

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CLARION UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Clarion University Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this chapter shall be to encourage the understanding of current theories and procedures in the practice of public relations, to provide students of public relations with the opportunity to become acquainted not only with their peers but with professional practitioners as well, to encourage students to adhere to the highest ideals and principle of the practice of public relations and to instill in them a professional attitude.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall comprise undergraduate and/or graduate students, regardless of age, race, color, creed, sex or national origin, who are either public relations majors or have demonstrated an interest in public relations. Only those students enrolled in Clarion University shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

The officers of this chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer. Election of officers and advisors shall be held before April 15 each year, with those elected assuming office the following June 1 for one calendar year.

Other chapter officers may be elected to handle local needs. One-third of the dues-paying membership of the chapter shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote of the quorum is required for the election to office.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer shall be such as described in Article XII, Section 6(b) of PRSSA National

Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. FACULTY ADVISOR

The chapter shall elect annually, before April 15, for one-year (renewable) period a Faculty Advisor who is a Member or Associate Member of PRSA. He/she shall teach at least one of the public relations courses required for the establishment of a PRSSA chapter. The Faculty Advisor shall be recognized as the official faculty representative in and to the chapter, and shall act as the official link between the student chapter and the Public Relations Society of America. The elected Faculty Advisor shall assume office on June 1.

ARTICLE VII. PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR

The chapter shall elect annually, before April 15, for a one-year (renewable) period one or two Professional Advisors who are members of the Public Relations Society of America, who shall represent the practice rather than the academic. The elected Professional Advisor(s) shall assume office on June 1.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

The chapter shall meet at least once during each month that school is in session. They should meet at a designated location within the campus community.

ARTICLE IX. NATIONAL DUES

National dues shall be collected from each member by the chapter treasurer at the outset of each academic year and sent, with the official form provided by PRSSA, to PRSSA Headquarters, no later than November 1. On payment of such dues, a student is entitled to one full year's membership, extending from November 1 to October 31 of the following year. National dues for students joining the chapter on March 1 may be

forwarded by the chapter treasurer, together with the official form provided by PRSSA, to PRSSA Headquarters in the spring. On payment of such dues, a student is entitled to one full year's membership, extending from March 1 to the last day of February the following year. There shall be no prorating of dues during either one-year period.

ARTICLE X. CHAPTER DUES

Chapter dues will be determined at the beginning of each academic year by chapter officers. Local dues will be collected by the chapter secretary/treasurer.

ARTICLE XI. REMOVAL FROM CHAPTER OFFICE

Any chapter officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire chapter membership during a special meeting held for this purpose. Petition for removal must be submitted to all parties concerned at least three weeks in advance of a special convocation of the chapter and all parties concerned shall have the opportunity to present their cases. Grounds for removal shall be intentional misconduct so as to bring discredit to PRSSA or PRSA, dereliction of assigned duties, intentional violation of PRSSA Bylaws, or the Chapter Bylaws, and/or failure to maintain acceptable academic standards. Proceedings in such cases shall be confidential. A removed officer shall be replaced by one elected by a plurality vote of the chapter membership.

ARTICLE XII. CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

All activities of the Clarion University PRSSA chapter must be taken in the name of the chapter. The chapter may not merge with other organizations. No chapter activity shall impose any liability or obligation upon the Public Relations Society of America.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a three-quarters favorable vote of the membership of the chapter, provided that the amendment shall have been proposed at least one meeting previous to the time of voting. Amendments to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, however, shall become effective only upon their approval by the National Committee of the Public Relations Student Society of America. Such amendments shall conform to the National Bylaws of the Public Relations Society of America.