**Article I Name:**

The name of this organization shall be Vérité at Iowa State University.

**Article II Purpose:**

*Articulate the purpose and goals of the organization, as well as the type and scope of the organization's activities and affiliations*

The purpose of this organization is to provide the Iowa State community with information on law and politics in order to engage students. This organization will be nonpartisan.

**Article III Statement of Compliance:**

“Vérité” abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. “Vérité” agrees to annually complete President’s Training, Treasurer’s Training and Adviser Training (if required).

**Article IV Non-Discrimination Statement:**

Iowa State University “Vérité” 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.

**Article V Membership:**

*"Membership shall be open to all registered students in good standing at Iowa State University.”*

**Article VI: Risk Management:**

The risk officer of “Vérité” will be the president of the organization. The role of the risk management officer is to [a] help minimize potential risks for club activities, [b] recommend risk management policies or procedures to (name of student organization), [c] to submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office and [d] to ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all of the organization’s events and [e] to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).

**Article VII Officers:**

Discuss officer duties, terms of service, dates for elections, method of election, minimum cumulative GPA for officers, impeachment and replacement of officers. At minimum, each student organization is expected to designate one officer as the chief student leader (usually titled "president"), one officer authorized to deal with the organization's finances (usually titled "treasurer") and one officer who provides general oversight to the group ensuring that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and Student Activities Center (usually titled "advisor"). The titles of these positions may vary according to the needs of the organization, but the three separate job functions must be provided for in this article.

* Officer Duties and Term of Service—

President/editor-in-chief: Editor-in-chief must be nominated by another member of the organization in order to be considered for the position. After nomination, his or her name will be placed on the ballot. There will be a secret vote at the second to last meeting of the spring semester. From then until the next election, the president will oversee all of the other members’ progress and the production process.

Treasurer: The treasurer must be nominated by another member of the organization in order to be considered for the position. After nomination, his or her name will be placed on the ballot. There will be a secret vote at the second to last meeting of the spring semester. From then until the next election, the treasurer will work with the editor-in-chief in any finance-related area. This includes collecting dues, aiding in Government of the Student Body finance requests, budgeting and paying expenses of organization.

Public relations officer: The public relations officer must be nominated by another member of the organization in order to be considered for the position. After nomination, his or her name will be placed on the ballot. There will be a secret vote at the second to last meeting of the spring semester. From then until the next election, the public relations officer will work with the editor-in-chief in any public relations or marketing-related area. This may include press releases, social media and release party responsibilities.

* Method of election of officers— To be considered for an officer position, the name must be nominated by another member of the organization. After nomination, his or her name will be placed on the ballot. There will be a secret vote at the second to last meeting of the spring semester. The person with the most votes will assume the position.
* Date(s) for election of officers— There will be a secret vote at the second to last general meeting of the spring semester.
* Impeachment/Removal of officers— Officer impeachment/removal may arise from failing to perform specified duties or a breach of ethical expectations. These issues may be brought to the attention of either the editor-in-chief or the treasurer by any member of the organization. If the claim is valid, at the next general meeting, there will be an impeachment vote in addition to a nomination/vote for a replacement for the officer, if necessary.

The person who is impeached is allowed to speak and be present during the final vote if he or she wishes.

Examples of impeachment offenses:

Failing to perform specified duties, as outlines in constitution or assigned by adviser/officers.

Reporting on areas with conflict of interest.

Accepting bribes.

Intentionally misleading the public.

Mishandling the organization’s finances.

* Replacement of officers—If an officer is impeached, at the same meeting a new nomination and election process begins. A confirmation vote will be taken as soon as a qualified candidate is found to fill the position. The will serve the rest of the impeached officer’s original term.
* Minimum Cumulative GPA for Officers—All recognized student organizations at Iowa State University must include the following statement (or its equivalent) in their constitution:

  "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)."

**Article VIII Adviser:**

* Adviser Duties—The adviser of this organization will work with the editor-in-chief, or president, of “Vérité” to provide guidance on content, ethics and direction of the organization.
* Method of election/selection of adviser(s)—The adviser of “Vérité” shall be selected by officers.
* Adviser(s) Term of Service—The adviser serves “Vérité” at his or her leisure and is free to step away at any point. At the end of each year, the president/editor-in-chief will sit down with the adviser to discuss adviser arrangements for the next year.
* Impeachment/Removal of Advisers— The impeachment of an adviser may occur only when he or she fails to provide necessary guidance to the organization, whether by not making time to meet with student leaders. The officers must vote on the impeachment; majority vote rules.
* Replacement of Advisers—An adviser’s position is filled when a vacancy occurs. A replacement with a professional understanding of journalism will be appointed by the editor-in-chief, or president.

**Article IX 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."
* Description of dues- Dues must be paid within three weeks of joining the organization. Students must pay $5 per semester to remain in good standing with the organization.
* Finances of the organization shall contribute only to the success of the publication, such as printing. Other expenditures determined to be necessary for the success of “Vérité” shall be discussed with the treasurer and confirmed by the president, or editor-in-chief.
* Dues must be paid by members at the beginning of the semester, within the first three weeks.
* If the organization dissolves, all monies must be returned to the Government of the Student Body.

**Article X:**

Amendments & Ratification- This constitution is adopted at the first meeting of every semester. Any constitutional changes must be voted on and approved by the general membership of “Vérité.” If a constitutional change is made, a submission of an updated constitution and bylaws to the Student Activities Center is required. Amended or ratified constitution should be submitted within 10 days to Student Activities Center for approval.