

PLACEHOLDER — NOT ADOPTED

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

Texas Rover Lab

Constitution and Bylaws

STATUS — PLACEHOLDER

ADOPTED — NOT YET

REVISION — 0 (SKELETON)

Article I — Name

The name of this organization shall be Texas Rover Lab, hereafter referred to as “the Organization.”

Article II — Purpose

The Organization exists to design, build, and field autonomous ground robots capable of traversing unmapped natural terrain without GPS and performing teleoperated manipulation over long-range wireless links, and to give its student members practical engineering experience through that work.

TO DRAFT — Confirm the purpose statement against the competition the team ultimately enters, and against your institution's requirements for a registered student organization.

Article III — Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership shall be open to all currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students.

Section 2. Non-discrimination

The Organization shall not discriminate on any basis prohibited by the policy of the institution at which it is registered, or by applicable law.

TO DRAFT — Replace with the exact non-discrimination language required by your institution's

student organization handbook. Registration will be rejected without it.

Section 3. Active status

T0 DRAFT – Define what makes a member active — attendance, subsystem contribution, dues if any — and the process for removal.

Article IV — Officers

Section 1. Officer positions

T0 DRAFT – List the officer positions and their duties. At minimum most organizations define a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. Subsystem leads

Each subsystem of the Organization shall have a lead responsible for its technical direction, schedule, and roster.

T0 DRAFT – State whether subsystem leads are officers, how they are selected, and to whom they report.

Section 3. Eligibility and term

T0 DRAFT – Define GPA and enrollment requirements, term length, and term limits.

Article V — Elections and Vacancies

T0 DRAFT – Define nomination, voting method, quorum, when elections are held, and how a mid-term vacancy is filled.

Article VI — Meetings

T0 DRAFT – Define the general meeting cadence, officer meeting cadence, who may call a special meeting, and the quorum required to conduct business.

Article VII — Subsystems

The technical and operational work of the Organization shall be divided among subsystems. Subsystems may be created, merged, or dissolved as the Organization's needs change.

TO DRAFT – State who has authority to create or dissolve a subsystem and by what vote.

Article VIII — Finances

TO DRAFT – Define who controls funds, what approval spending requires, how sponsorship income is handled, and what happens to assets held by the Organization.

Article IX — Amendments

TO DRAFT – Define who may propose an amendment, the notice period, and the vote required to ratify one.

Article X — Dissolution

TO DRAFT – Define the vote required to dissolve, and the disposition of remaining equipment and funds.