Constitution

Students for 2A at Iowa State University

Article I Name

Section I The name of this organization shall be the Students for 2A at Iowa State University. The shortened version of the name of this organization shall be Students for 2A.

Article II Purpose

Section I To serve as the pro-Second Amendment voice on a college campus by effectively promoting NRA’s principles and programs, while advocating for NRA-PVF- endorsed candidates and NRA-ILA’ legislative agenda. The Students for 2A is a group of students who share a belief in the Second Amendment and organize on campus to share that belief. Students for 2A groups will promote the Second Amendment to other college students utilizing resources provided by the NRA Institute for Legislative Action.

Article III Statement of Compliance

Section I Students for 2A abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. Students for 2A agrees to annually complete President’s and Treasurer’s Training.

Article IV Non-Discrimination Statement

Section I Iowa State University and Students for 2A 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

Section I Membership in this organization shall be open to all students in good academic standing with Iowa State University. Members must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible to vote in elections.

Section II Eligibility for membership or appointed or elected student officer positions may not be limited 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.

Section III This organization may have associated members who are not students of Iowa State University. Associated members will have all privileges awarded to full members except the rights to run for office and vote in elections.

Article VI Officers

Section I The officers of Students for 2A at Iowa State University shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section II The President shall serve as the chief executive officer of the organization, shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall prepare the agenda for meetings. The President shall appoint all committees and committee chairs. The President shall have other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the organization, including planning activities and being responsible for risk-management, including but not limited to helping minimize potential risks for club activities, recommending risk management policies or procedures, submitting documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office, and ensuring that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).

Section III The Vice-President shall act as a liaison between the Students for 2A and NRA staff members. The Vice-President shall perform all legal duties assigned by the President. The Vice-President shall assume the office of President if the office becomes vacant.

Section IV The Secretary shall take minutes at all meetings of the organization, keep these on file, and submit copies to organization members upon request. The Secretary shall be responsible for all organization correspondence and shall keep copies on file. The Secretary shall maintain membership records for the organization. The Secretary shall also manage the social media presence of Students for 2A.

Section V The Treasurer shall handle all financial affairs and budgeting of the organization, maintain all necessary accounting records, and prepare financial reports for the membership. The Treasurer shall submit any grant proposals to NRA staff.

Section VI In order to run for office, a member must be in good academic standing as well as a current member of the National Rifle Association.

Section VII All officers serve for a term of ONE (1) year or until their successors be duly elected and qualified.

Section VIII Any officer who, during the term of his/her office, ceases to be a voting member, or fails to maintain his / her status as a student in good academic and disciplinary standing with their respective college (GPA >= 2.0), or is impeached, shall be removed from his/her office and a replacement shall be elected.

Section IX Elections are held near the end of spring semester and shall take place at a regularly scheduled meeting of the organization at which a quorum is present. At least one week’s notice shall be provided for any meeting at which an election is to be held. Nominations for officers shall be made at the regular meeting immediately preceding the election. Nominations may also be made from the floor immediately prior to the election for each office. Members may nominate themselves for an office. Officers, except for the position of president when a sitting officer is available to appoint one, shall be elected by majority vote. If no candidate receives a majority vote, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Votes shall be cast by secret ballot; however, when there is only one candidate for an office, a motion may be made to elect the candidate by acclimation.

Section XIII The selection of a new president is to be decided by the sitting president. The sitting president may choose themselves to continue being president. The sitting president can appoint a new president at any time. If the president is unavailable to appoint a new one or volunteer to continue at the conclusion of the spring semester, the sitting vice-president will make the decision. If the vice-president is unavailable, the sitting treasurer will make the decision. If the treasurer is unavailable, an election for the position will take place pursuant to section IX. The appointed president must be willing and able to accept their new position.

Section XII A petition for removal submitted to the Executive Committee with signatures of 1/3 of all voting members. Said petition should state reason for removal. Executive Committee shall then notify officers and call for removal vote within fourteen (14) days of the filing of the petition. Memberships shall be notified at least one (1) week prior to removal vote meeting. At the meeting for removal, the petition's stated grievances shall be made public and the officer charged shall be allowed to respond to the charges of the petition. Removal from office shall require a vote of 2/3 of all voting members present at the time of the vote.

Section XI 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 VII Advisor

Section I The role of the advisor may include joining us for our meetings or another time if otherwise scheduled, signing off on papers when necessary, or if they wish to become more involved in another manner, they can.

Section II The advisor may serve indefinitely until he is impeached or resigns.

Section III Any number of co-advisors are allowed to join as well.

Section IV Co-advisors will have the same power as any advisor.

Section IV New advisors and co-advisors may be selected, selected, appointed, or replaced by member recruiting and nomination, should the candidate advisor be interested in the role.

Section V Impeachment of an officer will follow the same guidelines detailed in Article VI Section XIII

Article VIII Finance

Section I Organization funds shall only be used for the purposes of growing this organization, educating students about the Second Amendment, or furthering the mission of the National Rifle Association.

Section II No grant funds shall be used for any purposes other than those which are specifically listed in the grant application.

Section III 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.

Section IV No dues will exist.

Article IX Amendments and Ratification

Section I Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be presented to the membership, in writing, one meeting prior to the meeting where the amendment will be voted upon. The Executive Committee shall review and make recommendations on all bylaw revisions prior to consideration by the membership.

Section II Constitution amendments require approval by 2/3 of the voting members present at a regular meeting. The amendment shall be effective immediately unless otherwise stipulated in the amendment.

Section III A copy of any amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the National Rifle Association within two (2) weeks after adoption for review.

Article X Meetings

Section I Regular meetings shall be held every other Thursday during the academic year.

Section II Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee. All members must be given a minimum of 24 hours’ notice prior to the meeting time.

Section III Members must be in good standing and present to be eligible to vote. A member in good standing with this organization must attend at least 3 per semester and be in good academic standing with the college/university.

Section IV Business cannot be conducted unless a quorum of the membership is present. A quorum for this organization is defined as a majority of the voting membership, or 10 members, whichever is least.

Section V If a quorum is not present, arrangements may be made to vote absentee online. The system must verify that each person is eligible to vote and only does so once.

Article XI Discipline of Members

Section I All members of Students for 2A are expected to uphold the rules and regulations of Iowa State University Student Code of Conduct and adhere to principles of the National Rifle Association.

Section II As one of our cardinal rules is to accept a mutual understanding that accidents will happen. Even if an accident involves another cardinal rule, accidents are unintentional wrongdoing that one may learn from. Repeated wrongdoings of the same variety are not accidents, and may lead to removal from the organization

Section III Any member may inform an officer of another’s wrongdoings but may not remove a member on their own. Any officer may initiate a vote to remove a member. Before the vote, an officer will describe the reasons for removing a member, and then the member in question will be able to offer a rebuttal. Both parties will be limited to 15 minutes per turn to speak but may rebut one-another until both are satisfied. Once both are satisfied, a vote will take place pursuant to article XIV. To remove a member, a 2/3 majority is required.

Article XII Authority

Section I This organization is a recognized student organization by Iowa State University according to the Student Organization Recognition Policy.

Section II This organization is licensed to use the trademark National Rifle Association and adheres to the bylaws of the NRA.

Article XIII Dissolution

Section I Upon the dissolution of the Students for 2A at Iowa State University for any reason, all materials, work, funds, and property controlled by the organization will be sent to the Grassroots Division of the NRA-ILA.

Article XIV Voting Procedures

Section I All situations requiring a vote will be conducted with a secret ballot. Voters will be alerted of the options they may vote for. Votes will be written on a piece of paper, folded in half, and placed inside a container. People may keep an eye on the container to ensure nobody turns in more than one vote.

Section II If voting online is required, proper arrangements may be made. Technology is always changing, so the platform to be used will not be specified. The only requirements are that a system is in place to verify that each vote is cast by an eligible voter and each voter only casts one vote.

Article XV Cardinal Rules

Section I We will not explicitly condone any illegal activity. Implicit or unintentional messages condoning illegal activity can only be assumed to be implicit or unintentional. Members are encouraged to ask for clarification if they suspect this is the case. Asking for clarification makes the statement explicit. In order to maintain an acceptable image with the public, we will not explicitly encourage any illegal activity. Weapon laws can be filled with grey areas, and disclosure is recommended when discussing subjects of uncertainty. Opinions on potential changes to the law or clear and honest jokes are acceptable, but we will not condone any illegal activity.

Section II We will not gatekeep. Students for 2A is a pro-gun-rights organization and chapter of the National Rifle Association. Part of what we do includes helping NRA-PVF endorsed candidates for office. But no matter where we stand on other political issues or where we fall on the political spectrum, we will welcome everyone.

Section III We will treat everyone with respect, even if the favor is not returned. Establishing goodwill with everyone outside of our organization is the only way we can gain credibility in a culture that may be indifferent to us. This rule is also mutual between members, and we will all be expected to respect one-another as well. Respect is subjective, and while being calm, polite, and level-headed is a good start, perceptions of our behavior can vary. If a member suspects this rule has been violated, they are encouraged to express their concerns to the perpetrator, other members, and / or officers.

Section IV We will avoid inspiring evil. When a crime occurs where a motive of the suspect was to gain notoriety, for example, a mass shooting, we will avoid sharing anything including, but not limited to the names, images, videos, manifestos, or grievances of any suspects of these crimes. As the goal of a given suspect was to gain notoriety, sharing this information only gives them what they are asking for. Exceptions are granted for legitimate study of a crime with the purpose of preventing these tragedies in the future or other academic purposes.

Section V We will understand that accidents happen. Throughout our lives, we have broken at least most of these rules at one point or another. With a mutual understanding that we may still accidentally violate these rules, we retain our ability to grow, mature, and flourish as human beings.