

**THE CHEER & BRUTUS ALUMNI SOCIETY**  
**A CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATION OF**  
**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization is The Ohio State University Cheer & Brutus Alumni Society (hereinafter referred to as “The Society”).

**ARTICLE II – OBJECT**

The Society is formed to promote the advancement of the interests of The Ohio State University Spirit Squad, which includes Cheerleaders and Mascots, and The Ohio State University, and to promote closer fellowship among the alumni of The Ohio State University Spirit Squad and The Ohio State University. It shall be an integral part of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., (hereafter referred to as the Association), the official alumni organization of The Ohio State University, (hereafter referred to as the University). The Society will also promote and support the mission of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP & DUES**

Section 1: All persons who were on the “official roster” for the cheerleading squad or Brutus for one year are eligible for membership in the Association, as outlined in Article 1, Section 2 of the Association’s Constitution, are eligible for membership in this society and may vote on matters of the Society.

Section 2: Such non-alumni who by their interest and activity have distinguished themselves by their work for the Society may be entitled to honorary membership by special action of the Board.

Section 3: Such non-alumni who express an interest in membership in the Society may be granted associate membership in the Society. Associate members may not hold office but are eligible to vote on matters of the Society as determined by the Board.

Section 4: Dues may be established by the Board.

Section 5: Membership in good standing is defined as having membership dues paid for current year.

## **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

Section 1: The officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom must be Active Members of the Association, as defined-by Article 1, Section 3 of the Association's Constitution, and the Society.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be such as are generally exercised by such officers, and such as may be assigned to them respectively by the Board of Governors from time to time.

## **ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of The Society, and shall be Chairman of the Board and an ex officio member of all Committees.

Section 2: The Vice President shall assist the President and shall perform the duties of the President, at the request of the President or in the event of his/her absence or disability. Should the Office of the President become vacant, the Vice President shall become President for the duration of the unexpired term.

The Vice President shall be a Member of the Board and shall serve ex officio as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Board ~~of~~ and other such meeting as are called of the general membership. The Secretary shall send out all notices of meetings and shall send reports of all meetings and activities of The Society to the Association.

The Secretary shall assist the President and serve as a member of the Board.

The secretary shall have the custody of the names and contact information of the current members in good standing of the society as provided by the Association and shall record all changes, immediately notifying the Association of any additions or corrections to the list. In addition, any alumni contact information updates as gleaned through society business.

The Society shall not release the list without prior approval of the Association. Any person(s) in violation of this policy shall be subject to expulsion from office by the Board of Directors of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall supervise all receipts and expenditures and shall be the ex officio member of the Finance Committee. If dues are charged, the Treasurer shall be responsible for overseeing the process and distribution of dues, subject to the approval of the Board. As requested, the Treasurer shall complete and submit annual financial forms to the Association. Additionally, the Treasurer shall complete and submit any documents that may be required by the Internal Revenue Service.

## **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Section 1:** The Board, all of whom must be Active Members of the Association as outlined in Article 1, Section 2 of the Association's Constitution and the Society, shall consist of:

- a. The above-named officers
- b. The immediate past president.
- c. Up to ten members at large, elected to the board by the membership of the Society as outlined in Article IX.
- d. The president/CEO of the Association, or the president/CEO designee, as an ex officio, without a vote.
- e. The Coach(s) to The Ohio State University Cheerleading & Brutus Squad, or their designee, as an ex officio, without a vote.
- f. A student representative(s) selected by the board to serve as an ex officio voting member(s).

**Section 2:** The governance of the Society and the direction of its activities shall be vested in the Board.

**Section 3:** The Board shall have full power to fill all vacancies.

**Section 4:** A meeting of the Board must be called by the President of the Society upon written request of at least three members of the Board.

**Section 5:** The Board shall meet at least two times per year, and shall meet at such times and places as may be decided by the President.

**Section 6:** The Board shall have full power to remove a board member as defined in the bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** At least one meeting of the general membership of the Society must be held each year. Failure to comply with this provision shall make the Society charter subject to revocation by the Association.

**Section 2:** The Annual Meeting of the general membership of the Society shall be held during the Annual Reunion of the Society or at such other time and place as the Board may decide.

Section 3: There shall be other such general membership meetings each year as the President, with the approval of the Board of the Society, deems desirable.

Section 4: The President of the Society must call a general membership meeting of the Society upon the written request of a majority of the Members of the Board. Upon failure of the President to call such a meeting within ten days of such request, the meeting may be called by any other member of the Board, or by the petitioning Members. In such instance, the president/CEO of the Association shall be notified, and the president/CEO shall send due notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting to all members of the Society.

Section 5: Where this Constitution fails to provide authority for procedure, *Roberts Rules of Order* shall be used.

### **ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

The President of the Society will have the power to appoint committees with the approval of the Board of Governors.

### **ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS**

Members of the Board shall be elected by a majority vote each year at the annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors have been qualified and elected. Elections will be held at the annual meeting to replace board members whose terms have expired.

### **ARTICLE X - BYLAWS**

The Society is permitted to establish bylaws at any regular board meeting of the Society, a quorum being present, by a two-third vote of all board members present, provided that notice of such proposed bylaw(s) shall have been communicated via mail or electronic means to each board member at least ten days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to the bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the Society constitution or is contrary to the constitution of the Association.

### **ARTICLE XI – ADOPTION**

This Constitution shall be officially adopted upon its approval by majority vote of the Members in Good Standing present at a duly called general member meeting of the Society, subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the Association.

## **ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the total votes cast in a manner decided upon by the Board of Governors of the Society. No amendments shall take effect until duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Approved – May, 1985

Revised – September, 2015

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