

University of Toronto's Black Psychology Student Association Constitution

Article I: Name of Organization

1.1 The official name of the organization will be the " University of Toronto's Black Psychology Student Association."

1.2 The University of Toronto's Black Psychology Student Association may be referred to by the acronym "BPSA."

1.3 The University of Toronto's Black Psychology Student Association may be referred to internally and in university wide-communications as simply the "Black Psychology Student Association".

Article II: Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the Black Psychology Student Association will be to increase the visibility of the field of psychology to Black students, particularly those in middle school, highschool and university who may be looking to find pathways into psychology related careers. This aim will be achieved through illuminating career and research opportunities within the field of psychology, fostering collaboration with Black students to gain knowledge into their psychology related interests, enhancing accessibility to psychological findings relevant to the Black community, and promoting student engagement through various activities, publications, and initiatives.

2.2 At present majority of psychological pedagogy is eurocentric, and continues to a central focus of the Black Psychology Student Association will be to highlight the work of Black researchers and interdisciplinary scholars doing work in the field of Black mental health and psychology.

2.2 The Black Psychology Student Association will enhance the educational, recreational, social, and cultural environment of the University of Toronto Scarborough by providing resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities to Black students interested in psychology.

2.3 The Black Psychology Student Association fundamentally serves a non-profit function within the University of Toronto Scarborough and will not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.

2.4 The Black Psychology Student Association operates as an independent entity working within the University of Toronto Scarborough community, subject to the values and policies of the University.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

3.1 Membership in the Black Psychology Student Association is open to all students, staff, faculty, and alumni of the University of Toronto Scarborough. The central goal of BPA is to bring together Black identifying students, and recruitment will be targeted to achieve this goal.

Section 2: Term of Membership

3.2 The term of membership for the Black Psychology Student Association will be from September 1 to August 31 each year.

Section 3: Rights and Responsibilities

3.3 Each member shall be afforded the following rights through membership in the Black Psychology Student Association:

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

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

3.3.3 The right to organize and 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 that are illegal or infringe on the rights and freedoms 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 the Black Psychology Student Association:

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.

Section 4: Membership Fee

3.5 The Black Psychology Student Association will not collect a membership fee.

Section 5: Privacy of Member Information

3.6 The Black Psychology Student Association values and respects the personal information of its members. The Association secures its members' information at all times and will not supply names or other confidential information to third parties.

Section 6: Use of Member Information

3.7 The Black Psychology Student Association will protect the privacy of member information and must use it only for the delivery of service and not for commercial gain.

This section outlines the eligibility, rights, and responsibilities of members, as well as procedures related to membership fees and the privacy of member information within the Black Psychology Student Association.

Article IV: Executive

Section 1: Executive Positions

4.1 The executives of the Black Psychology Student Association shall include the following positions:

- Co-Presidents
- Campus Life Coordinator
- Student Engagement Coordinator
- Social Media Coordinator
- Events Coordinator
- Research Coordinator
- Outreach Coordinator
- Logistics Coordinator
- Design Coordinator
- Secretary
- Design Assistant
- Research Associates

Section 2: Responsibilities of Executive Positions

- **Co-Presidents:** The Co-Presidents of the Black Psychology Student Association are the official spokespeople of the organization. They provide leadership and direction for all components of the organization in a manner consistent with the organization's constitution and policies.
- **Student Engagement Coordinator:** The Student Engagement Coordinator acts as an advocate and resource for addressing the academic and social needs of members, ensuring their active involvement and engagement within the organization.

- **Social Media Coordinator:** The Social Media Coordinator is responsible for managing the organization's online presence and communication. They create and share content to engage members and the public, promoting the mission and activities of the Black Psychology Student Association.
- **Campus Life Coordinator:** The Campus Life Coordinator oversees and plans events and activities organized by the Black Psychology Student Association for the benefit of its members and the broader campus community in line with student needs on campus.
- **Events Coordinator:** The Events Coordinator is in charge of planning and executing various events and gatherings hosted by the organization, creating opportunities for networking, education, and community building.
- **Research Coordinator:** The Research Coordinator plays a vital role in advancing the organization's academic pursuits. They oversee research initiatives, facilitating opportunities for members to engage in meaningful research related to Black psychology.
- **Outreach Coordinator:** The Outreach Coordinator acts as a liaison between the Black Psychology Student Association and other student clubs, societies, organizations, and groups on and off campus. They strengthen collaborations and partnerships to expand the organization's reach and impact.
- **Logistics Coordinator:** The Logistics Coordinator manages the practical aspects of organizing events and activities, ensuring smooth operations, from venue coordination to equipment and materials.
- **Design Coordinator:** The Design Coordinator is responsible for creating visually engaging materials and graphics for the organization's communications, events, and promotional materials.
- **Secretary:** The Secretary assists in maintaining organizational records and documentation, including meeting minutes, membership records, and official correspondence, ensuring efficient and transparent record-keeping.
- **Design Assistant:** The Design Assistant supports the Design Coordinator in creating visual content and materials, contributing to the organization's branding and promotional efforts.
- **Research Associates:** Research Associates assist the Research Coordinator in conducting research activities, including data collection, analysis, and literature reviews, helping to advance the academic objectives of the Black Psychology Student Association.

Each of these roles within the Black Psychology Student Association contributes uniquely to the organization's mission of promoting awareness, education, and engagement in the field of Black psychology, and together, they ensure the effective functioning and growth of the organization.

Section 3: Eligibility and Term

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

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

Section 4: Resignation

4.8 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.

4.10 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.

Section 5: Vacancies

4.9 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.

4.11 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.

This section outlines the executive positions, their responsibilities, eligibility, and procedures related to resignation and vacancies within the Black Psychology Student Association.

Article V: Removal of Members and Executives

Section 1: Initiation of Removal Process

5.1 The process for removing a member or executive may be initiated when a committee consisting 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:

5.1.1 A member or executive has engaged in unlawful actions or activities.

5.1.2 A member or executive has violated the constitution.

5.1.3 A member or executive has violated University of Toronto policies, procedures, or guidelines.

5.1.4 A member or executive has violated the rights of a fellow member.

5.1.5 A member or executive has not fulfilled their organizational responsibilities.

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

Section 2: Alternative Initiations

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

5.2.1 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.

5.2.2 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.

Section 3: Removal Procedure

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

5.3.1 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.

5.3.2 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 Co-Presidents 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 Co-Presidents 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 Co-Presidents' written response to demonstrate progress or correction of behavior.

5.3.3 Third Tier: Initiated because the member or executive has violated section 5.1 after receiving a 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.

This section outlines the procedures for removing members and executives from the Black Psychology Student Association, including the initiation process, warning tiers, and the voting procedure for removal.

Article VI: Finances

Section 1: Expenditure of Funds

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

Section 2: Approval of Unbudgeted Expenditure

6.2 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.

Section 3: Budget Preparation

6.3 All budgets shall be prepared by the Co-Presidents in accordance with the organization's priorities as determined by the executive committee in consultation with general members at a valid general meeting.

Section 4: Proposed Operating Budget

6.4 The Co-Presidents shall present a proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year to the general membership for its consideration at the final general meeting.

Section 5: Approval of Operating Budget

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

6.6 The operating budget shall be approved by a majority vote of the general members present and voting at a valid general meeting.

Section 6: Banking

6.7 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.

6.8 Co-Presidents and only in special circumstances, shall be the sole signing authorities of banking instruments for the organization.

6.9 The Black Psychology Student Association will ensure that proper and accurate financial records are maintained and passed on to incoming executives following each year's elections.

6.10 The Black Psychology Student Association will accept full financial and production responsibility for all activities it sponsors, plans, or executes.

Article VII: General Meetings

Section 1: Purpose of General Meetings

7.1 The purpose of General Meetings is to provide a forum for executives to overview the activities of the organization and solicit feedback from members, engage in policy-making, propose amendments to the constitution, and report on the financial status of the organization.

Section 2: Facilitation of General Meetings

7.2 General meetings will be facilitated by a Chairperson selected by the general membership from the executive committee. The Chairperson shall be responsible for:

7.2.1 Formulating and distributing an agenda for each meeting no later than two (2) days before the meeting;

7.2.2 Ensuring appropriate conduct and leading the meeting in an efficient, reasonable manner;

7.2.3 Moderating the discussion at meetings according to the agenda;

7.2.4 Suspending members from participating in meetings for constitutional or procedural violations.

Section 3: Meeting Procedures

7.3 The procedure at meetings of members shall be governed in accordance with the process outlined in Appendix A.

7.4 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.

7.5 General meetings may be called to order by either of the Co-Presidents, through a petition signed by three (3) executive members, or by a petition signed by five (5) non-executive general members.

7.6 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.

7.7 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 times.

7.8 All executives are expected to make brief progress reports on their activities at every general meeting.

7.9 Minutes of all general meetings must be recorded and maintained for reference purposes.

7.10 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.

7.11 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.

7.12 Any question at a valid general meeting shall be decided by a show of hands.

7.13 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.

7.14 In case of an equality of votes at a valid general meeting, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have the deciding vote.

7.15 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.

These sections outline the financial management and procedures for general meetings within the Black Psychology Student Association.

Article VIII: Executive Meetings

Section 1: Purpose of Executive Meetings

8.1 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.

Section 2: Facilitation of Executive Meetings

8.2 Executive meetings will be facilitated by the President of the organization. The President shall be responsible for:

8.2.1 Formulating and distributing an agenda for each meeting;

8.2.2 Ensuring appropriate conduct and leading the meeting in an efficient, reasonable manner;

8.2.3 Moderating the discussion at meetings according to the agenda;

Section 3: Meeting Frequency

8.3 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.

8.4 The frequency of executive meetings occurring between May 1 and August 31 will be left to the discretion of the executive committee.

Section 4: Calling Executive Meetings

8.5 Executive meetings may be called to order by either of the Co-Presidents or through a petition signed by three (3) executive members.

Section 5: Quorum and Minutes

8.6 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.

8.7 Minutes of all executive meetings must be recorded and maintained for reference purposes.

Section 6: Adding Discussion Items

8.8 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.

Section 7: Voting at Executive Meetings

8.9 Each executive member of the organization shall be entitled to one (1) vote at a valid executive meeting.

8.10 Any question at an Executive Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands.

8.11 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.

8.12 In case of an equality of votes at an Executive Meeting, the motion will be recorded as having failed.

8.13 The President may, with the consent of the majority of executives, decide to adjourn these meetings from time to time.

Article IX: Emergency Meetings

Section 1: Purpose of Emergency Meetings

9.1 Emergency meetings can be called for extenuating or unforeseen circumstances that may arise from time to time.

9.2 These meetings must abide by the respective rules outlined in sections VII and VIII depending on the nature of the meeting.

9.3 Notice of these meetings must be provided a minimum of 24 hours in advance through email.

9.4 Less notice for emergency meetings may be provided at the discretion of the President in agreement with a minimum of five (5) general members.

These sections address the purpose, facilitation, frequency, and rules of executive meetings and emergency meetings within the Black Psychology Student Association.

Article X: Elections

Section 1: Election Timing

10.1 Executive elections will be held prior to March 31 each year.

Section 2: Candidate Selection

10.2 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.

10.3 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.

10.4 All screening of candidates will be conducted by a committee comprised of a majority number of non-executive general members and a minority number of executives who will assess each candidate's qualifications against pre-established criteria for holding the positions.

10.5 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.

10.6 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.

10.7 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.

10.8 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.

10.9 This committee will be comprised of two (2) non-executive general members and one (1) executive.

10.10 Successful candidates will be determined by accrual of the most number of votes tallied from amongst the general membership.

10.11 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.

10.12 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.

10.13 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 XI: Amendments

Section 1: Amendment Procedure

11.1 The organization may make, amend or repeal the constitution or certain sections therein.

11.2 Notice of a meeting called to consider such a resolution shall be given as follows:

11.2.1 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;

11.2.2 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.

11.3 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).

11.4 The general membership must have the final say on amendments to the constitution.

Article XII: Transition

Section 1: Transition Responsibilities

12.1 All outgoing executives are required to transfer all organizational resources used relative to a particular role over the course of the preceding year to new executives upon leaving the position.

12.2 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.

12.3 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 XIII: Emergency Powers

Section 1: Emergency Powers

13.1 In the case of extenuating circumstances, the executive shall be afforded the ability to act without direction from the organization's members.

13.2 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.

13.3 Emergency powers may only be used for such a period of time as is needed to address an extenuating circumstance.

13.4 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 XIV: Food Handling on Campus

Section 1: Food Handling Compliance

14.1 The organization will conform to Provincial and Municipal Health Regulations when events which include the sale and/or service of food products are held on the University of Toronto Scarborough campus.

Article XV: Precedence of University Policies

Section 1: University Policies

15.1 The organization will abide by all pertinent University of Toronto policies, procedures, and guidelines. Where the University's policies, procedures, and guidelines conflict with those of the organization, the University's policies, procedures, and guidelines will take precedent.

Article XVI: Legal Liability

Section 1: Legal Liability

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

Article XVII: Banking

Section 1: Banking Information

17.1 The organization 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

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.

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

This completes the incorporation of Article X to Article XVII and Appendix A into the constitution of the "Black Psychology Student Association."

Article II: Review of the Agenda

Section 1: Agenda Preparation

II.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.

II.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.

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

II.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.

Article III: Approval of Previous Minutes

Section 1: Approval Procedure

III.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.

III.2 The minutes are prepared by either the secretary or some other individual appointed by the general membership to act as a 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.

III.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.

III.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.

Article IV: Executive Reports

Section 1: Reporting Procedure

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

IV.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.

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

Article V: Open Forum

Section 1: Open Forum Procedure

V.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.

V.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.

Article VI: Old and New Business

Section 1: Business Handling

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

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

VI.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.

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

Article VII: Motions and Deliberations

Section 1: Discussion Procedure

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

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

VII.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 a vote of a majority of the general membership, time limits may be extended.

VII.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.

VII.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.

VII.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.

Article VIII: Voting

Section 1: Types of Motions

VIII.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.

Section 2: Discussion Limitation

VIII.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.

Section 3: Voting Procedure

VIII.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.

Section 4: Reconsideration

VIII.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.