

CLARION VDAY CONSTITUTION

Article 1 - Name of Organization

The name of the organization by this constitution shall be Clarion VDay.

Article II - Purpose

The Clarion VDay Organization exists to unite and support members committed to stopping violence. Specifically, the purposes are.

- A.** To form an organization that refuses to accept violence as an inevitable part of life.
- B.** To spread awareness about and gain support for the VDay global movement to stop violence against women and girls in addition to any violence based on gender, race, sexual orientation, and/or gender identity etc.
- C.** To work on global concerns, as well as, on campus and in the community.
- D.** To assist in the organizing of VMen to educate their peers about male victims, men as allies with women when men act as perpetrators, and men refusing to be limited to the narrow ways they can express masculinity.
- E.** To attract members who want to join an organized effort to stop interpersonal violence through educational programs and fundraising activities. Those interested in planning and implementing well-known and well attended annual international events such as Lunafest Women's Film Festival, *The Vagina Monologues* and Take Back the Night will sign on. Women and men committed to fundraising for community agencies, PASSAGES, Inc. and SAFE., and the VDay Spotlight Campaigns, as well as acting as allies for and survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault can finally find a support system with us. Any one who wants to break the silence about these crimes are welcome.
- F.** Our campus and community will benefit from our collaborative activism, educational programming and fundraising activities. Our campus and community will gain knowledge about these issues, have a place to turn to and get help if victimized, and we will help our local agencies, PASSAGES, Inc. and SAFE, provide services and prevention programs.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Any Clarion University student interested in participating is eligible to join. All majors are welcome as well as all class standings. Members will be expected to attend biweekly meetings and participate in discussions, community service and fundraising events with dedication and commitment. Faculty, staff, alumni and local agencies with complimentary purposes will be welcome at our meetings and activities, although they cannot vote.

Section 2: There will be no membership fees.

Section 3: Members will be dismissed permanently if they attend fewer than two meetings and fail to participate in two activities per year.

In the case of members acting in ways that violate our purpose, the officers will determine if a semester long dismissal is justified and the vote must be unanimous.

Article IV – Duties and Elections of Officers

Section 1: The organization shall have the following officers who are responsible for:

A. President

The President will preside over meetings; keeping proceedings orderly and in accordance with this constitution, moderate meeting discussions, oversee the organizations of meetings, and organize educational opportunities.

B. Vice President

The Vice President will carry out the duties of the President should he/she be absent from official meetings or discussions and organize/oversee social functions for the group.

C. Secretary

The Secretary will be in charge of keeping record of the minutes, updating the membership roster, and setting up a communication system to inform members about any meetings, activities or beneficial opportunities.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer will be in charge of preparing the budget and keeping record of all funds raised and spent by Clarion VDay.

E. Publicity Coordinator

The Publicity Coordinator will be in charge of designing or working with whomever is designing PR for events, eDigest posts, social networking posts, and providing press releases to the newspaper and radio station.

F. Outreach Coordinator

The Outreach Coordinator will have the duty of connecting and communicating with organizations and businesses in the surrounding communities.

Section 2: Elections will be held every year at the end of the spring semester unless a student wishes to resign his or her position or a unanimous vote of the membership decides to impeach them from their position. Students will be nominated from the floor or may nominate themselves, and a secret ballot will be held to determine the winner. No student may hold the same position for more than two years.

Section 3: A simple majority vote will determine the fair outcome of all elections and decisions made by Clarion VDay members.

Article V – Role of Advisor

Section 1: The advisor will be selected, approved by the members and invited by the officers to advise Clarion VDay. The role of the advisor is to serve as a networking resource. The advisor will also attend meetings and activities, proofread all materials, give constructive criticism and guidance and act as liaison between the organization and the university.

Section 2: The advisor serves as a guide and has no vote.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1: Meetings will be held bi-weekly. If any business transactions are to be discussed, officers may have a separate meeting prior to the open meeting. Days, times and locations will be determined by the second week of each semester.

Section 2: A quorum of one more than half the total members will be needed for any business to be transacted.

Section 3: In any meeting, any motion can pass with a majority vote of the members present.

Section 4: An informal atmosphere will be used to conduct meetings.

Section 5: Special meetings will be held at the discretion of the President. There must be three days notice and will not need a vote. Members will be notified by email.

Article VII – Finances and Funding

Section 1: There will be no dues.

Section 2: Funds will be requested each year as needed from the Student Senate and abide by their requirements for requesting such funds.

Section 3: The organization will conduct fundraising efforts to help with our expenses and to support our community agencies' work.

Article VIII – Amending, Suspending, and Accepting the Constitution

Section 1: Bylaw amendments determined to solve a repetitive problem in the organizational structure or to expand officers or officer duties shall be submitted to members, in writing, for discussion. After that week, the amendment will be voted on and passed with a majority vote of all members present.

Section 2: These bylaws and amendments shall become effective upon ratification by the members of Clarion VDay and following the approval by the Student Senate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Article IX – Ratification

Section 1: These bylaws, and its amendments, shall become effective upon ratification by the members of Clarion VDay and following approval by the Student Senate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania.