

Constitution of
The Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association
at The University of Akron

ARTICLE I – NAME

The official name of this organization shall be The Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to enhance the understanding and knowledge of intellectual property and technology law at The University of Akron.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. Those eligible for membership are currently enrolled students and law students at The University of Akron, with an interest in intellectual property and technology law.
2. Membership will consist of the following types:
 - a. Voting members will be registered University of Akron student in good standing.
 - b. Non-voting members will include faculty, and other interested parties.
3. Membership will be revoked by the organization under the following conditions: not currently enrolled, failure to remain in good standing at The University of Akron.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

1. Officer positions in this organization include: President, Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary, and One Appointed Active Member.
2. The powers and duties of the officer shall be:
 - a. President:

The President shall preside over all meetings. If unable to preside over any meeting, the President shall designate one of the officers to substitute. The President shall know of the Constitution and implement its requirements. The President shall determine objectives and the action plan for the club, analyze membership problems and solutions, prepare reports requested by the administration, and encourage cooperation and harmony within the club and school. The President shall additionally keep all members informed of policies and problems under consideration.

- b. Vice President:
Support President, replace President in President's absence. Serve as election commissioner of the club. The Vice President shall assist the President in the duties outlined above and always be ready to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Presidency.
 - c. Treasurer/Secretary:
Prepares the budget for submission to the University Budget Committee for the following fiscal year. Be familiar with rules governing disbursement of funds from University accounts. Maintain financial records for all accounts and post all items of income and expense as they occur. Process all disbursements and requisitions promptly and accurately. Keep accurate list of all members. Prepares a written statement of financial condition. Schedules meetings regularly, keeps minutes, distribute the minutes to all members in an agreed manner. Organize meetings, prepare outgoing correspondence.
 - d. One Appointed Active Member
Advises the Officers on the scope of organizational activities. Gives input into development and planning of activities. Assists in developing resources available for activities.
3. Election of Officers:
- a. To qualify to be an officer, a student must be a voting member in good standing.
 - b. Nomination of officers will be annually from the floor by any member in good standing.
 - c. The prescribed election/selection process to be used will be by ballot, distributed to all members.
 - d. The candidate(s) receiving a plurality affirmative vote will be declared the winner and will take office on the first date of the spring semester of the academic year.
 - e. The terms of office shall be from the first date of the spring semester of the academic year until the last date of the of the winter semester of the following academic year. (a one year tenure)
4. Should vacancies occur before the completion of a term of officer, the vacancy will be filled in the following manner: Appointment by Executive Committee.
5. Impeachment charges can be brought against any officer for the following reasons: Misappropriation of funds, violation of constitution.
6. Impeachment proceedings may be enacted upon a majority vote of active members.
7. If impeachment proceeding are voted to occur, the following procedure will be followed:
- a. The officer in question will be notified of the charges in writing;
 - b. A special meeting will be set up to discuss the charges where all parties will be allowed to respond;
 - c. If a decision is made to proceed, a vote will be taken by the membership;
 - d. A majority vote of quorum will suffice to remove the person from office;
 - e. Will decide how the group will select the replacement and when the new person takes office.

ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following persons: Officers, Faculty Advisor, one appointed active member.
2. The Executive Committee's duties shall be to organize and oversee activities and administration of disciplinary proceedings.
3. Other committees of the organization and their duties shall be as needed.

ARTICLE VI – FACULTY ADVISOR

1. In order to qualify to be the Faculty Advisor the individual must be a full time faculty or staff member at The University of Akron.
2. The Faculty Advisor will be nominated by the President and Vice President, and with the advice and consent of the Dean will be approved.
3. The term of office for the Faculty Advisor will be from the first date of the spring semester of the academic year until the last date of the winter semester of the following academic year. (a one year tenure)

ARTICLE VII – RULES OR ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES

1. Attendance policy for members will be by the organization's bylaws.
2. Organizational meetings will be held as required by the organization's bylaws.
3. In order to conduct business, a quorum will consist of one-half of the number of active members, plus one.

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE

Sources of organizational funding, besides University funding will be fund raisers as allowed and necessary. IPTLA will manage its own finances, but in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the University of Akron.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

All amendments to this constitution must be made by the following process:

1. Any proposed amendment shall be presented in writing to the membership;
2. Discussion shall occur at a full meeting;
3. A vote for acceptance shall occur at a following meeting... allowing members to think about the changes;
4. The amendment shall become part of this constitution upon a majority vote of quorum.

ARTICLE X – NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, handicap, veteran statute or sexual orientation in the selection of its members or in its programs unless federal or state laws allow for such exceptions.

ARTICLE XI – STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CLAUSE

Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association shall maintain a current registration form including a list of officers, their addresses, the name of the Faculty Advisor and the most recently amended constitution with the Student Development office.