

The Lorax Environmental Club Constitution

Article One: Membership

Lorax membership is open to all registered NCSU students regardless of sex, religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, physical ability, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Lorax members form the core of the organization and are expected to be active participants at meetings and events.

A. Requirements of membership:

No membership dues are required by members; instead fundraising events are planned so that each member can participate in activities regardless of economic status.

B. Participation in activities:

While participation at every Lorax activity is not mandatory, members are encouraged to get involved during meetings, at sponsored events or within a committee group.

C. Officer positions:

Elections for officers of the Lorax Club are held in the fall semester of each year so that continuity is maintained throughout the summer and at the beginning of each school year when attendance to meetings is high. Positions are held from January to January unless otherwise stated at election time. All officers are to promote membership expansion, communication among all, and leadership.

President:

- Helps to set up speakers and/or events for meetings
- Delegates meetings.
- A general supervisor of other positions.
- May create a Newsletter "Lorax Currents" or delegate another officer to generate the newsletter to keep members informed of any upcoming events or activities.
- Requires 5-7 hours/week.

Vice President:

- In charge of publicity (making and distributing posters and getting the meetings announced in the newspaper or on the radio).
- Helps coordinate events when needed.
- Assists the President in planning meetings when needed.
- Requires 4-6 hours/week.

Secretary:

- Takes general notes and attendance at each meeting.
- Makes and distributes phone tree or email list.
- Sends thank you notes to speakers and volunteers.
- Requires 4-6 hours/week.

Treasurer:

- Responsible for the collection and disbursement of money (writing checks and keeping track of receipts).

- Works on organizing and overseeing fundraising events.
- Checks mail (usually only bank statements).
- Requires 3-5 hours/week.

Historian: usually the past President

- Organizes the Lorax Scrap book
- Provides advise or help when needed.
- Attends most events to take pictures.

Web Coordinator:

- Updates the Lorax web page.
- Requires 2-3 hours/week.

Article Two: Functions of the Lorax Environmental Club

The Lorax Environmental Club is a group composed of students and/or local citizens who share a common concern for the environment. It is a group that actively strives to discuss, learn, and do what it can to preserve and enjoy our surroundings. Education of ourselves and others is the group's main goal.

A. Meetings

Group meetings are held every other Thursday throughout the semester, unless otherwise scheduled. During meetings, there are announcements concerning upcoming events and speakers which discuss current environmental topics. This often allows students to meet and make connections with professionals in environmental fields. Meetings can also be times for committees to meet or other events or activities to be held. Attendance to meetings is not mandatory.

B. Events/Activities

Lorax members are often involved in community service projects that are coordinated by the group or other local like-minded groups. All members participating in these activities are asked not to conduct any violence, illegal activity, destruction of property or violation of any laws regarding trespassing, physical violence, or harassment while identifying themselves as Lorax members.

C. Committees

Committees can be created by any member to address specific issues, or plan for certain events. The committee chairperson is in charge of setting up and delegating the committee meetings.

Article three: Faculty Advisor

The faculty advisor for Lorax must be a member of NCSU's faculty. The advisor shall be a liaison between Lorax and the university administration and faculty. S/he shall be there to advise officers as to the group's purpose and responsibility to the university.

Article four: Finances

Lorax funds shall only be used for group sponsored activities. All reimbursements for items require a receipt to be given to the treasurer before receiving a reimbursement check.



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October 9, 1989

Faika G. McNally, President
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Dear Ms. McNally:

We have reviewed your organization's constitution and officers list and everything seems to be in proper order. You are now an officially registered student organization of North Carolina State University entitled to all privileges entailed in that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability which may be incurred by your group. Your status does, however, give you the opportunity to approach the Student Senate with a request for funds, and it also gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges.

Please be aware that we ask each student organization to update its file whenever there is a change of officers and at the beginning of each school year. Failure to do so will result in a loss of registration.

If the Department of Student Development can be of assistance to your group, please do not hesitate to call on us. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bryan, Jr.", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert S. Bryan, Jr.
Associate Director,
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RSBjr/dsr

cc: President, Student Government
Reservation & Catering, Student Center
Anita Liles, Registration and Records

EARTH DAY 1990 COALITION
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 This organization shall be known as Earth Day 1990 Coalition.

Section 2 The purpose of this club shall be to promote and perpetuate Earth Day 1990, and to promote environmental awareness throughout the university and entire community.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership shall be open to all students, faculty, and administration of North Carolina State University.

Section 2 This coalition may also be affiliated with other colleges, universities, and other environmental organizations.

Section 3 There shall be no other requirements or qualifications for membership.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers of this club shall be those freely elected by a majority of current members present and voting.

Section 2 The elective officers shall serve a term of one year beginning September 1989.

Section 3 The officers shall be students of North Carolina State University.

ARTICLE IV DUES

Section 1 Dues for the club shall be in the form of special assessments votes on by a majority of the club members present and voting.

ARTICLE V AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1 Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.

ARTICLE V

Section 2 Any article of this constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government constitution or by-laws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of Student Government. Any differences of opinion between the club and the President of Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1 The general club meetings shall be held bi-monthly.

Section 2 The standing committees shall meet weekly or as deemed necessary.

Section 3 During all meetings Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1 The standing committees shall be composed of the following:

- 1) Steering Committee
- 2) Recycling Committee
- 3) Environmental Audit Committee
- 4) Pledge Campaign Committee
- 5) Public Relations Committee

Section 2 The Steering Committee shall be composed of all officers and chairpersons and shall maintain overall authority over the Coalition.

Section 3 Other committees may be established as needed.

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION
Constitution

Article I Name and Purpose

- Section 1: The organization will be called the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC).
Section 2: Our purpose is to create an environmentally minded and responsive society.

Article II Membership

- Section 1: Membership shall be open to all.
Section 2: The Coalition is a member of the nationwide SEAC network.
Section 3: There will be no membership dues.

Article III Officers

- Section 1: The officers of SEAC shall be freely elected by a majority of current members present and voting.
Section 2: Elections will be held at the end of the Spring semester and officers will serve a term of one year.
Section 3: The officers shall be students of North Carolina State University.
Section 4: Elected officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Coordinator.
Section 5: The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
A. The President will be responsible for chairing general meetings, setting the agenda for general meetings in consultation with the executive committee, signing legal contracts, and calling and chairing executive and steering committee meetings.
B. The Vice-President(s) will assume the role of President in her or his absence, serve as an advisor and coordinator for the committees, act as spokesperson for the coalition, and coordinate with other organizations.
C. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, maintain contacts with the national SEAC network, receive, review, and distribute mail, maintain a roster of current members, maintain records, and assist the Vice-President(s) with the committees.
D. The Treasurer shall maintain all financial accounts, chair the finance committee, prepare an annual budget, disburse funds as approved by the Coalition, and maintain detailed financial records (i.e. a ledger).

- E. The Public Relations Coordinator shall chair the public relations committee, publicize events and meetings, and maintain communication with the media and the community at large.

Article IV Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1: Amendments to the constitution shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required to approve the amendment.

Section 2: Any article of this constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government constitution or by-laws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of Student Government. Any differences of opinion between SEAC and the President of Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.

Article V Meetings

Section 1: General meetings shall be held every two weeks.

Section 2: All committee meetings will be held as often as necessary, as determined by the chair.

Section 3: The President will attempt to facilitate consensus on all decisions. In the event of an irreconcilable disagreement, Robert's Rules of Order will be followed to arrive at a decision.

Section 4: In order to conduct business, fifty percent of the active members must be present. The Executive Committee will determine the definition of "active members."

Article VI Committees

Section 1: The standing committees will consist of the following: Executive, Steering, Finance, Public Relations, and Education.

Section 2: All other committees will be formed on an ad hoc basis.

Section 3: The chairpersons of the Education and all ad hoc committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, subject to approval by the general membership. A two-thirds vote will be required to overrule the Executive Committee.

Section 4: The membership of the committees shall be determined as follows:

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers.

- B. The Steering Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee plus the Chairs of all other committees.
- C. The members of the other committees will be determined by the preference of the individual.

Article VII Appropriations

- Section 1: The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget in consultation with the Executive Committee. The budget will be presented to the members at the beginning of each year and must be approved by a two-thirds vote.
- Section 2: Expenditures not included in the budget (e.g. special projects) must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership.
- Section 3: There will be a contingency fund included in the budget. The Executive Committee will oversee this fund. Expenditures from this fund must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article VIII Policy on Alcoholic Beverages

- Section 1: The Coalition will not serve alcoholic beverages at any SEAC function.
- Section 2: No Coalition funds will be spent for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.
- Section 3: The Coalition and its members respect the right of the individual to make his or her own decision on the consumption of alcoholic beverages, free from harassment or peer pressure.

Article IX Advisor to the Coalition

- Section 1: The advisor to the Coalition shall be a member of the faculty of North Carolina State University.
- Section 2: The advisor shall serve for a term of one year.
- Section 3: Members of the Coalition may nominate candidates for the faculty advisor. The advisor shall be chosen by a majority vote from those faculty members nominated.
- Section 4: The members of the Coalition are encouraged to consider the environmental qualifications of the individual in the nomination process.