

Marshall University Lambda Society
Constitution

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1. Name and Purpose
 - a. Name
 - i. The name of this organization shall be the Marshall University Lambda Society.
 - b. Purpose
 - i. The purpose of this organization will be to:
 1. Facilitate and promote understanding and acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff at Marshall University;
 2. Provide awareness of issues affecting the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community;
 3. Provide social activities for its members and others who are interested.
2. Membership
 - a. Membership
 - i. Membership is open to all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, sex, gender, color, ethnic origin, religious affiliate, age, and physical or psychological disability.
 - b. Regular Members
 - i. All full- and part-time students of Marshall University are eligible to be considered full-time members. A student must attend at least three meetings to be considered a regular member.
[Redefinition of Regular Membership Amendment; approved 10 April 2003.]
 - a. Meetings from the prior academic year may be utilized to achieve the three meeting requirement.
[In furtherance of the Regular Membership Amendment.]
 - b. Regular membership is suspended after a student misses three or more consecutive meetings. At this point, a student is again required to achieve the three meeting requirement. *[In furtherance of the Regular Membership Amendment.]*
 - c. Associate Members
 - i. Faculty, staff, or other individuals are eligible to be considered associate members.
 - d. Rights and Obligations
 - i. All members shall:
 1. Be entitled to attend all functions and meetings of the organization;
 2. Be required to adhere to the Constitution of the organization.

3. Be recorded and recognized by the Secretary of the Society. *[In furtherance of the Regular Membership Amendment.]*
 - ii. Regular members shall:
 1. Be entitled to vote at all general and special meetings of the organization.
 2. Be recorded and recognized by the Secretary of the Society. *[In furtherance of the Regular Membership Amendment.]*
 - e. Resignation
 - i. Any member may resign from office or from the organization at any regular or special meeting verbally or in writing at any time.
 - f. Suspension
 - i. Members can be removed by a majority vote of the membership for just cause.
 - g. Regular Meetings
 - i. Regular meetings shall be held weekly except during each summer term when they will be held monthly.
 - ii. The President may call special meetings at his or her designation, by informing the Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer twenty-four hours in advance of such meeting. *[Redefinition of Special Meetings Amendment; approved 10 April 2003.]*
 - iii. Committee meetings will be held as deemed necessary by their chairs.
 - iv. All meetings will be managed according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
 - h. Quorum
 - i. ~~All active members in attendance at any regular meeting or special meeting shall constitute a quorum.~~ The Society may address general business with executive authority with a quorum of the President, Vice-President, and either the Secretary or Treasurer. The Society may address any business with at least one executive officer (the President or Vice-President) and four other Society members. *[Redefinition of Quorum, Creation of Executive Authority Quorum Amendment; approved 10 April 2003.]*
3. Officers and Elections
 - a. The officers of the organization shall be: President, a ~~female and a male~~ Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Society shall work to ensure that each gender is equally represented as officers. *[Redefinition of Vice-President Position Amendment; approved 10 April 2003.]*
 - b. Qualifications
 - i. A candidate for an elected office must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.2.
 - ii. Although not a mandatory requirement, it is beneficial for the candidate to have at least one semester of organizational experience and knowledge of activities.
 - iii. Only regular members may hold office.
 - c. Terms of Office and Vacancy
 - i. ~~All officers shall be elected to serve for the term of one year from the first meeting of the summer semester through the last meeting~~

~~of the following spring semester.~~ Full term of office for all officers and committee chairs and members shall be one year. *[Redefinition of Term of Office Amendment; approved 10 April 2003.]*

- ii. Any permanent vacancy in office shall be remedied through a special election, to be announced two weeks prior to the election, with nominations finalized one-week prior. *[Redefinition of Special Election Amendment; approved 10 April 2003.]*
- iii. Special elections shall be held as soon as practical following the notice of vacancy.

d. Elections

- i. Elections will be held during the first week of March during the regular organization meeting. Candidates must be present at the meeting to be elected. A majority vote from the attending members will decide the officers.

e. Duties

- i. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the organization. He or she shall preside over all of the organization's meetings and shall assign duties to officers and members as required.
- ii. ~~The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in his or her inability to act, on an alternating basis.~~ The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible for expediting and coordinating committee assignments and activities, shall serve as liaisons between the President and the Committees, and ~~are~~ is responsible for coordinating the organizations' social events and activities and public relations campaigns. *[In furtherance of the Redefinition of Vice-President Position Amendment.]*
- iii. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording all meeting minutes, monitoring the organization's mail, correspondence for the organization, and maintaining the membership roster.
- iv. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and all items of value as may come into the organization's possession, keep complete records of funds, report status of same at all regular meetings, and provide basic budget information for functions.

4. Committees and Non-Elected Positions

- a. ~~The standing committees for the organization shall be the membership and events committees.~~ The President can create new committees as required. The standing committees and their purposes are: *[Redefinition of Committees Amendment; approved 10 April 2003.]*
 - i. The Membership Committee, which will act to involve new members with the Society. *[In furtherance of the Redefinition of Committees Amendment.]*
 - ii. The Events Committee, which will work to organize and plan events, such as Pride Week. *[In furtherance of the Redefinition of Committees Amendment.]*
 - iii. The University Policies Committee, which will work to ensure enforcement of and expand Marshall University policies relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. The

Chair of this Committee shall serve as liaison to the University's Director of the Office of Equity Programs and Vice-President for Multi-Cultural Affairs. *[Creation of University Policies Committee Amendment; approved 10 April 2003.]*

- b. The organization shall have a faculty advisor.
 - c. The following non-elected positions may be considered by the President to assist in organization management:
 - i. Historian;
 - ii. ~~Multi-Cultural Commission Liaison;~~ *[In furtherance of the Creation of University Policies Committee Amendment.]*
 - iii. ~~Public Relations Director;~~ *[In furtherance of the Redefinition of Vice-President Position Amendment.]*
 - iv. Others as considered necessary.
5. Hazing Policy
- a. In accordance with the policies of Marshall University and all national organizations represented on campus, hazing will not be permitted. All acts of hazing by any organization member are forbidden, as defined by the University.
6. Constitutional Amendments
- a. All changes to the Constitution shall be made in the form of amendments; each approved amendment bearing an individual number, which shall be consecutive.
 - b. An amendment may be approved by a majority vote of the members present at any regular organization meeting achieving quorum. *[In furtherance of the Redefinition of Quorum, Creation of Executive Authority Quorum Amendment.]*
 - c. Amendments may not be approved during special meetings.
 - d. Changes to Article II, Section I or Article V, Section I must conform to appropriate governing policies.
 - e. This Constitution shall remain in-force and applicable until an amendment to replace it is approved by the membership.