

Approved by
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Constitution of the Student Veterans of America - Idaho State University Chapter

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Student Veterans of America Idaho State University Chapter, do hereby constitute ourselves as an organization subject to the following provisions.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be the Student Veterans of America – Idaho State University Chapter (SVA-ISU). All official documents shall bear this name.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The Purpose of this organization shall be to:

1. Represent the Veteran and Military-Connected Students of Idaho State University through the national organization, Student Veterans of America.
(<https://studentveterans.org/>)
2. Establish and strengthen friendships between veterans of the armed forces and students.
3. Promote the intellectual development of its membership.
4. Review and explore education opportunities and benefits that exist for current and potential veterans of the armed forces and their families.
5. Advance and promote recognition of nationally recognized veteran holidays.
6. Give veterans and students an opportunity to get involved in the community.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section I- General Members

Membership in the SVA-ISU is open to all students, faculty, and staff of ISU. This organization will not deny memberships to any person on the basis of race, age, religion, sexual orientation, physical handicap, color, marital status, national origin, language, or creed.

Section II- Voting Members

1. Voting members shall consist of veteran members who display a vested interest in the chapter organization.
2. Each voting member will have one vote.
3. Executive officers will be appointed from the chapter membership and will retain their voting privileges. The Chapter President will abstain from voting unless voting results in a tie. In the event of a tied vote, the Chapter President will cast the deciding vote.

Section III- Auxiliary membership

Auxiliary members:

1. Are those who wish to participate in the success of the Chapter.
2. Are able to demonstrate a military-connection or relationship to a service member.
3. May participate in meetings, offer suggestions and participate in activities.
4. Cannot hold chapter officer position or exercise voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section I- Meetings

1. The SVA-ISU will meet a minimum of monthly during the fall and spring semesters. The time and place of the meetings shall be determined by the executive board.
2. Special meetings may be called by the president, advisor, or the executive board with 24 hours advanced notice.
3. Quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the voting membership present when a vote takes place and may pass on issue with 51% of the vote.
4. A modified system based on Roberts Rules of Order shall be used to conduct orderly meetings.
5. The following is the standard format for meetings:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Reading of the Minutes
 - c. Old Business
 - d. New Business
 - e. Adjournment

ARTICLE V

Administration

Section I- Eligibility

Only full fee paying students with a minimum GPA of a 2.0 or greater are eligible to serve as elected or appointed offices of the SVA-ISU

Section II- Duties of Executive Board Offices

1. Duties of the President:
 - a. The SVA-ISU President position is preferred to be an honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces (Veteran).
 - b. To preside over all meetings of the SVA-ISU
 - c. To ensure compliance with the constitution, by-laws, and other regulations of the SVA-ISU.
 - d. To communicate the needs of the SVA-ISU to the ASISU and other organizations.
 - e. To fulfill all duties associated with the office of the President
2. Duties of the Vice President:
 - a. To preside in the absence of the President
 - b. To assist all committees and keep the President informed of their progress
 - c. To serve as a parliamentarian
3. Duties of the Secretary:
 - a. To keep a permanent record of all the minutes and committee reports
 - b. To maintain attendance and voting rosters
 - c. Mail distribution
 - d. To act as a communicator between the President and all the member committees
 - e. To serve as a historian for the SVA-ISU
4. Duties of the Treasurer:
 - a. To maintain accurate records of all financial transactions of the SVA-ISU
 - b. To deposit and withdraw funds of the SVA-ISU
 - c. To execute the appropriate process in order to request and obtain funds from ASISU
 - d. To report the financial position to the SVA-ISU and executive board

Section III- Executive Officer Attendance

1. Attendance at all scheduled meetings is mandatory for board officers, unless faced with a significant academic commitment or emergency.
2. Board officers who miss two meetings without notice will be issued a verbal warning, board officers who miss a third meeting without notice are subject to removal.

Section IV- Removal of Officers

1. Any officers can be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting members of the SAV-ISU at 2 consecutive meetings.

ARTICLE VI

Elections

Section I- Nominations

1. Nominations shall be made during the first meetings in April, the President shall open the nomination process.
2. All nominees shall be registered, full fee paying students with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA or greater.

Section II- Elections

1. The elections of officers will be held one week after nominations at a well- publicized meeting.
2. Elections will be held by secret ballot with a simple majority required for election.
3. New officers will take office one week after elections.

ARTICLE VII

Finances

Section I- Authorization of Funds

1. The treasure shall collect and disburse funds as well as open a student organization account in the ASISU office.
2. Major expenditures of \$100.00 or more will be authorized by a membership with a simple majority vote.
3. Minor expenditures of less than \$100.00 shall be authorized by the President, Vice President, and the Advisor. All expenditures require the signature of the Advisor and either the President or the Vice President.

ARTICLE VIII

Advisor

Section I- **Advisor Requirements**

The Advisor shall be a full time faculty or staff employee of Idaho State University.

Section II- **Advisor Removal**

1. If the Advisor dose not contribute to the SVA-ISU in a positive manner, he or she will be removed by the executive board.
2. The Advisor may be removed by the executive board for any reason deemed appropriate by the executive board.

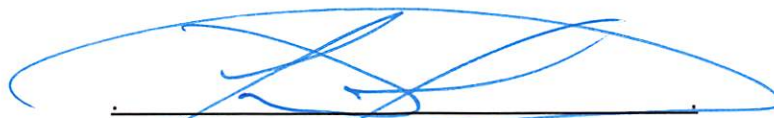
ARTICLE IX

Amendments


Any member in good standing of the SVA-ISU may appeal to amend or remove any amendments of the SVA-ISU constitution. The amendments must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of members presents and shall be ratified upon approval by ASISU.



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