

Computer Science House Constitution

Computer Science House Constitution Committee

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Article I Abbreviations and Definitions

Section 1.A Abbreviations

Chair	<i>Chairperson</i>	Maintainer(s)	<i>Constitutional Maintainer(s)</i>
CSH	<i>Computer Science House</i>	OpComm	<i>Operational Communications</i>
E-Board	<i>Executive Board</i>	PR	<i>Public Relations</i>
Eval(s)	<i>Evaluation(s)</i>	R&D	<i>Research and Development</i>
History	<i>House History</i>	ResLife	<i>Residence Life</i>
IMPs	<i>House Improvements</i>	RTP(s)	<i>Root Type Person(s)</i>
Intro	<i>Introductory</i>	Social	<i>Socials</i>

Section 1.B Definitions

Technical Seminar	<i>Seminar relating to computing or electronics</i>
Standard Operating Session	<i>RIT's fall and spring semesters, excluding institute breaks and final exam weeks</i>
Total Expenditure	<i>Funds drawn for a specific event, project, piece of equipment, or service</i>

Article II Introduction

Section 2.A Name

The name of this Special Interest House is Computer Science House.

Section 2.B Derivation of Authority

CSH shall recognize that it receives its right to function as a Special Interest House from the Center for Campus Life and the Department of Residence Life.

Section 2.C House Objectives

The objectives of CSH are:

1. To enhance the education experience of its members
2. To offer students educational programming with an emphasis on computers
3. To provide a variety of services for its members, the RIT campus, and the Rochester Community
4. To provide a friendly and comfortable living environment in the residence halls

Article III Constitutional Structure and Amendment

Section 3.A Constitution

The CSH Constitution is written and maintained by members and defines the major aspects, goals, and governing structure of CSH.

Unless explicitly stated otherwise, the requirements and expectations defined in the Constitution are for the Standard Operating Session.

Section 3.B Modifying the Constitution

3.B.1 Non-Semantic Changes

There are two methods for non-semantic change to the Constitution. A Maintainer may approve any proposed change that does not affect the meaning of the document. Alternatively, the change may be presented at a House Meeting for discussion followed by an Immediate One-Half Vote with fifty percent quorum.

3.B.2 Semantic Changes

Any semantic change to the Constitution requires the change to be proposed in writing for discussion at a House Meeting. Any modifications made due to the discussion are added to the written proposal and the modified proposal is posted during the week. The final proposal is presented the following week, and ballots are distributed for a Balloted Two-Thirds Vote with two-thirds quorum as described in 7.B.1. The ballots are collected for a minimum of a forty-eight hour period. A quorum of two-thirds of Eligible Votes must cast ballots for the vote to be official. A vote equaling or exceeding two-thirds of the number of Votes Cast is required for the change to be placed into the Constitution. The Constitution may be overridden by an Immediate Nine-Tenths Vote with eighty-five percent quorum as described in 7.B.2.

Article IV Membership

There are five types of membership available to CSH. When describing membership types, the following terms are used:

Qualifications: What criteria an applicant needs to be eligible for membership

Selection: The process by which an applicant gains membership

Expectations: The duties and responsibilities associated with CSH membership

Privileges: The benefits offered to members

Evaluations: The process by which a member is reviewed and assessed

Leave of Absence: The process by which a member may leave CSH during an RIT Leave of Absence

Resignations: The process by which a member terminates CSH membership

Term: The duration of the membership

Section 4.A Introductory Membership

4.A.1 Introductory Membership Qualifications

Intro Membership is open to all students currently enrolled at RIT.

4.A.2 Introductory Membership Selection

Applicants notify the Evals Director of their interest in membership by submitting an application. They then undergo the selection process as defined below.

4.A.2.A Selection Process for Current RIT Students

1. The applicant submits an application to the Evals Director for review.
2. The applicant participates in an informal interview with three current Active, Alumni, or Honorary Members.
3. The application materials are reviewed at an Evals meeting. Then an Immediate Relative Majority Vote of attending members is held on whether or not to accept the person as an Intro Member.

4.A.2.B Selection Process for Incoming RIT Students

1. During spring semester, the Evals Director selects a group of Active Members to form a Selections Committee. The Selections Committee reviews applications and conducts interviews in accordance with the process prescribed by ResLife.
2. A subset of applicants will be offered Intro Membership and have the opportunity to participate in the Intro Process defined in 4.A.5.A. A subset of Intro Members will be offered On-Floor status and will be able to select a room on floor. The other Intro Members will have Off-Floor status, but will otherwise have the same privileges and responsibilities.

4.A.3 Introductory Membership Expectations

Intro Members are expected to meet all the requirements of the Intro Process described in 4.A.5.C. Intro Members are not required to pay membership dues.

4.A.4 Introductory Membership Privileges

Most membership privileges do not initiate until successful completion of the Intro Process. This means that until the member has passed the Intro Eval, the member does not have the right to vote on CSH issues and does not count towards quorum. The member does, however, have the privilege to use CSH's facilities.

4.A.5 Introductory Membership Evaluations

The Intro Process allows Intro Members to learn about CSH and demonstrate their interest in becoming Active Members. During this period, Intro Members will meet members, learn CSH history, and be evaluated for Active Membership by Active Members.

4.A.5.A The Evaluation Period The Intro Process will occur either once or twice per semester, and will last for six weeks. The process will be initiated by the Evals Director during either the first or second week of each semester. E-Board may approve an extension to the Intro Process by an E-Board Vote. If an Intro Process is extended, the Intro Eval shall occur at the termination of the extended process, which may be outside of the period defined in 4.A.5.D. If deemed necessary by the Evals Director or by an E-Board Vote, the second Intro Process must begin within nine days of the first process ending. If a second Intro Process is approved, the Evals Director may initiate a new Intro Packet within the first or second week of the process.

4.A.5.B The Introductory Packet Each Intro Process participant, after the first week, is given two weeks to obtain signatures from all Active Members who have passed a Membership Eval, all On-Floor Intro and Active Members, and ten of any combination of Alumni, Honorary, and Advisory Members. At the discretion of the Evals Director or as the result of an E-Board Vote, any Intro Packet may be extended to accommodate extenuating circumstances.

4.A.5.C Expectations of an Introductory Member Before the end of the Intro Process, an Intro Member is expected to:

1. Attend all House Meetings during the Intro Process
2. Complete the Intro Packet
3. Attend at least one directorship meeting for each week of the process
4. Attend at least one CSH social event during the process
5. Attend at least two Technical Seminars during the process

4.A.5.D Introductory Evaluation The Intro Eval is the process by which Active Members choose which Intro Members to extend an offer of Active Membership. It occurs at the end of the final week of the Intro Process.

4.A.5.D.1 Voting On a member-by-member basis, the Intro Eval determines if each Intro Member has successfully completed the Intro Process requirements described in 4.A.5.C. An Immediate Relative Majority Vote with two-thirds quorum is required for the Eval to be valid. For an Active Member to be eligible to vote during the Intro Eval they must meet the requirements outlined in 4.B.4.A. Neither absentee nor proxy votes are allowed. Intro Members may be offered any of the outcomes listed in 4.B.5.A.2.

4.A.5.D.2 Outcomes

- a. Intro Members may be offered Active Membership provided they meet the requirements described in 4.A.5.C, at the discretion of attending members.
- b. If an Intro Member fails to meet the requirements, their membership will be revoked.
- c. An Intro Member may be given a conditional to complete as a means of making up for missing requirements. A conditional may be proposed by any member present at the Intro Eval, and if it is approved by the Evals Director, is then voted on by the attending members.

4.A.6 Introductory Membership Leave of Absence

An Intro Member may request a Leave of Absence through the process described in 4.E.

4.A.7 Introductory Membership Resignations

Intro Members may resign by submitting a request for termination of membership to the Chair or the Evals Director in writing before the completion of the Intro Process.

4.A.8 Introductory Membership Term

Intro Membership shall last until the end of the Intro Process, at which time Active Membership is granted or membership is revoked.

Section 4.B Active Membership

4.B.1 Active Membership Qualifications

Active Membership is open to all students currently enrolled at RIT who have passed the Intro Eval and their most recent Membership Eval.

4.B.2 Active Membership Selection

Alumni Members in good standing may self-select into Active Membership by paying dues to the Financial Director and notifying the Evals Director. They will retain their previous Housing Status if applicable.

Any Alumni Member in bad standing, as described in 4.C.2, may become an Active Member by notifying the Evals Director of their intent to participate. The Evals Director will then bring them up for an Immediate Relative Majority vote with fifty percent quorum at the next House Meeting. If the vote passes, the Alumni is reinstated as an Active Member with Off-Floor Status effective immediately.

4.B.3 Active Membership Expectations

Active Members are expected to be active participants in CSH as defined in 4.B.3.A. Active Voting Members are expected to meet the requirements defined in 4.B.4.A.

4.B.3.A Expectations of Active Members Active Members are required to pay dues as stated in 6.A.2, attend all House Meetings and E-Board candidate speeches, and attend at least fifteen of the directorship meetings for each semester in which they are an Active Member. They are also expected to sign a copy of the Membership Agreement.

Active Members must participate in at least one major project during the academic year. Members are required to submit a description for this major project to E-Board for approval. As an alternative to this requirement, members may instead assist on a large number of CSH activities and projects. However, it is to be understood in advance by the member that this option requires a great deal of participation throughout the year. This participation will be evaluated by E-Board.

4.B.4 Active Membership Privileges

Active Members receive the privilege to:

- a. Vote on CSH issues
- b. Hold a position on E-Board
- c. Use CSH facilities
- d. Receive priority for on-floor housing, or apply for On-Floor Status

4.B.4.A Expectations of Voting Members The following requirements must be met by the beginning of the Intro Eval for an Active Member to be allowed to vote. Any of these requirements may be waived by the Evals Director or an E-Board Vote.

1. Attend all House Meetings during the Intro Process
2. Attend at least one directorship meeting for each week of the Intro Process
3. Attend at least one CSH social event during the Intro Process
4. Attend at least two Technical Seminars during the Intro Process

4.B.5 Active Membership Evaluations

Active Members are evaluated annually through the Eval Process described below.

4.B.5.A Membership Evaluation The Membership Eval occurs once per academic year, where Active Members are evaluated. It is performed as part of the Eval Process that takes place during the spring semester to comply with the RIT Housing deadlines. The Membership Eval is responsible for determining individuals who will have the option to continue Active Membership in the following academic year. This meeting is open only to Active Members. All Active Members are expected to attend this meeting.

4.B.5.A.1 Voting Any Active Member who has completed all of the requirements as defined in 4.B.3.A at the beginning of the Membership Eval passes their Membership Eval without being voted on. All Active Members who have not received an exemption from E-Board prior to the Membership Eval will be evaluated on a member-by-member basis by Active Members. The Membership Eval shall hold members to the objective requirements defined in 4.B.3.A and determine which members may continue as an Active Member in the following academic year. Exceptions to the requirements may be made, as attending members may choose any of the outcomes for each member, even if the member being evaluated has not completed all of their requirements. These requirements must be completed before the Membership Eval occurs. A Secret Immediate Relative Majority vote with two-thirds quorum is required for the evaluation to be valid. Neither absentee nor proxy votes are allowed.

4.B.5.A.2 Outcomes Members who pass the Membership Eval have the option to participate as an Active Member in the following year.

If a member fails and has never passed a Membership Eval in the past, their membership will be revoked immediately. If the member fails, but has previously passed a Membership Eval, they will move to Alumni Membership in bad standing, as defined in 4.C.2, at the end of the Standard Operating Session. In either case, the member forfeits their ability to participate as an Active Member in the following year.

A member may be given a conditional to complete as a means of making up for missing requirements. A conditional may be proposed by any member present at the Eval. If the conditional is approved by the Evals Director, it is then voted on by the attending members as described in VII. Each conditional consists of a set of additional requirements and a deadline for completing them. Members who are given a conditional have their Eval decision deferred, and therefore maintain their current membership status until the conditional is resolved. When the deadline expires, the conditional will be brought before E-Board, who will assess its completeness. A conditional member who does not meet these additional requirements will have failed the Eval.

4.B.6 Active Membership Leave of Absence

An Active Member may at any time request a Leave of Absence using the process described in 4.E. For the duration of an absence, a member:

- a. Forfeits their right to vote
- b. Does not count towards quorum
- c. Will not be required to attend House Meeting

4.B.7 Active Membership Resignations

An Active Member may resign by submitting, in writing, the reason for resignation to the Chair or the Evals Director. Instead of forfeiting membership, Active Members who resign may elect to become Alumni as described in 4.C.2. The resignation will take effect immediately and an announcement will be made at the following House Meeting.

4.B.8 Active Membership Term

Active Membership shall last until the member resigns or changes membership status.

Section 4.C Alumni Membership

4.C.1 Alumni Membership Qualifications

Alumni Membership is open to all former Active Members who passed at least one Membership Eval and departed for reasons other than revocation of membership.

4.C.2 Alumni Membership Selection

Active Members who resign from CSH after passing the current operating session's Membership Eval are considered to be Alumni in good standing.

Active Members who depart house without passing the current operating session's Membership Eval are considered to be Alumni in bad standing. This may be appealed to E-Board in order to pursue a different outcome, described in 5.A.8.

4.C.3 Alumni Membership Expectations

There are no expectations associated with the Alumni Membership status.

4.C.4 Alumni Membership Privileges

Alumni Members have the privilege to use CSH facilities and attend CSH functions.

4.C.5 Alumni Membership Evaluations

Alumni Members are not subject to any Evals.

4.C.6 Alumni Membership Resignations

There are no resignations associated with Alumni Membership status.

4.C.7 Alumni Membership Term

Alumni Membership shall last indefinitely or until the member chooses to pursue Active Membership.

Section 4.D Honorary and Advisory Memberships

4.D.1 Honorary Membership Qualifications

Honorary Membership is open to a person whom CSH feels has contributed great personal effort to CSH and is deserving of recognition.

4.D.2 Advisory Membership Qualifications

Advisory Membership is open to all members of the RIT professional, academic, or administrative staff.

4.D.3 Honorary and Advisory Membership Selection

- a. A CSH member submits a nomination to the Evals Director, in writing, for a person they feel is deserving of Honorary or Advisory Membership. The nomination must specify the type of membership the nominee is nominated for.
- b. The Evals Director performs preliminary research on the candidate and presents the findings.
- c. If E-Board decides not to present the nomination at a House Meeting, the selection process ends and the candidate does not become a member.
- d. If the nomination is presented at a House Meeting for discussion. A Two-Thirds Vote with two-thirds quorum is held to determine whether the nomination is accepted. Ballots are distributed and voting must remain open for a minimum of a forty-eight hour period.
- e. Candidates selected for Honorary Membership are notified of their selection as an Honorary Member and presented with the honor.
- f. Candidates selected for Advisory Membership are notified of their acceptance as CSH Advisors and asked to accept or decline the selection.

4.D.4 Honorary Membership Expectations

There are no expectations associated with the Honorary Membership status.

4.D.5 Advisory Membership Expectations

There are no expectations associated with the Advisory Membership status.

4.D.6 Honorary and Advisory Membership Privileges

Honorary and Advisory Members may advise in CSH issues, use CSH facilities, and attend CSH functions.

4.D.7 Honorary and Advisory Membership Evaluations

Honorary and Advisory Members are not subject to any Evals.

4.D.8 Honorary and Advisory Membership Resignations

An Honorary or Advisory Member may resign by submitting in writing the reason for resignation to the Chair. The resignation will be read at the following House Meeting and become effective at that time.

4.D.9 Honorary and Advisory Membership Term

Honorary and Advisory Memberships shall last until the member resigns.

Section 4.E Leave of Absence

A leave of absence offers the option for members to take extended time away from their responsibilities to House for any number of personal issues including, but not limited to, physical illness, mental illness, or care giving for a sick family member. CSH recognizes the need for its members to take care of their personal well-being and will support them through the process of requesting a leave of absence. House will also help reacclimate any returning member back to the culture of House upon their return. Upon approval of a leave of absence request, the Evals Director is notified and the member's leave is applied immediately. A member is also allowed to be physically present and also be on a leave of absence.

4.E.1 Leave of Absence Request

A leave of absence request must include the following information about the member: name, email, phone number, start date, expected return date, and a reason for the leave. The request is then given to a staff member of ResLife, excluding student employees, for approval. A leave of absence start date can be backdated. At no point does E-Board need to be informed of any details relating to the reason for the leave.

4.E.2 Leave of Absence Duration

A leave of absence can be granted for up to the length of one semester.

4.E.3 Leave of Absence Extension

A leave of absence can be extended by submitting a new request.

4.E.4 Leave of Absence Return

A member may return from a leave of absence whichever they choose to. When a member wishes to return, they must in writing notify a staff member of ResLife, excluding student employees, to end their leave of absence.

4.E.5 Modified Evaluations

A member may request their evaluation period to be extended by the duration of the leave or to end of the Standard Operating Session, whichever comes first.

4.E.6 Leave of Absence for Executive Board Member

The duties and responsibilities of an E-Board member on leave are assumed using the process defined in 5.A.7 until the member returns from their leave. If the member returns before the end of the Standard Operation Session in which they started their leave, they may assume their position and the interim director is removed. If any point the member's leave is determined by E-Board to be detrimental to be operations of House, any E-Board member may propose an E-Board Vote to require a resignation from the member.

Article V Computer Science House Officers

Section 5.A Executive Board

E-Board is the main governing body of CSH. Its purpose is to provide leadership and direction for CSH, to oversee the day-to-day operations of CSH, and to initiate and organize programs and projects for CSH.

There is one permanent directorship for each major aspect of the government of CSH and each one is chaired by an E-Board Member. A Voting E-Board Member is considered to be any E-Board Member with a non-zero vote.

5.A.1 Responsibilities

5.A.1.A Responsibilities of the Executive Board

1. To hold a weekly meeting specific to their responsibilities and submit notes to CSH, if they are a Voting Member
2. To meet at least weekly during the Standard Operating Session to discuss and report the operations of CSH

3. To report pertinent information to members at the following House Meeting
4. To maintain records of the goals defined by each previous E-Board
5. To act as a Judicial Board as defined in VIII
6. To review major projects as defined in 4.B.3.A
7. To make the final vote regarding conditionals and appeals as defined in 4.B.5.A
8. To respect the privacy of members confiding in E-Board, barring situations related to sexual assault or endangerment of oneself or others
9. To publish a document at the end of each semester to all members stating CSH's accomplishments of that semester

5.A.1.B Responsibilities of the Chairperson

1. To preside over E-Board and House Meetings
2. To exercise general supervision over the operations of E-Board
3. To exercise general supervision over regular CSH activities
4. To act as a liaison to the academic and administrative departments at RIT
5. To represent CSH publicly
6. To coordinate collaboration between CSH and companies in the industry
7. To cast the tie-breaking vote in a split decision in an E-Board Vote

5.A.1.C Responsibilities of the Evaluations Director

1. To exercise general supervision over Evals operations
2. To oversee the screening, interviewing, and acceptance or rejection of prospective members
3. To collaborate with the ResLife Advisor to determine room change selection and any changes of membership residency
4. To vote on issues presented to E-Board

5.A.1.D Responsibilities of the Socials Director(s)

1. To exercise general supervision over Social operations
2. To oversee the organization and execution of CSH social activities
3. To ensure that there is a variety of events for members to participate in throughout the academic year
4. To vote on issues presented to E-Board

5.A.1.E Responsibilities of the Public Relations Director

1. To operate CSH social media accounts intended to represent CSH as a whole
2. To oversee the organization and execution of CSH philanthropic events
3. To preserve and improve the public image of CSH
4. To collaborate with other E-Board members to organize, execute, and advertise any events that are intended to be attended by persons who have never been Active Members
5. To oversee the preparation of CSH for open houses, tours, and special events
6. To vote on issues presented to E-Board

5.A.1.F Responsibilities of the Financial Director

1. To supervise financial administrators and transactions involving house projects
2. To maintain financial and inventory records of CSH capital and assets
3. To plan and enforce a CSH budget
4. To oversee CSH finances and generation of CSH funds
5. To publish a semesterly CSH financial statement
6. To supervise the collection of semesterly dues
7. To oversee the planning and execution of fundraising events
8. To vote on issues presented to E-Board

5.A.1.G Responsibilities of the Research and Development Director(s)

1. To exercise general supervision over R&D operations
2. To oversee the planning, organization, and construction of technical projects for the CSH's benefit
3. To strive to fulfill the CSH's need for technical equipment
4. To organize and support Technical Seminars
5. To vote on issues presented to E-Board

5.A.1.H Responsibilities of the House Improvements Director

1. To exercise general supervision over the IMPs operations
2. To oversee the organization and construction of physical improvements to CSH
3. To oversee the general maintenance of the appearance of CSH
4. To vote on issues presented to E-Board

5.A.1.I Responsibilities of the Operational Communications Director

1. To represent the RTPs at E-Board Meetings and at House Meetings
2. To report the status of the house systems, services, and networks
3. To facilitate communications with RIT Information and Technology Services
4. To vote on issues presented to E-Board

5.A.1.J Responsibilities of the History Director

1. To exercise general supervision over the History operations
2. To maintain, uphold, and promote house traditions
3. To collaborate with the Social Director(s) to ensure that all the Active, Alumni, and Advisory Members are informed of upcoming events
4. To oversee the production and distribution of a semi-annual newsletter
5. To vote on issues presented to E-Board

5.A.1.K Responsibilities of the Secretary

1. To ensure that minutes are recorded and posted for E-Board Meetings
2. To ensure that minutes are recorded and posted for House Meetings
3. To oversee the maintenance of E-Board records and documents
4. To record all votes held and their outcomes during House Meetings and open E-Board Meetings

5.A.1.L Responsibilities of Ad Hoc Directorships

1. Ad Hoc Directorships are responsible for the task for which they were created
2. Any responsibilities, budgets, or finances for the Ad Hoc Directorship are placed upon the assigned director

5.A.2 Closed Executive Board

Closed E-Board Meetings are open only to the Chair, Voting Members of E-Board, and those with the express permission of the aforementioned members. A closed E-Board meeting may be called at any time by any member of E-Board. However, the Chair and at least two-thirds of the Voting Members of E-Board must be present for the meeting to be called.

5.A.3 Qualifications**5.A.3.A Qualifications for Chairperson, Evaluations Director, Social Director, Financial Director, Research and Development Director(s), House Improvements Director, History Director, Public Relations Director**

1. Candidates must be Active Members during the term of office.
2. Elected or selected candidates may not hold two simultaneous voting E-Board positions, and must therefore resign their current position or decline a second position should they be elected or selected to a second voting position.
3. Candidates for Chair or Evals Director must reside on floor during the term of office.

5.A.3.B Qualifications for Operational Communications Director

1. Candidates must be an RTP and an Active Member.
2. An RTP cannot be the director if they currently hold any other elected E-Board position.

5.A.3.C Qualifications for Secretary or Ad Hoc Director

1. Candidates must be Active Members.

5.A.3.D Waiving of Qualifications

1. CSH may choose to waive the following subset of the qualifications for E-Board positions, as defined under 5.A.3, for all candidates:
 - (a) Candidates must reside on floor during the term of office.
 - (b) Social and R&D are the only voting E-Board positions that allow for dual directorship.
2. When a waiver is proposed, the Chair of the Vote shall state which E-Board position and qualification is being voted upon, and any nominated candidates not qualified under 5.A.3 who would become qualified if the waiver passes.
3. A Three-Quarters Immediate Vote with three-quarters quorum is then taken to determine whether the proposed waiver shall take effect.
4. Each vote to waive a qualification must only apply to a single qualification for a single E-Board position.
5. Waivers always apply to all candidates for the E-Board position.

5.A.4 Selection

5.A.4.A Dual Directors Social and R&D are the only Voting E-Board positions that allow for dual directors.

If two candidates elect to run as dual directors, their names are placed together on a single line of the election ballot. If they are also nominated as a single directorship or as dual directors with another member, their votes are not cumulative. Each different nomination must be a separate entry on the election ballot. Ad Hoc Directors are not restricted to single or dual directors.

The following special cases cover the operation of dual directors:

1. If one of the members in a dual directorship resigns, or for any other reason ends the term of office, the other member in the dual directorship must also step down and the office becomes vacated. The vacated office is then handled like any other vacated office in accordance with 5.A.5.
2. During an official E-Board Vote, each dual director's vote counts for one half of a vote in the tallying of votes. The members of the dual directorship need not vote the same way in a vote. This cannot be used to give a vote to a position that would not otherwise have one in an E-Board Vote.
3. A member of a dual directorship may not hold any other Voting E-Board position or the position of Chair. When attendance requirements call for the dual directorship position to be present, at least one of the dual directors must be present to fulfill the requirements.

5.A.4.B Selection of the Chairperson, Evaluations Director, Social Director(s), Financial Director, House Improvements Director, History Director, Research and Development Director(s), Public Relations Director

1. The opening of the E-Board position(s) is announced at a House Meeting and nominations for the position are taken for a minimum of a seventy-two hour period. Any member may nominate any member, or pair of members where appropriate, for a directorship.
2. The candidates will be notified of their nomination. Each candidate is given a minimum of a twenty-four hour period to accept or decline the nomination. A list of all nominees who have accepted their nominations will be posted shortly thereafter.
3. The date and time of candidate speeches will be announced by a member of E-Board at least five days prior to the event. All Active Members are expected to attend candidate speeches in accordance with 4.B.3.A. If a member cannot attend due to a scheduling conflict, they may provide a reason for their absence to the Evals Director, who will record the reason with the absence.
4. Each candidate will be given an equal amount of time to present their platform of candidacy to the attending members.
5. Ballots will then be distributed for a Balloted Vote 7.B.1 and voting will be open for a minimum of a forty-eight hour period. The Ballots will list, in random order, all of the candidates who are qualified for a given office with a means to indicate the selection of one of the candidates. In addition, an area will be provided to indicate a write-in selection of a candidate.
6. At the end of the voting period, the Chair will terminate voting.
7. The winners are determined via the process described in 7.C.3. A fifty-percent quorum is required for the election to be official. All winners are notified of their election. If the position is currently vacant, the winner immediately assumes office. If not, the winner will assume office at the end of the current term, as defined in 5.A.7.B. Any office whose winner declines the election, or whose winner does not fulfill the requirements of the elected office, shall have their votes redistributed in the same process as a loser in 7.C.3.

5.A.4.C Selection of the Operational Communications Director

- a. A candidate for the OpComm Directorship shall be chosen by the current RTPs.
- b. The candidate is given a minimum of twenty-four hours to accept or decline the nomination.
- c. The candidate is presented to E-Board for approval. This E-Board Meeting is closed to the E-Board Members, RTPs, and members with explicit invitation from E-Board.
- d. All Voting E-Board Members must be present during the discussion and voting period unless that member is a candidate for the position, in which case the member is absent and their vote is abstained. An E-Board Vote is taken to determine whether the candidate is selected for the position.

5.A.4.D Selection of Ad Hoc Directors

- a. When a group of members feels an Ad Hoc Directorship is necessary, they present their plans to E-Board. An E-Board Vote is taken to determine whether directorship status is granted.
- b. When the Ad Hoc Directorship is granted status, a director is appointed, and duties, budget, and membership considerations are defined.

5.A.4.E Selection of the Secretary E-Board may select any interested Active Member as Secretary. The selection process can be an informal appointment, or follow an election process similar to other Voting E-Board positions.

5.A.5 Executive Board Resignations

An E-Board Member may resign their position by submitting in writing the reason for resignation to the Chair. The E-Board resignation will be read at the following House Meeting and become effective at that time. The office will become vacant and the selection process for a new director, as described in 5.A.7, will begin at that time. The selection process, as defined in 5.A.4, of a replacement for the position vacated must begin within two weeks from when the resignation took place. To postpone such a selection, the Chair may chair an Immediate Relative Majority Vote during a House Meeting prior to the beginning of the selection process to delay the selection process by a specified amount of time.

5.A.6 Selection of an Acting Chairperson

If there is not an acting Chair during a process where one is required, then the following line of succession is used to determine which director becomes the acting Chair until a new Chair is elected.

1. Evals Director
2. Financials Director
3. Voting E-Board Member chosen by an E-Board Vote

5.A.7 Appointment of an Interim Director

The duties and responsibilities of a vacated office are assumed by an Active Member that is appointed at the Chair's discretion until the new director takes office. The vote of a vacated E-Board position shall be cast as an abstention in all E-Board matters where this vote is required to be cast.

5.A.7.A Impeachment

- a. Impeachment of any E-Board Member may be initiated by petition, in writing, consisting of a minimum number of signatures of current members equaling or exceeding one-third the number of Eligible Votes, as defined in 7.A.1.
- b. The impeachment petition is then presented at an E-Board Meeting. The member(s) initiating the petition present their case to E-Board. E-Board then questions the accused member of the allegations.
- c. An E-Board Vote is taken on the impeachment petition, with all Voting E-Board Members present except the accused member who must be absent and whose vote counts as an Abstention, to determine if the allegations stated in the petition are legitimate grounds for impeachment. If the majority of E-Board votes are negative, the petition and impeachment proceedings are dismissed. This vote may be overridden by an impeachment petition consisting of the grounds for impeachment and a minimum number of signatures of current members equaling or exceeding two-thirds the number of Eligible Votes.
- d. If the majority of the E-Board votes are positive, or the negative vote was overridden, the petition is presented at the following House Meeting and the accused and accuser(s) again present their cases.
- e. Ballots will then be distributed and a Secret Ballot Vote shall be held for a minimum of a forty-eight hour period to determine whether or not the member should be removed from office. Votes shall be collected and counted for a Two-Thirds Balloted Vote, as described in 7.B.1.

- f. A two-thirds quorum is necessary for the vote to be official. If the resolution passes, the accused officer is relinquished of their position and any benefits thereof and this position is treated like any other vacated position. If a quorum cannot be reached after two attempts, or the percentage of affirmative votes does not equal or exceed the minimum, impeachment proceedings are dismissed. A new selection and interim duty fulfillment procedure is followed similar to that of a resignation, as described in 5.A.5.
- g. The Secretary can be impeached according to the above process, or may be dismissed by an E-Board Vote.

5.A.7.B Term

- a. The election process for the following year's E-Board members shall begin in the middle of spring semester.
- b. The newly selected officers shall begin their terms on June 1 of that year and their terms shall end on May 31 of the following year.
- c. The term of an officer will be abbreviated due to resignation, impeachment, or change in membership status.
- d. Officers elected or selected during the course of the year due to an abbreviated term of the previous officer shall hold office until the end of the normal term.
- e. When the task of an Ad Hoc Directorship has been completed, the directorship dissolves. When an Ad Hoc Director resigns, the directorship dissolves and must be reinstated with a new director.

5.A.8 Appeals

To initiate an appeal, a member must have the support of three Voting E-Board Members, or a petition with the signatures of one-third of Active Members. After the appeal is presented, an E-Board Vote is taken to determine whether or not to overturn and reevaluate the decision. If the vote passes, E-Board may discuss and make a new ruling by another E-Board Vote.

Section 5.B Constitutional Maintainers

5.B.1 Constitutional Maintainer Qualifications

Maintainers must be Active or Alumni Members.

5.B.2 Constitutional Maintainer Expectations

Maintainers are expected to:

- a. Be knowledgeable about the Constitution
- b. Review changes to the Constitution for grammar, spelling, and internal consistency
- c. Participate in discussion of proposals and amendments
- d. Keep a public record of changes to the Constitution

Failure to meet any of these expectations is grounds for revocation of Maintainer status by E-Board.

5.B.3 Constitutional Maintainer Term

Maintainer status lasts until it is resigned, or until it is revoked by an E-Board Vote. A Maintainer may resign at any time by notifying the current E-Board and Maintainer group. If a Maintainer no longer satisfies 5.B.1, they lose Maintainer status.

5.B.4 Constitutional Maintainer Selection

Any member may nominate a qualified member for Maintainer status to E-Board for consideration. E-Board may choose to approve or reject the nomination by E-Board Vote with a quorum of seventy-five percent of the Eligible Votes.

Section 5.C Root Type Persons

The OpComm Directorship is responsible for overseeing the implementation of maintenance and upgrades to the CSH computer systems networks. It is a self-governing committee making decisions by Immediate Relative Majority vote with two-thirds quorum of current RTPs. Membership is composed of all RTPs.

5.C.1 Selection of a Root Type Person

- a. Nominations are taken from the RTPs meeting the selection criteria in 5.C.1.A.
- b. Each candidate is given a minimum of twenty-four hour period to accept or decline the nomination.
- c. A list of all nominees who have accepted is presented to E-Board for approval. This E-Board Meeting is closed to E-Board Members, RTPs, and members with explicit invitation from E-Board.
- d. If an E-Board Member is a candidate for the office in discussion, the member is absent and their vote is abstained. An E-Board Vote, as described in 7.B.2.D, is taken to determine whether the nominations of the RTP(s) are accepted.

5.C.1.A Qualifications of a Root Type Person

 Candidates must be Active Members.

5.C.1.B Prior Root Type Persons Prior RTPs are those members who are no longer current Active Members and have not been granted an extension by the current RTPs. Prior RTPs are not guaranteed access to the current root passwords and other authentication tokens. The current RTPs may draft rules and regulations specifying the rights and privileges of Prior RTPs.

5.C.1.C Creation of Accounts RTPs have the authority to manage user accounts for CSH systems. Before a member may receive an account they must:

1. Sign the Code of Conduct sheets pertaining to the responsible utilization of CSH and RIT facilities.
2. Obtain greater than or equal to 60% of required signatures, excluding those of On-Floor Members who have not passed a Membership Eval, in the Intro Packet or successfully complete Intro Eval.
3. Sign a copy of the Membership Agreement

Accounts for Honorary and Advisory Members may be created at the discretion of the RTPs.

5.C.1.D Code of Conduct The Code of Conduct located at <https://github.com/ComputerScienceHouse/CodeOfConduct> is the canonical Code of Conduct for CSH accounts.

Members are bound to the Code of Conduct revision that they sign when initially creating their account. Members may sign a more recent revision of the Code of Conduct to update their agreement.

5.C.1.D.1 Changes The following process is used for making changes to the Code of Conduct document.

- a. An RTP drafts a change to the Code of Conduct and makes publicly available both the summary and difference file of the change.
- b. The change is proposed at a House Meeting and is discussed at the same House Meeting.
- c. The final proposal is presented at the next House Meeting and ballots are distributed for a One-Half Balloted House Vote with fifty percent quorum, as described in 7.B.1.
- d. Any RTP may make any non-semantic change to the Code of Conduct with the approval of two other RTPs.

Article VI General Operations of the House

Section 6.A Financial Operations of the House

6.A.1 Amount of House Dues

The amount of dues for Active Members will be eighty dollars per academic semester.

6.A.2 Collection of Dues

The collection period of house dues will be decided in conjunction with the Center for ResLife and Housing Operations. During the dues collection period, dues for both semesters are collected through the member's RIT bill. Dues for any Alumni in good standing are to be collected when intention to pay is expressed to the Financial Director.

6.A.2.A Rules for Giving Exceptions and Exemptions for House Dues Members may appeal their situation to the Financial Director or E-board in the case that the member is dissatisfied with the Financial Director's decision. The Financial Director, or E-board, then decides whether their situation warrants an extension to the payment deadline and/or reduction of the required dues.

If the appeal is denied, the member's payment is considered delinquent and the member's privileges are revoked until payment can be made. All dues must be collected in full before the annual Membership Eval, as defined in 4.B.5.A. After this date, dues collection is suspended until the start of the next academic year.

6.A.3 Breakdown of Dues for Directorship Budgets

Directorship	Percentage of Dues
OpComm	20%
Social	20%
R&D	20%
IMPs	15%
History	10%
Evals	5%
PR	5%
Accumulated	5%

Dues collected from on-floor members are to be distributed into directorship budgets as shown in the above table. Money allocated for Accumulated or collected from off-floor members is deposited into the CSH account and saved.

6.A.4 Expenditure Approval

All CSH expenditures must be approved by the Financial Director and the director whose budget is going to be used for the expenditure. Single expenditures may not exceed seventy-five dollars and Total Expenditures may not exceed one-hundred dollars.

If the above amounts are to be exceeded, the expenditure must be approved by an Immediate One-Half Vote at a House Meeting before the funds may be appropriated. At the Financial Director's discretion, a Spending Committee meeting may be held in order to approve any purchase exceeding one-hundred dollars, but not to exceed three-hundred dollars. A Two-Thirds Immediate Vote with twenty-five percent quorum is required to approve the purchase.

For expenditures exceeding \$300 in total funding, a spending presentation must be presented at a House Meeting. This presentation includes the funds required for the expenditure, inventory of required resources, and, if applicable, a timeline for completion.

If an appropriate directorship cannot be determined for an expenditure, it is to be brought up for approval at a House Meeting as a miscellaneous expenditure and approved by an Immediate Relative Majority vote with fifty percent quorum, regardless of the amount. This amount is to be directly subtracted from the general CSH account.

Section 6.B Housing

6.B.1 Housing Status

All Alumni, Active, and Intro Members have a Housing Status. This status indicates their privilege of priority housing on the floor. Alumni Members in good standing keep the housing status they had as Active Members. Alumni Members in bad standing have Off-Floor Status.

6.B.1.A On-Floor Status Members with On-Floor Status are eligible to live on the floor. To be granted On-Floor Status, members may notify the Evals Director that they would like to come up for a vote. The Evals Director will then bring them up for vote at the next Evals Meeting.

6.B.1.B Off-Floor Status Members with Off-Floor Status do not have the right to live on the floor. They still have access to all other privileges associated with their membership, and may still accumulate Housing Priority Points.

6.B.2 Housing Priority System

The Housing Priority System is a means for determining the priority a member has in a housing issue or the assignment of available housing. The member with top priority is the member with On-Floor Status and the most Housing Priority Points. Housing Priority Points are accumulated once per Operating Session at the conclusion of the Membership Eval. Each Active Member who passes the Membership Eval is granted two Housing Priority Points.

Section 6.C Evaluations Processes

At the beginning of any Eval Process, the Evals Director must read the sections of the CSH Constitution regarding the relevant Eval Process. It is incumbent upon each member to provide the Evals Director with whatever information they feel is necessary to ensure an accurate evaluation.

6.C.1 Appeals Process

If a member disagrees with the outcome of any non-passing Eval and wishes to appeal the decision, they may do so as stated in 5.A.8.

If the member is still unsatisfied after being heard by E-Board, the appeal may be brought to the attention of the ResLife Advisor.

Article VII Voting

This section outlines the different types of votes and ballots used to make decisions and defines relevant terminology.

Section 7.A Definitions

7.A.1 Eligible Votes

The number of Active Members eligible to vote on the issue.

7.A.2 Votes Cast

The number of ballots cast in a vote, excluding abstentions.

7.A.3 Quorum

The minimum number of votes that must be cast for the vote to be considered valid. Any member present for an Immediate Vote or given a ballot who does not explicitly cast their vote is counted as an abstention. A quorum is expressed as a fraction or percentage of Eligible Votes, rounded up to the nearest vote, unless otherwise specified in the text of the vote.

7.A.4 Proxy Vote

A vote cast by one member on behalf of another. Proxy Votes are only permissible at the discretion of the Chair of the Vote, and may be disallowed in the text describing the vote. Proxy Votes must be documented in writing and signed by the absent member. The count of all Proxy Votes must be recorded and announced in all votes.

7.A.5 Abstention

An abstention is a neutral vote that counts towards the quorum but not towards determining the outcome of a vote. A means to abstain must always be provided in a vote.

7.A.6 Vote Counters

The Chair of the Vote is a vote counter and will additionally select two other members to count votes.

Section 7.B Voting Procedures

7.B.1 Balloted Vote

7.B.1.A Method of Vote Votes are cast on ballots that provide a means to indicate every possible option in the vote.

7.B.1.B Voting Period For constitutional modification, candidate selection, and officer removal votes, the voting period must be at least forty-eight hours in length. For any other type of vote, the voting period must be at least twenty-four hours. The minimum length of the voting period may be explicitly lengthened, but never shortened, in the text describing the actual vote.

The voting period opens once ballots are distributed to each member eligible to cast a vote. At the end of the voting period, the Chair of the Vote collects the ballots, closing the voting period. The Vote Counters then tally the results.

7.B.2 Immediate Vote

7.B.2.A Method of Vote The Chair of the Vote will state all possible ways to vote, then call out each possibility one at a time. The chairing member will count the number of members casting their immediate vote for that possibility. Any members that count towards quorum that do not explicitly cast a vote will have their vote counted as an abstention.

7.B.2.B Voting Period An Immediate Vote lasts as long as it takes for all votes to be tallied.

7.B.2.C Secret Immediate Vote An Immediate Vote in which votes are kept anonymous.

7.B.2.D Executive Board Vote In an E-Board Vote, only Voting E-Board Members are eligible to vote. Unless otherwise specified, E-Board votes are Immediate Relative Majority Votes with a fifty percent quorum.

7.B.3 Batch Vote

When a Batch Vote is called for by the Chair of the Vote, a non-empty subset of the voting docket may be amended to a single vote. A Two-Thirds Immediate Vote is required to allow a Batch Vote to take place. If the call for Batch Vote passes, the subset may then be voted on; otherwise, the docket remains unchanged.

Section 7.C Approval Criteria

Approval Criteria are the rules that determine whether an option in a vote has passed.

7.C.1 Relative Majority

In a Relative Majority Vote, an option in the vote passes if the number of votes cast for that option is larger than the number of votes cast for every other option individually.

7.C.2 Fractional

In a Fractional Vote, an option in the vote passes if the number of votes cast for that option exceeds a specified fraction of the Votes Cast, rounded up to the nearest vote. The fraction is specified in the text describing the vote, for example, "Two-Thirds Vote".

7.C.3 Ranked Choice

In a Ranked Choice Vote, voters rank the options by placing a '1' by their first choice, a '2' by their second choice, and so on, until they no longer wish to express any further preferences or run out of options.

The winning option is selected outright if it gains more than half the votes cast as a first preference. If not, the option with the fewest number of first preference votes is eliminated and their votes move to the second preference marked on the ballots. This process continues until one option has half of the votes cast and is elected.

Section 7.D Ties Between Vote Options

7.D.1 With Pass/Fail

If the number of votes cast for the pass option equals the number of votes cast for the fail option, then the vote has failed.

7.D.2 With Multiple Options

If only one option may pass, then the vote must be recast or tabled at the discretion of the Chair of the Vote. In the event of a tie in an E-Board Vote, the Chair may cast the tie-breaking vote.

Article VIII Judicial

E-Board may approve a request from a member for a Judicial proceeding when an official clarification of the Constitution is required, there is a conflict among members, or a House interest needs resolution.

Section 8.A Formation of a Judicial Board

A Judicial Board is made up of the Chair, the Evals Director, and an additional Voting E-Board Member. If the Chair or the Evals Director are deemed biased or unfit for a position on the Judicial Board, they will be replaced by another Voting E-Board Member by means of an E-Board Vote of the remaining members.

Section 8.B Judicial Investigation

The Judicial Board will be responsible for making all necessary inquiries into the matter of the request brought to the Judicial Board.

Section 8.C Judicial Ruling

The Judicial Board may present an official ruling following the Judicial Investigation. This ruling may be appealed in the same manner as an E-Board decision, as defined in 5.A.8.

Article IX ADHERENCE TO UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Section 9.A Anti-Hazing

9.A.1 RIT Hazing Policy (RIT Student Conduct Process; IV. RIT Code of Conduct; 14. Hazing/Failure to Report Hazing)

Hazing/Failure to Report Hazing. Behavior, regardless of intent, which endangers the emotional, or physical health and safety of a Student for the purpose of membership, affiliation with, or maintaining membership in, a group or Student Organization. Hazing includes any level of participation, such as being in the presence, having awareness of hazing, or failing to report hazing. Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to, beating or branding, sleep deprivation or causing excessive fatigue, threats of harm, forcing or coercing consumption of food, water, alcohol or other drugs, or other substances, verbal abuse, embarrassing, humiliating, or degrading acts, or activities that induce, cause or require the Student to perform a duty or task which is not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or involves a violation of local, state or federal laws, or the RIT Code of Conduct.

9.A.2 NY State Hazing Law

9.A.2.A § 120.16 Hazing in the first degree. A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby causes such injury. Hazing in the first degree is a class A misdemeanor.

9.A.2.B § 120.17 Hazing in the second degree. A person is guilty of hazing in the second degree when, in the course of another person's initiation or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person. Hazing in the second degree is a violation.

Section 9.B Anti-Discrimination Clause

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age marital state, national origin, disability or veteran status. This policy will include but is not limited to, recruiting, membership, organization activities or opportunities to hold or run for club office.

Section 9.C Statement of Compliance with University Regulations

This organization shall comply with all university and Center for Campus Life policies and regulations, and local, state and federal laws.