

STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION



Society of Physics Students

Article I- Name and Purpose

Society of Physics Students has been established for the purpose of educating the public about the wonders of physics and the beauty of scientific endeavor. SPS is comprised of students who are passionate about physics and want to apply their education outside the classroom.

Article II- Scope

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

Article III- Membership

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by:

- Attending at least 4 meetings per semester

Membership in this organization is open to any UMBC undergraduate student (without restriction of GPA requirement, try-outs, etc.).

Membership in this organization will not be denied because of race, color, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, disabled veteran or veteran status, national origin, or religion.

Article IV- Officers and Elections

a. Officers

The officers of Society of Physics Students shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Media Coordinator.

The duties of the President shall include:

- managing member recruitment/retention
- developing and managing events
- developing and managing projects
- serving as the organization's official representative for communicating with SGA and UMBC staff

The duties of the Vice President shall include:

- managing public relations
- assuming the role of President in the event of the President's absence or incapacity
- general management of relations with external organizations and/or institutions

The duties of the Treasurer shall include:

- . managing fundraising
- . managing the organization's funds and ensuring compliance with all financial rules and guidelines

The duties of the Secretary shall include:

- . managing fundraising
- . managing communication within the group
- . recording and archiving information from meetings and activities

The duties of the Outreach Coordinator shall include:

- . managing the social media accounts
- . documenting the events of the club with photos
- . promoting the club with social media engagement
- . general management of relations with external organizations and/or institutions
- . coordinator of making physics demonstrations and presenting them
- . in charge of outreach events in and outside of UMBC

b. Elections

All officers shall be elected to a term of one year starting and ending on May 1st.

Elections will be held between April 15th and April 30th. In addition, in the case that a vacancy occurs in any of the elected positions identified in this Article, an election will be held to fill the position.

At least 7 days notice shall be given to all members before the annual election meeting.

Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot where the person receiving the majority of votes wins, but if no one receives a majority a runoff occurs between the two candidates with the most votes.

Officers may be removed throughout the year by a 2/3 vote of the other members present at a meeting.

Before the vote, the individual(s) proposing to remove the officer will explain the specific reasons for the proposed action, which must involve misconduct or failure to fulfill officer responsibilities, and the officer will have the opportunity to respond.

Article V- Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of all members present at the meeting. All amendments must be approved in accordance with Student Government Association policy before becoming legally binding.

Organization Type

Academic/Departmental

Organization Funding Status

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