

Constitution of the Underwater Robotics Club

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Article I Name & Purpose

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the Underwater Robotics Club.

Section 2

The purpose of this club is to engage and challenge undergraduate engineering and science students by having them design, raise funding for, and build a robot to compete in the annual Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) Underwater Robotics Competition.

Article II Membership

Section 1

Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students who are interested in robotics.

Section 2

The officers of the club will decide how many members the club shall include based on the specific needs of the current project. It is not required that new members have previous background experience in robotics. However, the size of the club will be limited, and if there is significant interest beyond the club's needs, membership will be selected based on curriculum, experience, and interest.

Article III Officers

Section 1

The elective officers for this club shall be the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Marketing and Fundraising Chair, and Webmaster. In addition, other officers may be appointed by the President to lead technical groups. These officers may include, but are not limited to, a Vice President of Hardware Integration, Vice President of Software Engineering, Vice President of Mechanical Engineering, and a Vice President of Electrical Engineering. The positions of President, Treasurer, and Secretary must be held by different people. Other than that, one person may serve multiple posts.

Section 2

The officers shall be elected by the club members to serve a term of one year, beginning with their election in the month of September (the exact date may vary depending on the election schedule), and ending with the subsequent election on the following year.

Article IV Dues

Section 1

The club shall not collect dues from its members.

Article V Amending the Constitution and by-laws

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 VI Meetings

Section 1

The club shall meet as determined by its members each semester. Small group meetings to work on different aspects of the robot will be required and will be coordinated by the group leaders.

Article VII Committees

Section 1

The club shall make provision for any standing committees needed and/or for forming any special committees when needed. These may include, but are not limited to, committees on financing and fundraising, committees on researching specific technologies, and committees on marketing and promotion.

Article VIII Fundraising

Section 1

The club shall engage in fundraising as directed by the President and Marketing and Fundraising Chair. The fall semester will be the primary period of fundraising. Sources of funding may include, but are not limited to, campus organizations, individual and corporate sponsors, and government sponsors.