

Silver Wings Iowa State University Constitution

Silver Wings Iowa State Constitution, 12 March 2021

Incorporated within an edited version of the 2008 National Constitution

We the members of SILVER WINGS, in order to aid the progress and mission of the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, to advance and promote interest in the AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER'S TRAINING CORPS, to support the purposes, traditions, and concepts of the UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, to support AEROSPACE POWER and its role in national security, and to advance the professionalism of its MEMBERSHIP through service to the UNIVERSITY and the COMMUNITY, do hereby establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as SILVER WINGS at Iowa State University.

PURPOSE

This organization is created in the spirit of the PREAMBLE and has as its objectives:

- Creating proactive, knowledgeable, and effective civic leaders through service to the community and education about national defense.
- Providing personal development and character growth for individual members through community service, enabling them to develop a sense of purpose within and responsibility to the local community.
- Providing professional development for individual members through leadership opportunities within the organization.
- Providing personal awareness of aerospace power and its role in national defense through exposure to Air Force personnel and issues.

SUPPORT BY ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY

The ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY and SILVER WINGS work together to further the objectives of their respective organizations, particularly in the support of aerospace power.. Members of SILVER WINGS are, therefore, extended associate membership privileges in the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY.

Non-Discrimination Statement

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

Statement of Compliance

Silver Wings abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. Silver Wings agrees to annually complete the President's and Treasurer's Training.

ARTICLE II - INSIGNIA

COLORS

The SILVER WINGS colors shall be blue and white.

CREST

The SILVER WINGS crest shall be double wings, pointing upward, with the shield of the UNITED STATES and a torch superimposed on the shield. A band under the wings shall bear the name "SILVER WINGS".

INSIGNIA

SILVER WINGS membership badge shall be horizontal double wings with a star in the center.

FLOWER

The official flower of SILVER WINGS shall be a white rose.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all registered students on good standing at Iowa State University.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be five (5) classes of membership: Active, Associate, Inactive, Alumni, and Honorary.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

a. **ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:** Membership in SILVER WINGS as an active or inactive member shall include undergraduate and graduate college persons who meet the qualifications of NATIONAL SILVER WINGS. These standards should be such that selection will be made from persons who have shown an interest in becoming a member of SILVER WINGS and furthering the causes of the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY. They should be informed of the obligations to which an AIR FORCE member is subject. At the discretion of the local chapter, by-laws may enact additional requirements for active membership, but such requirements for active membership will not indicate considerations of race, creed, sex or national origin.

1. **ACTIVE:** Active members are those who have paid their current national, region (if any), and local dues and are members in good standing with the local chapter. Active members may vote and hold office.

2 **INACTIVE:** Local chapters may include in their bylaws provisions for inactive members. Inactive members may not retain officer or voting privileges during the inactive period.

b. **ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP:** Members of SILVER WINGS who graduate may become members of the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, ANGEL FLIGHT, AND SILVER WINGS JOINT ALUMNI

ASSOCIATION. Members of SILVER WINGS who have been active for at least one academic year, are in good standing but must resign due to circumstance beyond their control, are also eligible for membership in the JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION if they will be graduating within one semester of becoming members of the JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. The only exception to this rule being if a member transfers to a school that does not have SILVER WINGS and is unable to successfully start a chapter there or if their chapter is disbanded. This would entitle them to membership at graduation. Alumni members are not charged dues through NATIONAL SILVER WINGS; however, the JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION has a system of dues. Alumni members may retain certain privileges at the discretion of the local chapter and must be members of ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, ANGEL FLIGHT, AND SILVER WINGS JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

c HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: The highest tribute a unit of SILVER WINGS may extend to a person is the title of "HONORARY MEMBER". Honorary membership is normally reserved for recognition of service given to or interest displayed in SILVER WINGS. Honorary membership will be conferred by unanimous vote. Honorary members will not be charged dues and may not hold office, but may attend conclaves. Honorary members are not eligible for awards reserved for active members.

d ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Members who have paid national, region, and local chapter dues, but who have not yet met the Active Membership requirements of NATIONAL SILVER WINGS. Active Membership must be achieved within one year of acceptance into Associate Membership. Associate members have voice, but no vote in chapter activities.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

OFFICER POSITIONS

President: The President shall oversee the activities of the organization, preside over all meetings, and keep files of the organization's duties and traditions. The President's term of service shall be one academic year. They will oversee the risk management position if that position is not filled.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President with their duties. The Vice President's term of service shall be one semester.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall oversee all aspects of the organization's involvement with money. The Treasurer's term shall be one semester.

Secretary: The Secretary will manage the organization's email and any social media accounts. They will assist the President and Vice President when needed. The Secretary's term shall be one semester.

Risk Management: The Risk Management officer's duties include helping to minimize potential risks for club activities, recommend risk management policies or procedures, submitting documentation to ISU's Risk Management office, and ensuring the proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable). The Risk Management officer's term shall be one semester.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Candidates will nominate themselves or be nominated by other members. Each candidate will have five minutes to speak with club membership during a general meeting. After candidates speak, voting will occur by secret ballot. A simple majority vote by active members is required to elect an officer.

Elections shall be held at the beginning of each semester, approximately in the month of September and February.

IMPEACHMENT AND DISMISSAL

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 a written complaint submitted to the President. If impeachment charges are brought against the President, the written complaint should be submitted to the Advisor. To move forward with impeachment proceedings, $\frac{2}{3}$ of executive officers must vote to continue the removal process. The officer being impeached should be notified at least two weeks before the general impeachment hearing. The officer will have five minutes to speak in front of the general membership, then a secret ballot will be held. An officer can be impeached by a simple majority of active members.

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.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The officers of Silver Wings must meet the following requirements:

- 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 semester) 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 in office.
- 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.

ARTICLE V - ADVISER(S)

Adviser(s) Duties: The Adviser of this Silver Wings branch shall attend executive meetings, maintain communication with university administration, and assist with the leadership development of the organization's officers.

Method of Election: The Adviser of this Silver Wings branch shall be selected by a unanimous decision of the executive officers.

Adviser(s) Term of Service: The Adviser of this Silver Wings branch shall serve an indefinite term length at their leisure.

Impeachment/Removal of Adviser(s): Impeachment proceedings for the Adviser shall follow the same format as Officer impeachment proceedings.

Replacement of Advisers: Replacement proceedings for the Adviser shall follow the same as Officer replacement proceedings.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCES

FEES, DUES, AND ASSESSMENTS

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 of this Silver Wings branch must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

There will be no annual dues.

If this Silver Wings branch is dissolved, any and all funds shall be given to the Iowa State Arnold Air Society branch.

All involvement with Silver Wings money shall be handled by the Treasurer, President, and Adviser.

Fundraising, Arnold Air Society, and the National Silver Wings Organization shall be options for receiving and working with money.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

A proposal to amend this constitution may be extended to Officers by any voting member of Silver Wings. Proposals should be presented to the general membership at least one week before the vote. A constitution may be amended with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of active members. The amended constitution will be submitted within ten days to Student Activities Center for approval.