

**CONSTITUTION FOR LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE**

- ARTICLE I** **NAME:** The name of this organization shall be Students In Free Enterprise, herein referred to as SIFE.
- ARTICLE II** **MEMBERSHIP:** All regularly enrolled students of Lake Superior State University who have agreed to and signed the LSSU SIFE Membership Contract.
- ARTICLE III** **MISSION:** The mission of this organization shall be to provide members the best opportunity to make a difference and develop leadership, teamwork and communication through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.
- ARTICLE IV** **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:** Elected executive officers of SIFE shall be the president, vice president of public relations, vice president of membership, and vice president of finance. Team Leaders shall be selected on an application basis. Elected officers shall serve for a period of one year, beginning on the first day of fall semester.
- A. President:**
- a. Creates agenda and runs meetings
 - b. Votes in the event of a tie
 - c. Oversees committee chairs and project managers
 - d. Leads presentation team
 - e. Organizes trips for training and competition
 - f. Creates and manages yearly transition notebook
 - g. Facilitator between advisor and team
 - h. Represents team and Presidents' Council
 - i. Oversees team sustainability efforts
- B. Vice President of Public Relations**
- a. Oversees all public relations effort for individual teams
 - b. Oversees all fundraising efforts
 - i. May appoint fundraising chair
 - c. Maintains contacts for media and events
 - d. Keeps record of all publications about SIFE
 - e. Acts as facilitator between Business Advisory Board and team
 - i. May appoint BAB Liaison
- C. Vice President of Membership**
- a. Responsible or managing all hours logs
 - b. Takes attendance

- c. Keeps minutes at meetings
 - i. May appoint secretary
- d. Monitors membership behavior
- e. Has ability to place members on probation

D. Vice President of Finance

- a. Balances account
- b. Distributes money upon approval
- c. Works with vice president of Public Relations on fundraising efforts

E. Team Leaders

- a. Organize groups and plan projects
- b. Complete all post-project evaluations
- c. Responsible for maintaining order at team meetings

ARTICLE V

PROJECT COMMITTEES: It is hereby established that the goals and objectives of the SIFE organization shall be carried forward through committees, which will be organized as deemed necessary. The committees shall be separately defined, established and deleted as necessary.

ARTICLE VI

IMPEACHMENT: Any officer may be impeached by a petition of fifteen percent of members, or by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Definite charges must be brought. A notice of one regularly scheduled meeting must be given to the officer and active voting members. A ¾ majority of the active voting members present and voting shall be necessary to remove the officer.

ARTICLE VII

ADVISOR: Advisor(s) shall be the Sam Walton Fellow(s)

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS: All active voting members must attend all regularly scheduled meetings unless previous arrangements have been made. Active members must serve on at least one committee. All members must sign and agree to the terms of the membership contract. Members that do not comply with the contract will be placed on probationary status. To be removed from probationary status, the member must attend 75% of the functions and activities for a two-month period and/or become involved in one committee. If the probationary requirements are not fulfilled at the end of the two-month period, the probationary member will be dropped to non-voting status. To be reinstated to voting member status, the non-voting member

must attend 100% of functions and activities and serve on one committee for a consecutive period of two months.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCIAL AUDIT: Financial accounts are to be audited by a disinterested party each year, preferably before the accounts are turned over to the newly elected Vice President of Finance.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS: Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the SIFE President in writing. If approved by a 2/3 of the total membership of the organization, a special election shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting to vote of the proposed amendments. A 3/4 majority of those SIFE members voting in the special elections shall be necessary for the acceptance of amendments.

ARTICLE XI

ADOPTION: The Constitution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage by a simple majority of the SIFE members voting in the special election.