

BY-LAWS
OF
THE UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOR
SOCIETY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Article I. Establishment and Purpose

The Student Organization for Society and Natural Resources (SOSNR) was established on _____, 20____. We are dedicated to balancing the needs of society with the sustainable use of natural resources. Our purpose is to promote solutions that foster healthy communities and enduring ecosystems through an interdisciplinary forum for the open discussion of environmental, social, and natural resource issues. We will promote ecological literacy and stewardship, provide opportunities for service to the community, and a forum for individuals to present research. We will facilitate networking between undergraduates, graduates, faculty and practicing professionals.

Article II. Membership

The regular voting membership of this student organization shall be open to all currently registered students at Utah State University. Faculty, staff, and alumni of Utah State University may join as non-voting members. SOSNR at USU or its membership shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran's status, or sexual orientation.

Article III. Elections

1. **Time.** The regular election of officers shall be held the first week of April. Special elections to replace an officer that does not complete their term shall be held within one (1) month of notification by that officer.
2. **Nomination Procedure.** Currently registered students in good standing at Utah State University may serve as officers of SOSNR at USU. Individuals may nominate themselves by announcing their candidacy to the membership at the March business meeting.
3. **Notification and Posting of Elections.** Elections will be announced at the March business meeting. An e-mail notification will be sent weekly until the April business meeting. The election shall be held at the April business meeting.

4. **Election Procedure.** Student members in good-standing (paid dues and observe written policies of ASUSU and the Student Code) are eligible to vote. The election shall use a ballot and officers shall be elected by receiving a simple majority vote of the regular voting membership present. Results of the election shall be announced to the membership by posting the results to the list serve.

Article IV. Officers' Duties

Only currently registered students in good standing at Utah State University may serve as officers of SOSNR at USU. The officers shall be: president; vice-president, who shall assume the presidency the following term; treasurer; and secretary. Officers shall be members of the IASNR. The officers' membership dues in IASNR shall be paid by the SOSNR at USU treasury.

1. **Duties of the President.** The President shall preside at all meetings, authorize expenditures of chapter funds, and promote the interests of the organization. The President shall be responsible for organizing elections of future officers. The President shall present the annual budget to the general membership for their approval. The President shall approve all expenditures and assure that business is conducted within the budget. The President shall appoint, coordinate and oversee committee assignments. The President shall report the organization's activities to the general membership. The President shall represent the organization at the College of Natural Resources Student Council. In the event the President is unable to carry out her/his duties, the Vice-President shall assume them in her/his place.
2. **Duties of the Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall assist the President and/or committees in planning and coordinating activities. In the event the President is unable to carry out her/his duties, the Vice-President shall assume those duties. The Vice-President shall organize and coordinate service activities and the issues page on the web site.
3. **Duties of the Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget and submit it to the officers for approval and presentation to the general membership for their approval. The Treasurer shall keep all financial records of the organization, present a financial report at each business meeting and assure that business is conducted within the budget. The Treasurer shall receive approval for all expenditures from the President. The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues and assist the Secretary in keeping an accurate voting membership roll.
4. **Duties of the Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep all records of the organization which include:
 - a. Prepare meeting agenda, transcribe minutes of meetings, submit the minutes to President for approval, and then forward to webmaster for posting on web site;

- b. Handle all correspondence;
- c. Produce all required Council of Student Clubs & Organizations (CSCO) Reports (including follow-up of CSCO activity approvals):
 - i. Activity Reports
 - ii. Service Project Approval & Report (needs to be approved 1 month in advance to receive funding)
 - iii. Funding Requests and Evaluation
 - iv. Annual Registration (submit new application and constitution)

Article V. Committees

1. **Standing Committees.** The following committees shall be standing committees of SOSNR at USU:
 - a. Activities Committee will plan and coordinate social activities and speakers meetings.
 - b. Service Committee will plan and coordinate service projects within the community.
 - c. Fundraising/Marketing Committee will raise funds for club activities and prepare advertising materials for activities.
2. **Temporary or special committees** may be established on an as-needed basis.
3. **Duties.** Committees shall be formed and their responsibilities defined by consensus of elected officers. Chairs and members of committees will be made through a call for volunteers.

Article VI. Advisor

In April, the newly elected officers for the following academic year shall put forth a call for applications from interested faculty or staff members. The advisor/advisors shall be selected by a simple majority vote of the regular voting membership present.

Article VII. Amendment of By-Laws

Amendments may be proposed by any SOSNR at USU member and shall be submitted in writing and read at two (2) meetings. At the second meeting, an amendment may be adopted by a simple majority vote of the regular voting membership present.

ADOPTED by a vote of _____ yes votes and _____ no votes on this _____ day of _____ 20____.

 President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary