

Constitution

of

Utah Valley University-Elder Quest

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

This organization shall be known as Utah Valley University-Elder Quest

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of Utah Valley University-Elder Quest (known also as UVU Elder Quest) is to provide advanced lifelong learning programs and study for retirees who enjoy planning their own educational program to expand their intellectual horizons.

UVU Elder Quest provides a number of scholarships for non-traditional students returning to college after many years to find a better purpose for their lives.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Any individuals age fifty-five (55) or older are eligible for membership upon payment of dues. Memberships are individual; there are no shared memberships.

ARTICLE 4: ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected officers of this organization shall be the President, the First Vice President (President-Elect) and the Immediate Past President.

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of this organization will consist of the President, the First Vice President, the immediate Past President, the Second-Vice President as appointed by the UVU

Department of Community Education, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Parliamentarian. The Executive Committee shall meet when called by the President.

B. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of UVU-Elder Quest shall consist of the Executive Committee, and the Committee Chairpersons as designated. The Board serves at the pleasure of the elected President, with the exception of the elected officers. Elected officers shall serve a two-year term of service beginning May 1st and concluding on April 30th.

C. Duties of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of UVU-Elder Quest shall conduct the business of the Organization. UVU-Elder Quest shall engage in activities that accomplish the purpose of the Organization. The Board shall have the authority to fill vacancies that may arise.

The Board of Directors shall set member dues, approve, appoint, and direct the work of standing committees, oversee the general operation and management of the Organization on behalf of the members, and approve expenditures.

D. Membership Meetings

The membership meetings of the UVU-Elder Quest organization shall be held at the September and March luncheons. Members shall receive notified of membership meetings by mail, email, phone, or a variety of electronic means at least five days prior to the meetings.

E. Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors of the UVU-Elder Quest organization shall meet at least six times a year and at other times when called by the President to transact the business of UVU-Elder Quest.

F. Vacancies

The Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill vacancies in any office that may exist. The President shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors of a qualified individual to fill any vacancy.

G. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will meet at the discretion of the President.

H. Board Relationships

No immediate family members nor business partners may serve at the same time on the Executive Committee or the Board. They may, however, serve as committee members.

ARTICLE 5: APPOINTED MEMBERS

The appointed members of this organization shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Chairpersons of committees and other appointed members as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 6: GOVERNANCE

The UVU Elder Quest organization shall be governed by its members through an elected Board of Directors consisting as specified by this Constitution in Article 4, Section b.

A. Election of Officers

The election of the First Vice President (President Elect) shall be held at the March meeting of the Elder Quest organization. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members. The committee shall select at least one nominee for the First Vice President (President Elect) office. The President shall ask for further nominations from the floor. Election shall be made by the majority vote of those present and voting.

The term of office shall begin on the first day of the month of May following the annual meeting in March. Election shall be for the duration of two years.

B. Term of Office

The Elder Quest President shall serve for the term of two years. After the election of a new First Vice President (President Elect), the President shall assume the office of the Immediate Past President on May first. The person who has served as First Vice President (President Elect) for the past two years shall become President. In the event elections are not held, such officers shall continue to serve until elections are held.

C. General

The UVU-Elder Quest organization shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes specified in ARTICLE 2.

D. Authority for Expenditures

All expenditures shall be approved by the Executive Committee. The records of the Organization shall be available for inspection by members at any time.

E. Dues

Membership dues shall be determined by The Board of Directors.

a. Annual Dues

a. A two-thirds vote of the Elder Quest Board of Directors shall determine the amount of annual dues payable to the organization by members.

b. Instructors

- i. Instructors shall have a complimentary membership which may include a spouse/companion membership (at the discretion of the President) if desired.
- ii. Instructors and a guest may attend without cost the fall (Instructor Introduction) and winter (Instructor Appreciation) luncheons of the organization.

1. Each Instructor and a guest's meal at these events will be free.

F. Robert's Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern all applicable cases.

G. The Constitution

The Constitution of the Organization may be amended, repealed or a new Constitution may be

adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Elder Quest membership provided that notice is given thirty days prior to the meeting.