



# SILVER WINGS CHAPTER

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## Silver Wings Constitution

### Preamble

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 – General

- Section 101 This organization shall be known as Silver Wings (A North Carolina State University Student Organization).
- Section 102 SUPPORT BY ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY. Silver Wings supports the objectives of Arnold Air Society and the Arnold Air Society likewise supports its objectives. Members of Silver Wings are, therefore, extended associate membership privileges in the Arnold Air Society.
- Section 103 OBJECTIVES. This organization is created in the spirit of the Preamble and its objectives are:
- a. Creating proactive, knowledgeable, and effective civic leaders through service to the community and education about national defense.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Providing professional development for individual members through leadership opportunities within the organization.
  - d. Providing personal awareness of aerospace power and its role in national defense through exposure to Air Force personnel and issues.

### Article II – Insignia

- Section 201 COLORS. The Silver Wings colors shall be blue and white.
- Section 202 CREST. The Silver Wings crest shall be double wings, pointed upward, with a shield of the United States and a torch superimposed on the shield. A band under the wings shall bear the words "Silver Wings."

Section 203 INSIGNIA. The Silver Wings membership badge shall be horizontal, double wings with a star in the center.

Section 204 FLOWER. The official flower of Silver Wings shall be a white rose.

### Article III – Membership

Section 301 CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP. There shall be four (4) classes of membership: Active, Alumni, Honorary, and Associate.

Section 302 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

- a. Active Membership: Membership into Silver Wings as an active 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 Arnold Air Society. They should be informed of the obligations to which an Air Force member is subject. Membership shall not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, national origin, ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status. In order to be a member, students must be eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities North Carolina State University. There will be two (2) types of Active Members:
  1. Active Member in Good Standing. A member is in good standing if all Silver Wings requirements are met and all dues paid. The member must also be a student in good standing. Members in good standing have both voice and vote in chapter meetings, may hold office, and are entitled to wear the membership badge.
  2. Active Member on Probation. Any member failing to meet the requirements for good standing may be placed on probation. A member may not be retained on probation for more than one academic semester. If, after one semester, the terms of probation are not fulfilled, the member will go before the Executive Committee and be subject to dismissal. A member on probation has voice but no vote in chapter meetings.
- b. Alumni membership: Members of Silver Wings who graduate may become alumni members. Alumni shall be allowed to attend any chapter, area or national conclave meeting, but they will not have voting privileges nor be allowed to hold any office. Alumni members will not be charged dues.
- c. Honorary membership: Honorary members shall include persons chosen by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee from nominations made by active members. They shall be allowed to attend any chapter, area, or

national conclave meeting, but they will not have voting privileges nor be allowed to hold any office. Honorary members will not be charged dues.

- d. Associate membership: Members who have paid dues, but have yet to meet the Active Membership requirements will be given associate status. Active membership must be achieved within one year of acceptance into Associate Membership. Associate members have voice, but no vote in chapter meetings.

Section 303 DETERMINATION OF GOOD STANDING. The process for determining good standing will be devised by the Activities Officer, with approval by the Executive Committee, and shall include the requirement that the member be in good standing with the Institute. Standing will be evaluated at the end of each semester. If a member is not in good standing, they shall be called before the Executive Committee and either put on probation or they will be dismissed.

Section 304 TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP. Any active or honorary member who becomes a student of, or is officially connected with, North Carolina State may attend meetings and participate in activities.

#### **Article IV – Officers**

Section 401 OFFICER STRUCTURE. Silver Wings shall have the following officer structure.

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Activities Officer
- d. Treasurer
- e. Secretary
- f. Development Officer

Section 402 DUTIES OF OFFICERS. The officers' duties shall be:

- a. President:
  1. Provides leadership for the chapter.
  2. Provides communication with the Arnold Air Society squadron, corps, campus-affiliated organizations, points of contact within the community, and the Air Force Association. Acts as the official representative of the organization at campus and community events.
  3. Submits Chapter President's Report to the Region Executive Officer in accordance with the National Suspense Calendar.
  4. Plans and conducts chapter meetings.
- b. Vice President:
  1. Provides management of staff activities by coordinating staff functions, and staff development. Ensures that staff members carry out assigned duties.

2. Assumes command in the absence of the President until the position is properly filled.
  3. Serves as the Chapter Parliamentarian and ensures that meetings are conducted according to the guidelines of the President.
- c. Activities Officer:
1. Oversees project committees.
  2. Is responsible for all chapter activities.
  3. Acts as a point of contact for Arnold Air Society regarding joint projects.
  4. Insures project evaluations are completed for continuity and awards nominations.
- d. Treasurer:
1. Leads development of the chapter budget.
  2. Collects and pays national dues.
  3. Manages chapter finances and provides financial updates.
  4. Chairs the fund-raising committee.
  5. Coordinates travel arrangements for chapter staff.
- e. Secretary:
1. Maintains files and records of written correspondence and communications.
  2. Publishes minutes of meetings.
  3. Coordinates the chapter's electronic communications.
- f. Development Officer:
1. Recruits new members.
  2. Is responsible for publicity of chapter activities on campus and in the community.
  3. Plans recruitment publicity and activities.

Section 403 **QUALIFICATIONS.** Any active full time member of Silver Wings in good standing is eligible for nomination to office. The office of president will be held by a student that is a sophomore or higher.

Section 404 **NOMINATIONS.** Nominations of officers will be made at the meeting before the scheduled election.

Section 405 **ELECTIONS PROCEDURES.** Elections will be held no later than the second week in April, but before the National Conclave. The winner will be decided by majority vote. If there are more than two (2) candidates, and no one candidate receives the majority of votes, a run-off election will be held at the next meeting between the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes.

Section 406 **TERM OF OFFICE.** Officers shall be elected for the term of one year. No officer shall hold more than one office at one time, unless membership drops below six (6).

Section 407 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Installation of officers shall take place at the first meeting following the elections.

Section 40 DISMISSALS. Any officer can be removed from office with unanimous approval of the Executive Committee.

#### **Article V – Committees**

Section 501 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers and it shall be their responsibility to handle all business matters, which can be conducted outside of regular meetings.

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Activities Officer
- d. Secretary
- e. Treasurer
- f. Developmental Officer

#### **Article VI – Meetings**

Section 601 CHAPTER MEETINGS. Meetings shall be held once a week during the school year, at a time to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 602 SPECIAL MEETINGS. If necessary, meetings may be held at the direction of the Executive Committee or at the request of the President, who shall set the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

Section 603 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES. Parliamentary authority shall be governed by the President

#### **Article VII – Finances**

Section 701 DUES. Dues shall be paid no later than the third (3) meeting of each semester. Initiation fees will be collected at the first meeting after initiation.

Section 702 BANKING. All money belonging to Silver Wings shall be under the supervision of the Treasurer who will deposit it in a special account in a Raleigh area bank.

Section 703 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Treasurer shall send an annual report to National and Area Headquarters with a complete and accurate accounting of all finances.

### **Articles VIII – Constitution**

- Section 801 ADHERENCE TO CONSTITUTION. Silver Wings shall be governed by this Constitution, the National Silver Wings Constitution, and the National Silver Wings Conclave Legislation.
- Section 802 AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION. The Constitution may be amended in any part by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of members in good standing. Written notification of all members must be made by mail, at least two (2) weeks in advance of any proposed change in the Constitution. Amendments are subject to the approval by the Student Government and the Student Activities Committee.

### **Article XI – By-Laws**

- Section 901 BY-LAWS OF CONSTITUTION. The By-Laws of this constitution may be amended in any part, and in the same way as the Constitution may be amended.

#### **By-Laws of the North Carolina State University Chapter of Silver Wings**

- Article I. QUORUM. One more than half of the active membership.
- Article II. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. Each Associate class will be under the direction of the Development Officer who will initiate the Associate program. This program will prepare each Associate member for the various projects and activities of Silver Wings.
- Article III. RE-APPLICATION. A person dismissed from Silver Wings for any reason may petition for re-application as an Associate member one time only.
- Article IV. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS. If an office is vacated prior to the end of the elected term, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy. The time and place of the special election will be at the discretion of the President.