

History Club Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

Section I: The name of this club is the History Club.

Section II: The club is a social club, and the mission and purpose of this club are to invite students who are attending Las Positas College to join like-minded students who enjoy learning about history. The club will also provide members the opportunity to meet new people, and develop friendships, and share experiences while fostering and promoting civic responsibilities, which are part of the total experience of college. We hope to enrich those who enter the door and bond over historical events, both present, and past. Club meetings will consist of historical show-and-tells, games, and general discussions. The club will also take periodic field trips to visit local historical places of interest. The history club will provide a safe environment that emphasizes team-work, compassion, character, and leadership skills.

ARTICLE II: REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section I: Participation in this club is open to any student at Las Positas College. This club shall not exclude anyone based on race, creed, religion, gender, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section II: Voting membership is limited to enrolled students at Las Positas College. Students must also be currently enrolled in at least one (1) class at Las Positas College.

Section III: Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for conduct contrary to the Constitution of the club or for the conduct, which impairs the rights of the members to enjoy the benefits of the club. The offense must be in writing and submitted by a club member. After the offense is submitted to the club, the offending member has the right to a twenty- four (24) hour notice of a hearing before their peers at a regular meeting and the offending member may be suspended or expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the voting members present. Suspended or expelled club members may exercise due to the process through the college's grievance procedure.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section I: The elected officers of the club shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, ICC Representative, and other officers as necessary.

Section II: Powers and Duties of Officers:

Clause I: The President shall preside at all meetings of the club. They shall be the official spokesperson of the club, representing the policies, views, and opinions of the club in its relations with

the campus and community at large. They may have further duties as prescribed by the club.

Clause II: The Vice President presides at the club meetings in the absence of the President. They perform duties delegated by the President. They notify all members of the club meetings.

Clause III: The Secretary takes minutes at all meetings of the club, files minutes, and submits required copies to all club members. They are responsible for all club agendas, minutes, correspondence, and keep copies of all club documents and correspondence on file. They act as historians and maintain all records of the club.

Clause IV: The Treasurer is responsible for completing and maintaining club financial records in accordance with College policy and procedure. They are responsible for keeping records of all club finances and provide financial reports to the club when called upon.

Clause V: The ICC Representative is responsible for attending all ICC meetings. They are to serve as the primary contact for the club and vote on the club's behalf for the Inter-Club Council business. They are responsible for communicating information and decisions shared during the ICC meetings. The ICC Representative may also serve as any of the Officers listed in Article III., Section II.

Section III: Officer Qualifications

Clause I: Must be a currently enrolled credit student in good standing at Las Positas at the time of appointment/election and throughout their officer term.

Clause II: Must be a voting member of the club for one semester.

Clause III: Must be enrolled in a minimum of one (1) credit course a semester at Las Positas College and have a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.0.

Section IV: Petition by 1/3 of the total number of members is cause for a recall election. The offense must be stated in writing and submitted by a member. After the offense is submitted to the club, the offending officer has the right to a 48-hour notice of a hearing. A recall election will be conducted as a "Special Election." Recall requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the total voting membership.

Section V: In the event an elected officer is unable to fulfill their term of office, there will be a "Special Election." Any eligible member, including those already holding offices, can be nominated for a vacated officer position.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section I: Regular meetings are scheduled at least bi-monthly during the academic year. Frequency of club meetings can be changed by a vote of majority.

Section II: Special Meetings are called by any elected officer or by 5% of the voting members of the club. All members must be given a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours (working days) prior to the Special Meeting time.

Section III: Business cannot be conducted unless a quorum of the membership is present, and an Advisor is present. The quorum for this club is defined as more than half of the voting membership.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

Section I: Officers are elected once an academic year. Elections are held at the end of each academic year for the following year's term.

Section II: At least one (1) week's notice will be provided for any meeting at which an election is held.

ARTICLE VI: ADVISORS

Section I: Doctor John Rosen, employed by Las Positas College, will serve as the advisor to the History Club.

Section II: The role of the advisor is to be present at meetings when there is a vote that involves spending club funds. Also, when electing officers and on events that impact the club as a whole. The advisor will be present to give guidance and support to all members. The advisor will be present to answer questions when needed and to ensure the club follows the Bylaws and uphold regulations.

ARTICLE VII: METHOD TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Section I: Proposed constitutional amendments or changes will be presented, in writing, to the club one meeting before this amendment is voted on.

Section II: Approval by 2/3 of the voting members present at a regular club meeting will pass this proposed amendment. The amendment is immediately effective unless otherwise stipulated in the proposal.

Section III: A copy of this constitution/bylaws and/or amendments to this constitution must be filed in the Student Life Office at Las Positas College.

ARTICLE VIII: DISBURSAL OF CLUB ASSETS

Section I: In the event the History Club should become deactivated, all assets will be turned over to the Las Positas College Inter-Club Council as dictated in the ICC Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION

Section I: This club is affiliated with Las Positas College.

Section II: A copy of any constitution/bylaws of History Club must be filed in the Student Life Office at Las Positas College.

ARTICLE X: RULES OF ORDER

Section I: The History Club accepts "Robert's Rules of Order" (newly revised) as its Rules of Order.

Section II: Any issue not directly written in this document will be resolved by referring to the Rules of Order and in accordance with applicable College and/or District policy, and any relevant Education Code regulations.

ARTICLE XI: APPROVAL

Section I: This constitution was approved by The History Club, Las Positas Community college on 02/05/2020.