set forth in these rules of order.

2. The agenda belongs to all general members. The agenda may be modified only by a majority vote. This power should only be used when necessary as proper functioning of meetings and the organization requires advance planning.

3. At this point in the agenda, general members may add or delete items from the agenda and may change the order of presentation.

4. When possible, changes to the agenda should be done by acquiescence of all general members. Formal voting on the agenda is only necessary where it appears to the chairperson that there is a disagreement.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

1. The minutes need not be read aloud but they should be entered into the organization's official minute ledger upon approval by the general membership.

2. The minutes are prepared by either the secretary or some other individual appointed by the general membership to act as recording secretary. Any general member may suggest changes to the minutes before the general membership adopts them. The suggested changes should be set forth in the minutes for the record, and then the general membership should adopt or reject such changes.

3. Minutes should state precisely each motion considered by the general membership, and identify the general members voting in favor, against, or abstaining, and whether the motion was carried. Minutes need not reflect the comments made except in those instances when the member desires to make his/her comments recorded.

4. When possible, changes to the minutes and adoption of the minutes should be done by acquiescence of all general members. Formal voting on the minutes is only necessary where it appears to the Chairperson that there is a disagreement.

IV. Executive Reports

1. Executives may report their findings or recommendations to the general membership at this point of the agenda.

2. The full report should be presented and then general members, in turn, may ask questions or comment. It is not appropriate to make motions or discuss items of business during this portion of the meeting.

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3. This time should also be used for any presentations to be made to the general membership.

V. Open Forum

1. It is the custom and practice of most organizations to allow general members an open forum to ask questions and speak about their concerns to an executive after a report has been provided.

2. Strict time limitations should be imposed by the Chairperson and these limitations must be enforced. Each general member should address the Chairperson regarding an issue and must speak courteously and to the point.

VI. Old and New Business

1. All items that were tabled during previous meetings must be revisited during the business portion of the agenda occurring after executive reports.

2. The general membership may vote to postpone consideration of any old business or it may remove any item from consideration.

3. Except in the case of emergency business, all new items of business are heard only after all of the old items have been addressed by the general membership.

4. All business must be conducted in the form of motions or resolutions adopted by a vote of the general membership.

VII. Motions and Deliberations

1. When an item of business is to be discussed, the Chairperson announces the item to be discussed and opens the floor to discussion.

2. No general member may speak until recognized by the Chairperson. No general member may interrupt the speaker who has the floor.

3. The Chairperson may impose reasonable time limitations. All time limitations must be uniformly imposed upon all of the general members. The speaker shall be given a one-minute warning before time runs out. By vote of a majority of the general membership, time limits may be extended.

4. The Chairperson is to recognize each general member in turn. Discussion shall be limited to the item of business at hand, and the Chairperson shall have the authority to take the floor from a speaker who does not limit discussion to the item of business at hand.

5. No general member may speak to an issue for a second time until all other general members have had the opportunity to speak to it for the first time. Likewise, no general member may speak to an issue for a third time until all other general members have had the opportunity to speak to it for a second time.

6. When it appears to the Chairperson that all general members have had the opportunity to fully discuss the matter at hand, the Chair should announce that the item of business is ready for a vote.

11 VIII. Voting

1. There are 3 basic motions for each item of business:

- A motion to adopt a specific action by the board.
- A motion to postpone the item to another meeting (including fact-finding assignments to a person or committee).
- A motion to remove an item from consideration

2. The general membership is limited to discussing one item of business at a time, but there are no limits to the number of motions that may be considered as to how to dispose of that item of business.

3. After the general membership has had the opportunity to discuss each motion presented for consideration, the Chairperson will call each motion presented to a vote.

4. The fact that a motion has been adopted or failed does not prevent the item of business from being added to the agenda in the future and all motions may be reconsidered at any time by the general membership.