

# NORML @ ISU Constitution

## I. ARTICLE I: Name

This affiliate shall be commonly known as the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws at Iowa State University, or NORML @ ISU, hereafter referred to as “the Chapter” and in some cases “NORML @ ISU”.

## II. ARTICLE II: Affiliation and Purpose

### Section 1.

This organization shall be affiliated with the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) in accordance with the guidelines enumerated in the NORML Activist Program and Affiliate Guidelines.

### Section 2.

This organization shall promote a better understanding of:

1. The current status of laws concerning cannabis (marijuana) in the state of Iowa, and in the United States at large;
2. The medical, legal, environmental, economic and civil arguments for more reasonable treatment of cannabis in the laws of the state of Iowa and the United States and;
3. The policy options for cannabis regulation as delineated in the NORML Official Policy Statement.

## III. ARTICLE III: Statement of Compliance

1. NORML @ ISU will recruit Iowa State University students to push for Congressional involvement in the elimination of Prohibition of Marijuana use, possession, and cultivation.
2. NORML @ ISU will adhere to all ISU rules and regulations (policies) as well as State and Federal Law. In addition, the chapter will follow all local ordinances and regulations.
3. NORML @ ISU agrees to annually complete President’s training, Treasurer’s training, and Advisor Training (if required).

## IV. ARTICLE IV: Non-Discrimination Statement

Iowa State University and NORML @ ISU do not discriminate on the basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S Veteran.

## V. ARTICLE V: Membership

Membership into NORML @ ISU will not be restricted by any means other than by the University’s regulations regarding organization membership. All members of the community and students or faculty on campus are welcome to join if they meet University club and organization requirements.

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## VI. ARTICLE VI: Officers

### a. Officer Positions and Responsibilities

*President:* The NORML @ ISU president will be the keeper of the mission and the vision. They will also be primarily responsible for maintaining good standing and promoting recruitment. Furthermore, they will be the officer responsible for risk management. The risk management responsibilities entail the following:

- (a) help minimize potential risks for club activities,
- (b) recommend risk management policies or procedures,
- (c) to submit documentation to ISU's Risk Management Office and
- (d) to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).

*Treasurer:* The NORML @ ISU treasurer will perform all responsibilities in keeping with Iowa State University student organization treasurers, including management of finances and completion of the annual treasurer's training.

*Adviser:* The NORML @ ISU adviser will do the best they can. Dr. Eric Cooper has served in this role for many years and NORML @ ISU hopes he will remain in this role for the foreseeable future.

### b. Officer Terms of Service

All NORML @ ISU officers—except the adviser—will serve for one year from the date of their election. The adviser will serve unless or until they resign or are voted out by a simple majority of the NORML @ ISU membership. "Simple majority" here means those in attendance at a club meeting.

### c. Dates for Elections

Elections will occur one week after fall ISU Clubfest every year unless they are required more frequently.

### d. Method of Election

All elected officer positions will be decided by a simple majority of club members in attendance at the election meeting.

### e. Removal of Officers

Impeachment or removal of an officer may be considered if an officer fails to uphold the duties of their position or commits wrongdoing against another club member. Impeachment proceedings may be initiated by oral complaint at a club meeting and decided by a simple majority of the club members in attendance.

### f. Replacement of Officers

To fill an officer vacancy, a special election will be held within two weeks of the previous officer's leave. The special election will follow the same procedures as general elections.

## **g. Minimum Requirements for Officers**

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.
- (b) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.
- (c) Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).

## **VII. ARTICLE VII: Adviser**

*Adviser Duties:* The NORML @ ISU Adviser will do the best they can to assist with the leadership development of the organization's officers and maintenance of minimum requirements to remain in good standing.

*Method of Adviser Selection and Term of Service:* The adviser will serve unless or until they resign or are voted out by a simple majority of the NORML @ ISU membership. "Simple majority" here means those in attendance at a club meeting.

*Removal and Replacement of Adviser:* Removal and replacement proceedings for the Adviser shall follow the same format as Officer removal and replacement proceedings.

## **VIII. ARTICLE VIII: Finances**

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

No membership dues exist for NORML @ ISU.

## **IX. ARTICLE IX: Amendments and Ratification**

A proposal to amend this constitution may be extended to Officers by any voting member of the organization and will be decided by a simple majority of those in attendance at a club meeting. The amended constitution will be submitted within 10 days to Student Activities Center for approval.