**Article I Name:**

The name of this organization shall be BRICS at Iowa State University. This will be the special name and acronym used to refer to our group on and off campus that stands for Building Relationships In Christ Soteria.  This organization is affiliated with the Body of Christ Church (BCC) in Ames Iowa of which members of BRICS may or may not be involved.

**Article II Purpose:**

The purpose of BRICS is to:

* Build lifelong relationships that encourage a lifelong relationship with God.
* Dialogue about and practice the Christian life together.
* Enjoy living.

BRICS primarily pursues these purposes through weekly meetings where members eat together, fellowship, read the bible, pray, discuss and encourage one another in the Christian faith.

**Article III Statement of Compliance:**

BRICS abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations.  BRICS agrees to annually complete President’s Training, Treasurer’s Training and Adviser Training.

**Article IV Non-Discrimination Statement:**

Iowa State University and B.R.I.C.S. 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:**

Voting Membership will be limited to all registered students in good standing at Iowa State University, faculty, and staff.

General Member shall be open to anyone who desires to participate in the meetings and activities may become a general member.

Any member of BRICS can, at any time, voluntarily withdraw his/her membership from this student organization.

**Article VI Risk Management:**

The names Secretary will serve as a risk management officer.  Their role is to help minimize potential risks for club activities, recommend risk management policies or procedures to BRICS, to submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office and to ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all of the organization’s events and to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).

**Article VII Officers:**

This committee shall consist of a President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Faculty Advisor.  The aforementioned students and faculty are required to have a personal relationship with Jesus and live out his teaching as written in the Bible and to be in fellowship with Body of Christ Church.

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)."

Election of all officers will occur by majority hand vote in September.  The term is for the academic year.

Should an officer falter morally or fail to perform their outlined duties impeachment proceedings will be as follows:

* 2-3 examples of offenses documented.
* Majority hand vote for impeachment with officer permission to speak and be present.

Should an officer need to be replaced mid-term a majority hand vote will occur with the term being the remainder of the academic year.

President:  The President shall be the official representative of BRICS on this campus by maintaining the above standards.  His/her duties shall include planning and organization of the location and meetings.

Secretary-Treasurer:    The Secretary-Treasurer shall be in charge of all organization funds and shall handle all organization correspondence.  The Secretary will also perform the Risk Management Officer duties.

**Article VIII Adviser:**

The term for the adviser will be one full year (appointed in August to the following August).The adviser will be selected by the officers and then voted on by the general membership. A majority vote is needed for an adviser to be selected. The duties of the adviser are as follows:

1) Ensure that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and Student Activities Center.

2) Awareness and approval of financial expenditures.

Should an advisor falter morally or fail to perform their outlined duties impeachment proceedings will be as follows:

* 2-3 examples of offenses documented.
* Majority hand vote for impeachment with officer permission to speak and be present.

Should an advisor need to be replaced mid-term a majority hand vote will occur with the term being the remainder of the academic year.

**Article IX Finances:**

No dues will exist for members. All expenses will be funded by Body of Christ Church.

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and dispersed 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.

**Article X:**

Amendments may be made to this constitution providing the amendments are approved by the BRICS members at Iowa State University and the leadership of Body of Christ Church and subsequently receive a two-thirds vote of the qualified membership.  A notice of such vote shall be posted two weeks in advance.  By-laws may be added by the same procedure.  Amended or ratified constitution will be submitted within 10 days to Student Activities Center for approval.

**Article XI:**

We believe in The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the ﬁnal authority for determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, the Bible is inspired, infallible and inerrant (See Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25, 26; 2Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and co-eternal (Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 3:16, 17; 28:19; Luke 1:35; 1John 5:7). We also believe that a man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam’s transgression and fall, sin came into the world. “… All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” “As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one.” Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God. (Romans 5:14; 3:23; 3:10; 1 John 3:8).