CONSTITUTION

CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Preamble

We, the members of the Consumer and Family Sciences Alumni Association, establish this instrument for our constitution.

Article I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Consumer and Family Sciences Alumni Association, Purdue University, hereafter referred to as the Organization. The Organization is a constituent of the Purdue Alumni Association, hereafter referred to as the Association.

Article II
Purpose

The purpose of the Organization shall be to serve the interest of the Consumer and Family Sciences alumni of Purdue University; to encourage the interest of the alumni and friends in the College of Consumer and Family Sciences, in students and in each other, and to contribute to the quality and progress of Purdue University.

The Organization will provide social and educational opportunities for alumni, promote and support the advancement of the college, and recognize professional achievement by alumni, friends, and students of the College.

Article III
Members

Section 3.01 Membership shall be open to all who have been students or faculty of the College of Consumer and Family Sciences (formerly Home Economics) at Purdue University.

Section 3.02 Membership in the Organization shall be contingent upon membership in the Association.

Section 3.03 Honorary membership in the Organization may be granted by decision of the Board of Directors.

Privileges of Members

Section 3.04 All members, except Honorary Members, may serve in any elected or appointed position if qualified and selected.

Section 3.05 All members, except Honorary Members, shall have one vote on all matters presented to the membership.
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Article IV

Governing Bodies

Section 4.01 This Organization shall be governed by the membership at the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee in this order of authority with duties named herein.

Section 4.02 The membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting will conduct the primary business of the Organization. Simple majority vote in attendance will elect the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Section 4.03 Voting composition of the Board of Directors shall be:

a. Directors representing the following areas:

1. One director each representing the academic departments by granted degree or vocation.
2. One director representing CFS Education.
3. The number of at-large positions will be determined by the nominating committee. The committee will strive for a balance of diversity of member mix.

b. Executive Committee (five officers): President, President-elect (VP), Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, all of whom shall be active members in the Organization and the Board of Directors. These officers will constitute the Executive Committee. The Director of Alumni Relations will serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 4.04 Ex-officio participants on the Board:

a. Faculty representatives invited by the Dean
b. Director of Alumni Relations
c. Dean, College of Consumer and Family Sciences
d. Student Representatives invited by the Director of Alumni Relations
e. Purdue Alumni Association Representative

Article V

Election of Officers and Directors

Section 5.01 Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership on a rotational basis so that no more than one third of the Board is elected in one year.

Section 5.02 One term of office for directors shall be three years. Directors may serve no more than two consecutive terms.
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Section 5.03 Officers may serve one term in two different offices for a total of two consecutive terms on the Executive Committee. However, they may not succeed themselves in office.

a. The President-Elect (Vice President) will serve one term. The following year he/she will serve as President subject to the nomination process. After one year as President, he/she shall serve as Immediate Past President. A president-elect will be elected every year.

b. The Secretary and Treasurer will not be elected the same year.

c. The Secretary and Treasurer will serve three year terms.

Article VI
Meetings

Section 6.01 The Annual Meeting shall be held once a year on the West Lafayette campus in the spring at a time determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.02 The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of two meetings each year, one in the fall and one in the spring, in addition to the Annual Meeting.

Section 6.03 The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the Board of Directors meetings and hold an annual retreat for planning purposes.

Article VII
Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Organization, all monies and properties remaining after all creditors have been paid in full will revert to the Purdue Alumni Association.

Article VIII
Amendments

Section 8.01 This Constitution may be amended only at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the members in attendance.

Section 8.02 The suggested amendment(s) must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 8.03 Members will be notified of an amendment vote in the newsletter received by the members prior to the Annual Meeting.

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