

The Gateway Computer CLUB Constitution

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Article I Name:

This organization shall be called The Gateway Computer Club, hereinafter known as the Club.

Article II Purpose:

The purpose of this organization shall be: To provide a continuing, specialized focus within the Club on computer related topics, with the aim of identifying current and potential problems and provide solutions or recommendations for their resolution; To support the free interchange of information, encourage discussion and interaction among individuals having lack interests in computers by providing the opportunity for these individuals to meet and to exchange information, ideas, experiences and techniques; To further the development, presentation, and dissemination of computer hardware and software knowledge through briefings and demonstrations; and, To stimulate cross-fertilization of knowledge which can best be accomplished within the framework of a professionally run organization.

Article III Membership:

The Club shall consist of Individual and Corporate Sponsor Memberships, as provided for in the Bylaws.

Article IV Dues:

The Club shall assess an annual dues fee of \$15.00 of all members with exceptions as set forth in the Bylaws.

Article V Club Officers:

The Club shall have 8 officers who comprise the Board. Their qualifications, method of selection, respective powers and duties, term of office, methods of nomination and election, and the filling of officer vacancies as the result of resignations or recalls shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VI The Board:

The Board consists of the 8 elected officers of the Club. Their functions and activities shall be covered in the Bylaws.

Article VII Club Members-At-Large:

The Club may have up to four Members-At-Large, hereinafter referred to as MAL's. Their selection to office, terms of office, and duties and responsibilities shall be in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article VIII Meetings:

The Club shall hold their Board meeting on the 1st Wednesday and the general membership meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month as set forth in the Bylaws.

Article IX Expenditure of Funds:

The Expenditure of all Club Funds shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

Article X Amendments:

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members in good-standing in attendance at any regular or called meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment(s) must be published in the "Bits and Chips" at least 10 days before a general meeting. All officers of the Club are to be notified in writing of any and all amendments to the Constitution and shall abide by them as by the stipulations of the original Constitution.

Proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be consistent with the Constitution and may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members in good standing attending a general membership meeting or called meeting. Such Bylaws may contain any provisions necessary for the orderly administration of the Club and its affairs including, but not limited to, the governing authorities, officers, elections, and meetings, provided that should there be any inconsistency between the Constitution and the Bylaws, the Constitution shall prevail.

Article XI Donations:

The Club may accept contributions, donations of equipment, or other property as prescribed by the Bylaws.

Article XII Recognized Special Interest Groups:

The Club recognizes the importance and need for Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and shall provide support and guidance to them where possible as described in the Bylaws.

Article XIII Dissolution:

Procedures for voluntary dissolution are stated in Article XIII of the Bylaws.

Article XIV Rules of Order:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern Business Meetings, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws.