

### **Article I- Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Paranormal Research Club at Iowa State University.

### **Article II- Purpose**

The Paranormal Research Club at Iowa State University is an organization meant to bring students together to conduct preliminary research in order to perform paranormal investigations. These investigations can then be analyzed further, with an end goal of finding logical explanations for our observations. Our goal is to conduct research in the most unbiased and professional way possible, by going into these situations with a mindset of inductive reasoning, rather than deductive reasoning. We hope to foster critical thinking, credible research practices, and community among students.

This is designed to be an observational and experimental research club. The scope of activities will be doing research at potentially paranormal locations on and off-campus. This will be done using a range of equipment coupled with preliminary and follow-up research during regular meetings on campus.

### **Article III- Statement of Compliance**

The Paranormal Research Club abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. The Paranormal Research Club agrees to annually complete President's and Treasurer's Training.

### **Article IV- Non-Discrimination Statement**

Iowa State University and the Paranormal Research Club 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- Officers**

- Officer Duties and Term of Service:
  - President: Duties of the President will be to facilitate meetings and organize officer meetings. The term will be one year, beginning during elections during the spring semester and ending at the same time the following year.
  - Vice President: Duties of the Vice President will be to serve the needs of the club if the President is ever absent, and to serve as the Risk Management officer.
    - As the Risk Management Officer, the Vice President will be responsible for risk management to help minimize potential risks for club activities, recommend risk management policies or procedures, to submit documentation to ISU's Risk Management Office, and to ensure that

proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable.)

- The term will be one year, beginning during elections during the spring semester and ending at the same time the following year.
- Treasurer: Responsible for all money-related activities related to the club and holds the club purchasing card. The term will be one year, beginning during elections during the spring semester and ending at the same time the following year.
- Public Relations Chair: Duties of the Public Relations Chair will be to do outreach for the club in the form of tabling, putting up flyers and posters, running social media accounts, and whatever other outreach they see fit. The term will be one year, beginning during elections during the spring semester and ending at the same time the following year.
- Social Chair: Duties of the Social Chair will be to organize social events to facilitate group connections outside of the meetings. The term will be one year, beginning during elections during the spring semester and ending at the same time the following year.
- Method of selection or election of officers: Club members will vote on those who volunteer to run for an officer position, and new officers will be selected based on a simple majority vote. In order to run for an officer position, candidates must submit a candidate profile detailing their skills, experience, and reason for running at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at which the election will be held.
- Date(s) for selection or election of officers: Officers will be selected at the end of the spring semester, specifically during the third week of April.
- Impeachment/Removal of officers: Reasons for impeachment must be brought about or approved by executive officers before a vote would take place, and the person being impeached will be notified that this meeting is taking place. From there, they can choose to attend if they wish to state their case. The impeachment vote will be announced at the meeting following the approval of the impeachment by the executive officers. From there, the vote will be the following week, giving members time to think about the impeachment. Officers can then be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of present club members; the individual under impeachment question cannot vote, but they get 5 minutes to make their case before voting occurs. Another member of the executive team gets 5 minutes to explain the opposition's side before voting occurs.
- Replacement of officers: Open officer seats can be filled by an election in which all running will submit a candidate profile detailing their skills, experience, and reason for running at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The open position will be announced at the meeting following the notice of the open seat to the executive team. The next meeting is when the vote will take place, giving members time to write candidate profiles. From there, these profiles will be distributed to members at the meeting by email or paper copy. If nobody wants to run, seats can be appointed by the executive officers, and the nominee can choose to accept or deny the appointment. A simple majority vote of members present at the meeting will determine who fills the seat.

- Minimum Cumulative GPA 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)

#### **Article VI- Adviser**

- Adviser Duties: Provide 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.
- Method of election/selection of adviser(s): Each executive member will nominate advisers that will be voted upon by all officers. The officers should be present a justification for their nomination.
- Impeachment/Removal of Advisers: An adviser may be removed by a majority vote of club officers. The adviser will be given the opportunity to speak in front of the club officers before a final decision is made and will be notified of the group decision via email.
- Replacement of Advisers: In the case that a replacement adviser is needed, the method listed above as “Method of election/selection of adviser” for the selection of an adviser will be used.

#### **Article VII- 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.

Upon dissolution or disbandment of Paranormal Research Club, all funds and properties in excess of liabilities and expenses of dissolution will be distributed as determined by a majority of club officers.

Dues for this organization will be \$10 per semester, and \$20 per year. Specific events with more costs associated (such as a trip) will be paid for by members that choose to attend if the costs are not covered by some other source of funding (such as fundraising).

#### **Article IX- Amendments and Ratification**

- Any amendments to this constitution must be approved by a majority of club officers listed above. This constitution was ratified by club officers on August 29, 2019.
- Any amendments or changes to the organization constitution are to be submitted to the Student Activities Center within seven days of approval