

CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Technology Law Club at The University of Akron

ARTICLE I – NAME

A. The official name of this organization shall be the Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Technology Law Club.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

A. The Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Technology Law Club (“CPTL”) will discuss topics and trends in cybersecurity, consumer data privacy, health privacy, and technology law. The organization will provide its members the opportunity to network and explore traditional and nontraditional legal careers.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

A. Those eligible for membership are currently enrolled as law students at The University of Akron School of Law and must be in good standing with the university, defined as:

1. At least a 2.6 GPA
2. Being clear of academic probation or suspension.
3. Being clear of disciplinary probation or suspension.
4. Being clear of unsatisfied financial obligations to the university.
5. Being in good standing as defined by the student's academic college or program.

B. Membership will consist of the following duties and roles:

1. A voting member is defined as a member who is enrolled at the University of Akron School of Law during the applicable academic year. Voting membership may be revoked in accordance with section B of article VIII.

2. A nonvoting member is defined as any member who is not a voting member.

C. Membership will be revoked by the organization under the following situations:

1. Membership may be revoked at the discretion of the CPTL officers by a majority vote, upon failure to pay dues, if any exist; failure to remain in good standing with The University of Akron, or failure to attend sixty percent (60%) of meetings during the academic year.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

A. Officer positions in this organization shall include, at a minimum, a President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

B. The powers and duties of the officers shall be:

1. President
 - a. Serve as the main contact with the University and its officers
 - b. Maintaining order in the organization and at member and officer meetings;
 - c. Delegating responsibilities to other members of the organization;
 - d. Appointing committees and chairpersons for those committees;

- e. Arranging times, dates, and locations for member and officer meetings;
 - f. Attending meetings of the Student Bar Association and reporting on the CPTL upcoming meetings and activities, or delegating that responsibility to another member;
 - g. Casting the deciding vote in the event of a tie during an officer election; and
 - h. Deciding the amount of dues required.
2. Vice President
- a. Assisting the President in all duties so delegated;
 - b. Taking requests from members for activities and meeting topics;
 - c. Arranging and overseeing fundraising efforts, unless a committee is established for that purpose; and
 - d. Serving in place of the President in the event of the President's absence or impeachment at the time of a meeting or activity.
3. Treasurer
- a. Financial bookkeeping;
 - b. Overseeing all financial operations of the organization, including, but not limited to, collection of dues, depositing of money, and arranging payments in accordance with University regulations and staff;
 - c. Reporting available funds, costs of activities, and results of fundraising efforts at member and officer meetings;
 - d. Applying to the University for EAF funds to be deposited or withdrawn for allocated activities.
4. The Secretary shall have the following powers and duties:
- a. Taking and posting minutes from member and officer meetings;
 - b. Coordinating and conducting voting procedures;
 - c. Assisting the President in coordinating activities including, but not limited to:
 - i. Contacting members
 - ii. Social media management
 - d. Maintaining the annual registration of the organization with the Office of Student Development; and
 - e. Maintaining a current list of members, voting and nonvoting.
 - f. *In the event there is no Secretary, these duties will be delegated by the President.*

C. Election of officers. Except where the charter members of this organization appoint officers for the 2021 Spring Semester, officers must be elected with the following requirements:

1. To qualify to be an officer, a student must be enrolled in the law school and must pay dues, if required of voting members, for the term of office.

2. Nomination of voting members for officer positions will be accepted for annual election by email from any person to the President prior to the final member meeting of the year, to be held no earlier than five weeks prior to the end of the spring semester. Nominations may also be made in person by any attendee at the final member meeting of the year.

3. Annual elections will be held at the final member meeting of the year, utilizing a secret balloting process, whereby voting members write in their choices for the given officer position. Voting shall be performed one position at a time. Results must be announced to the attendees of the meeting before voting for another position. The order of voting shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

- a. Where there is a tie for the winner of a position, a runoff will be held, whereby voters may choose only between the tying candidates, and the candidate receiving the majority affirmative vote will be declared the winner.

- b. Where a runoff results in a tie, the President will have the discretion to choose the winner from the candidates involved in the runoff.
4. The candidate(s) receiving the most votes will be declared the winner and will take office on the first day of the fall semester.
 5. The term(s) of office shall be for the duration of the academic year, from the fall semester until the spring semester.

D. Vacancies. Notwithstanding section C of this article, **should vacancies occur before the completion of a term of office, the vacancy will be filled in the following manner:**

1. The vacancy will be filled by way of an election at a meeting of the members scheduled by the President within one week.
2. Where the vacancy is for the office of President, the Vice President shall schedule this meeting.
3. Winners of such elections shall begin service immediately and shall complete the term of the vacated office.

E. Removal by Impeachment. Charges can be brought against any officer for the following reasons:

1. Upon recommendation by any member for dereliction of duty, failure to pay dues, academic misconduct, failure to remain in good standing with the university, impeachment charges can be brought by the Executive Committee, as defined in Article V, against any officer for either or both of the reasons listed in section G of this article.
2. The Executive Committee may ask an officer to step down. If the officer does not step down, then impeachment proceedings may be initiated by a majority vote of the other members of the Executive Committee, or upon a majority vote of the voting members of the organization.

F. Impeachment proceedings.

Impeachment may be enacted upon a 2/3 vote consisting of voting members.

G. If an impeachment proceeding is voted to occur, the following procedures will be followed:

1. If an impeachment proceeding is initiated, the following procedures will be followed:
2. The officer in question shall be notified of the charges in writing at least two weeks prior to the proceeding.
3. The proceeding will be closed, and all interested parties will be allowed to respond to the charges.
4. A vote shall be taken at the end of the proceeding, whereby at least two-thirds of all voting members present at the proceeding must vote to remove the officer in order for removal to occur.
5. If removal occurs, the organization shall select a replacement in accordance with the provisions in section D of this article.

ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers:

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of this organization.

B. The Executive Committee's duties shall be to:

1. The Executive Committee's duties shall be to achieve and sustain the organization's purpose as delineated in this constitution.
2. Committees and chairpersons may be appointed by the President to perform duties in accordance with the purpose of this organization.

ARTICLE VI – CAMPUS ADVISOR

A. In order to qualify to be the Campus Advisor, the individual must have an HR status of full-time faculty or contract professional at The University of Akron. Final approval of the Campus Advisor will rest with the Department of Student Life.

B. The Campus Advisor shall be selected by:

1. Only members of the Executive Committee, including the President, for the applicable academic year, may nominate and vote for the recommendation of a Faculty Advisor. The President may cast an additional vote in the event of a tie.

C. The term of office for the Campus Advisor will be from the time of final approval to the end of that academic year. Upon approval by the Faculty Advisor, the President, and the Dean, the term shall be renewed on a yearly basis.

D. In the event that the Campus Advisor fails to meet the organization’s requirements outlined in Article VI, Section A., the following procedure shall be taken for removal of office:

1. The Executive Board shall notify the organization at a meeting consisting of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all active members.
2. The membership will hold a vote of confidence for the Campus Advisor.
 - i. All members shall vote either “Confidence” or “No Confidence”
3. If the Campus Advisor receives a vote of “No Confidence” from two-thirds (2/3) of the membership, the Campus Advisor will be notified in writing and shall be removed from advising the organization.
4. If deemed necessary, a Campus Advisor may also be removed at the discretion of the Executive Director, Student Union, or their designee.

E. In the event of a vacancy within the position of Campus Advisor, it is the responsibility of the organization to appoint a new Campus Advisor within five (5) business days. No business shall be conducted until a new Campus Advisor has been appointed and approved through the Department of Student Life (via RooConnect) or before conducting business.

ARTICLE VII – RULES OR ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES

A. Attendance policy for members shall be:

1. Members are required to attend 60 percent of meetings.
2. All officers, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, must attend all member meetings or activities.
3. Unexcused, repetitive absences by an officer may subject that officer to impeachment proceedings for violation of subsection 1 of section A of this article. The President shall decide whether an absence is excused. If the President is absent, then the Vice President shall decide whether his or her absence is excused. If both the President and Vice President are absent, then the present voting members shall decide whether their absences are excused.
4. In the event the Faculty Advisor is not present at a meeting, he/she must be served with a transcript or the minutes of the meeting. The Secretary will be responsible for this task.

B. Organizational meetings shall be held:

1. No less than quarterly.

C. In order to conduct business, a quorum shall consist of:

1. More than fifty percent of the voting members. Voting shall not take place without a quorum. Meetings or activities where no voting occurs need not include a quorum.

D. In the event of conflict concerning proper rules of procedure, Robert's Rules of Order will serve as the recognized authority.

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE

A. Dues for membership to the organization shall be:

1. The President, under the advisement of the officers of the organization, shall set the dues, if any, for membership to the organization.
2. If any dues for membership to the organization are required, such dues shall be paid by the fourth week of the semester in which the individual became a member, or within four weeks of joining the CPTL, in order for that individual to remain a voting member of the organization.
3. The organization may receive other sources of funding, including from the university, donations, and fundraising.
4. The CPTL shall manage its own finances in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the University of Akron.

B. Other sources of organizational funding, besides university funding, shall be:

1. any means permissible under the University of Akron rules and regulations, including but not limited to membership dues, donations, fundraising.

C. The organization shall manage its own finances in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by The University of Akron. Registered student organizations, with the exception of those under the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Programs, are not permitted to have outside accounts, other than the provided UAF/EAF and SAF accounts which are administered by the Department of Student Life and the SOURCe.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

A. The following process must be followed to amend this constitution:

1. Any individual may propose an amendment to this constitution by serving such a proposal upon the President.
2. At the President's discretion, a meeting may be held, open to, at the least, all voting members, whereby discussion of the proposed amendment may take place followed by a vote. Only at such a meeting and a vote of at least two-thirds majority of voting members present, and approval by the law faculty, may a proposed amendment be accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE X – NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

The CPTL will not discriminate against any individual in its programs, membership, or activities at the University of Akron because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national or ethnic origin, disability, military status, genetic information, or status as a veteran, unless federal or state laws allow for such exceptions. The University of Akron prohibits sexual harassment of any form in all aspects of its programs and activities and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual and racial or ethnic orientation. See UA Board Rule 3359-38-01.

ARTICLE XI – STUDENT LIFE CLAUSE

The CPTL shall maintain a current registration form, including a list of officers, their addresses, the name of the Campus Advisor, and the most recently amended constitution with the Department of Student Life via RooConnect.