



North Coast Young Professionals

Serving Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Name, Logo & Slogan of Organization

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization herein shall be North Coast Young Professionals. It may be abbreviated and referred to by use of the acronym NCYP only.

Section 2: Logo

The logo of this organization shall be as illustrated in the above left hand corner of this 1st page of the Constitution. The primary colors of the logo are to be red, and yellow. It shall consist of a triangular flag with a lighthouse illuminating the acronym "NCYP" written in large red block letters diagonally down from left to right. The background behind the lighthouse shall be black to signify the night sky. The border shall be red and on the top of the border it shall read in yellow lettering, "Erie-Huron-Sandusky-Ottawa". The bottom of the border shall have written in the same manor, "North Coast Young Professionals".

Section 2: Slogan

The slogan of the organization shall be:

Tomorrow's Leaders Making a Difference Today

ARTICLE II: Purpose the of Organization

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the organization is:

- To provide civic, philanthropic, service, networking and social opportunities for young professionals in the Firelands region
- To provide opportunities to improve leadership skills through training, planning, education and practice
- To encourage the sharing of ideas with likeminded people in an welcoming and friendly environment
- To provide an opportunity for young professionals to gain experience in a board of directors capacity
- To provide a social environment to relax after work and have a good time with other young professionals
- To encourage young professionals to interact with other local professional and civic organizations

- To promote economic development in Erie, Huron, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties
- To help attract young professionals to the area

Section 2: Political Affiliation

This organization shall be non-partisan, non-sectarian and shall wholly abstain from any and all political affiliations, endorsements of or opposition to any candidate for public office. This organization may promote or endorse public legislature, referendums, and governmental policy that concur with the purpose of this organization as described in Article II, Section 1 of this Constitution.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Membership eligibility and classifications shall be defined in the organization's By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV: Dues, Fees and Fiscal Year

Section 1: Dues

Chapter dues shall be set yearly by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors. Dues amounts for the next year shall be proposed by the Treasurer in the October board meeting, to be discussed in the November meeting and voted on in the December meeting. Dues monies collected from the general membership and the board of directors shall be used at the discretion of a majority vote of the board of directors. Dues shall be paid by check or cash to the Treasurer.

Section 2: Fees

The board of directors may, by majority vote, assign a fee to organizational sanctioned events to cover costs and generate revenue for the use of the organization. Organizational sanctioned events are any events sponsored by the organization requiring majority vote from the board of directors or events defined herein the constitution or By-Laws.

Section 3: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year begins with the first day of January and ends with the last day of December.

ARTICLE V: Board of Directors

Section 1: Composition of the board

The Board of Directors is the policy making body of the organization consisting of a total number of voting members. The board shall consist of thirteen (13) directors. Nominations for board positions shall be submitted from the general membership and to be voted in by a majority vote of the general membership.

Section 2: Eligibility and Duties

Eligibility requirements and duties of the Board of Directors shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI: Officers

Section 1: Required Officers

The required officers of the organization shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Chair, Communications Chair, Social Chair, Membership/Recruitment Chair and Community Economic Development Chair. These officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors by a silent, majority vote.

Section 2: Additional Officers

Additional officers (ex. Webmaster, Fundraising chair, Recruitment chair) may be created by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. These additional officers shall be elected by a silent, majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Eligibility and Duties

Eligibility requirements and duties of the Officers shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII: Elections

Section 1: Directors

Thirteen (13) Directors shall be elected to the Board by the general membership. Six, then seven of the positions shall be elected, by the general membership, on alternating years to a two year term.

Section 2: Officers

Officers are nominated and elected each year by the Board of Directors from the Board of Directors following the installment of the newly elected directors. Officers are elected to a one (1) year term but shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 3: Board of Directors Terms of Office

Terms shall begin in January and end in December. Should an Officer or Director fail to fulfill his term in office, the remaining Board of Director members shall appoint someone from the general membership to complete the term. In lieu of appointing a replacement, the Board of Directors may elect to reassign the duties among the remaining directors until the next election.

ARTICLE IIX: Committees

Section 1: Committees

Committees may be formed and dissolved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors with the purpose of completing specific tasks or working toward explicit outlined goals.

Section 2: Committee Chairs

Committees shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors, except for the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman responsible for a committee shall report monthly to the Board of Directors on the progress of their respective committee.

ARTICLE IX: Meetings

Section 1: Annual Meeting

There shall be an annual meeting to discuss the business of the organization and to conduct elections to the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Membership Meetings

There shall be social meetings conducted throughout the year to fulfill the purposes of the organization as defined in Article II, Section 1 of this Constitution.

Section 3: Board of Director Meetings

There shall be a minimum of one (1) Board of Directors meeting per month. Additional meetings of the board may be held at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board or by the request of at least three (3) Board members.

Section 4: Quorum

There shall be no specific quorum for general membership in regards to business or elections. The general membership shall be notified a minimum of one month before the general meeting with the meeting agenda and Board of director candidates. All business and elections will be decided during the meeting by a majority of attending members. Members may vote absentee by letter or e-mail dated 24 hours prior to scheduled meeting commencement time.

A quorum to transact business at Board of Director meeting shall consist of at least nine (9) of the thirteen (13) board members.

Section 5: Procedure

The rules of procedure for the conduct of business for any meeting of NCYP shall be as is described by Robert's Rule of Order, this Constitution, the By-Laws, or as passed by the general membership.

ARTICLE X: Approval and Amendments

Section 1: Approval

This Constitution shall be approved as described in the procedure outlined in Article IX, Section 4. Any amendments to this Constitution shall be introduced by the Board of Directors to be voted on by the general membership as described in Article IX, Section 4. The date of approval of this Constitution shall be signed and dated by the current Chairman and Secretary of the Board, under authority of the Letters of Organization, on the line below.

Recorder's Signature

Date

Chairman's Signature

Date