

CONSTITUTION
of
The Lifelong Learning Institute at Waubonsee Community College
Sugar Grove, Illinois

Article I – Name and Affiliation

The Lifelong Learning Institute at Waubonsee Community College (hereinafter, LLI) is a not-for-profit, volunteer, and self-governing affiliate of the Road Scholar Organization, formerly known as Elderhostel Institute Network. By signed Letter of Agreement (April 1995), Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, Illinois, (hereinafter, WCC) became the host institution for LLI.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of LLI is to enhance the well-being of older adults by providing opportunities for personal, social, and educational growth through a member-governed organization.

Article III – Governance

- A. LLI shall be governed by a Board composed of officers and members, to include Committee Chairs and Curriculum Council representation; titles, duties, manner of selection, terms of service, and limitations on length of service shall be established in the Bylaws.
- B. Committees shall be established to implement the functions of the organization according to current needs.

Article IV – Intention and Board Authority

- A. This Constitution is, in conjunction with the Bylaws, intended to create a framework for the operation of LLI.
- B. The Board is authorized to undertake any activities necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of LLI as contained in its governing documents, provided such activities are not prohibited herein, in the Bylaws, by WCC policy, or by civil authority.

Article V – Membership

- A. Eligibility – LLI membership requirements shall be established in the LLI Bylaws, (hereinafter Bylaws).
- B. Removal – Persons may be removed from membership in LLI for failure to observe standards of behavior as stated in the WCC Student Handbook or successor publication.

Article VI – Fiscal Year, Meetings and Elections

- A. The fiscal year of LLI shall be identical to that of WCC.
- B. There shall be an annual meeting of the LLI membership as established in the Bylaws.
- C. There shall be an annual election as established in the Bylaws.
- D. Special meetings of the membership may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board or upon petition supported by twenty per cent (20%) of the LLI membership. In the event of submission of such a petition, the Board shall schedule the requested special meeting within thirty (30) days thereafter.
- E. Balloting on any matter requiring a vote of the membership shall be conducted as established in the Bylaws.

Article VII – Amendments

- A. Any LLI member may propose an amendment to this Constitution by submitting the suggested change to the Board. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, the proposal shall be submitted to the membership for a ratification vote.
- B. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be considered ratified upon achieving support of two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast by the membership.
- C. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be effected as established in said Bylaws. The amendment procedure must, at a minimum, provide for notification to the membership of the proposed amendment(s) and a comment period of reasonable length.

Article VIII Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of LLI, any remaining assets shall be contributed to the Waubensee Community College Foundation, or its successor, as an endowment to provide WCC student scholarships styled as, and in the amounts of, scholarships funded by LLI in the last previous year for which such scholarships were funded.

Adopted by the LLI Board at its meeting on March 16, 2012, subject to ratification by the LLI Membership, as an amendment to the LLI Constitution originally adopted in 2006, as subsequently amended, whereby the above document was substituted for the original document, and thus became the LLI Constitution.

Ratified by the LLI Membership by mail ballot on April 6, 2012.

Ratified by the LLI Membership via electronic ballot on May 28, 2024