

**CONSTITUTION
OF
THE UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOR
SOCIETY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Preamble

We are an organization committed to the open discussion of local and global environmental and natural resource issues, bringing people and solutions together for healthy communities and enduring ecosystems.

Article I. Name, Purpose, and General Statements

1. The name of this organization shall be “The Utah State University Student Organization for Society and Natural Resources,” hereinafter referred to as “SOSNR at USU.”
2. SOSNR at USU shall operate as a non-profit student organization pursuant to the policies of the Associated Students of Utah State University (ASUSU).
3. SOSNR at USU shall abide by the applicable polices and procedures of the ASUSU and the Utah State University Student Code.
 4. The purpose of SOSNR at USU shall be:
 - a. to provide a forum for the open discussion of local and global environmental and natural resource issues with an emphasis on interdisciplinary solutions that promote healthy communities and enduring ecosystems;
 - b. to establish a student chapter of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR) at Utah State University (USU) to provide students with a forum to participate in an international professional group fostering an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the relationships between humans and natural resources;
 - c. to promote ecological literacy and stewardship;
 - d. to provide opportunities for service to the community;
 - e. to provide a forum for individuals to present research;
 - f. to facilitate networking between undergraduates, graduates, and faculty;

- g. to provide social activities and events for the membership.

Article II. Membership

1. 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.
2. To become a member in SOSNR at USU, one must fill out a membership application form and pay annual dues to SOSNR at USU.
3. Student members are encouraged to become members of IASNR.
4. A SOSNR at USU member shall remain in good standing by paying annual dues and observing the written policies of ASUSU and the Student Code. A SOSNR at USU member may be removed for violation of ASUSU policies or the Student Code by the procedures provided for in those policies.

Article III. Officers

1. 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.
2. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the regular voting membership present. Elections shall take place at the end of spring semester and officers shall serve one-year terms which shall commence fall semester.
3. In the event the president does not complete the term of office, the vice-president shall assume the presidency and a special election shall be held to replace the vice-president. In the event any other officer does not complete their term, a special election shall be held.
4. An officer may be removed from office at any time by a petition signed by two-thirds () of the regular voting membership.

Article IV Committees

Standing, temporary, or special committees may be established on an as-needed basis.

Article V. Meetings

1. Meetings shall be called by the president and held at least monthly during the school year. Meetings shall be announced to the membership by e-mail and held on campus.
2. Routine business decisions may be made by a simple majority of the regular voting membership present.

Article VI. Financial Matters

1. SOSNR at USU shall not provide monetary gain in the form of wages or salaries to its members. SOSNR at USU may be reimbursed for monies expended on behalf of the organization.
2. Annual dues shall be set by the officers and approved by a simple majority vote of the regular noting membership present.
 3. The president and treasurer shall authorize all expenditures and reimbursements.
4. In the event SOSNR at USU dissolves, leaving residual assets, these shall be distributed to the Utah State University College of Natural Resources Student Council.

Article VII. Advisor

An advisor must be a faculty or staff member at USU and a member of IASNR. The SOSNR at USU advisor/advisors shall be selected by a simple majority vote of the regular voting membership present. Advisors may serve renewable one-year terms.

Article VIII. By-Laws

By-Laws shall be established by the officers of SOSNR at USU and shall set out the procedures of conducting SOSNR at USU business. The by-laws shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of the regular voting membership present.

Article IX. Amendments

1. Amendments may be proposed by any SOSNR at USU member and shall be submitted in writing and read at two (2) meetings before a vote is taken.
2. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds () vote of the regular voting membership present.

Article X. Ratification

1. This Constitution shall be approved by a two-thirds () vote of the regular voting membership present and shall be in full force and effect upon ratification by the officers.

2. Amendments to this Constitution shall be approved by a two-thirds () vote of the regular voting membership present and shall be in full force and effect upon ratification by the officers.

RATIFIED this 21st day of March 2003.

Kermit L. Hall, Witness

Kent G. Andersen, President

F. E. "Fee" Busby, Witness

Meghan Wereley, Vice-President

Terry L. Sharik, Witness

Kevin D. Campbell, Treasurer

Dax Mangus, Witness

Diana T. Glenn, Secretary