

Constitution and Bylaws of the Chicago-Kent Federalist Society

Article I

Purpose and Membership

1. The name of the organization shall be the Chicago-Kent Federalist Society (the “Society”).
2. The Chicago-Kent Federalist Society is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.
3. The Society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. The Society shall host frequent debate panels and guest speakers at the Illinois Institute of Technology Downtown Campus, covering issues of current policy and academic concern.
4. The Chicago-Kent Federalist Society shall not lobby for legislation or sponsor or endorse candidates for public office.
5. Membership is open to all Chicago-Kent students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Only those individuals who have joined the national Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy shall be considered members of the Chicago-Kent Federalist Society. Alumni shall not be considered members unless they have requested such.

Article II

Elections

1. Elections for the positions of President, Vice President for External Affairs, Vice President for Chapter Affairs, Treasurer and Secretary shall be held in the tenth or eleventh full week of the spring term each academic year, at a time to be fixed by the executive board.
2. Elections shall be announced at least two weeks in advance.
3. The Secretary shall accept nominations for the aforementioned offices until the day immediately before elections. Candidates may nominate themselves.
4. Elections shall be by anonymous ballot. Ballots shall be accepted by the secretary for a period of at least two days.
5. The candidate receiving the most votes for each office shall take the office. However, in the event that no candidate receives more than one-third of the votes cast for a particular office, a run-off election shall promptly be held among the three candidates receiving the most votes for that office. The candidate with the most votes in the run-off shall then take the office. In the event that there is a tie following the run-off, the winner shall be chosen by a vote among the third-year, fourth-year, faculty and staff members of the organization.
6. Ballots shall be counted by two or more members, appointed by the Executive Board, who are expected to graduate at the end of the spring term.
7. Newly-elected officers shall assume their duties one week following the end of elections.

Article III

Officers

1. The President, Vice President for Chapter Affairs, Vice President for External Affairs, Treasurer and Secretary shall comprise the Executive Board.
2. The most recent former President shall hold the office of President Emeritus *ex officio*, and may

vote in the Executive Board. The office of President Emeritus shall be considered vacant of that individual also holds another Executive Board position. In the event that a vote of the Executive Board is tied, the President Emeritus shall have the tie-breaking vote.

3. The executive board shall appoint a Lawyer's Chapter Liason, Membership Director, Hospitality Director and Media Relations Director by majority vote. These officers shall comprise the Advisory Board.
4. The Executive Board shall also appoint representatives for each first year, day division class section and may appoint other officers as it sees fit.
5. In no event shall any individual who has personally called for the violent overthrow of the United States government or who has been a member of an organization calling for such be an officer of the Federalist Society.
6. In no event shall a person convicted of a felony, a violent misdemeanor, human trafficking, any war crime, genocide, or a crime against humanity be an officer of the Federalist Society.
7. The President shall coordinate with the Chicago-Kent administration, the national Federalist Society, and other student Federalist Society chapters to plan events. The President shall also coordinate with speakers, maintain the chapter's calendar and call executive board, advisory board and general membership meetings.
8. The Vice President for Chapter Affairs shall coordinate with other Chicago-Kent student organizations, the Membership Chair, and first year section representatives to plan events. The Vice President for Chapter Affairs shall also maintain the organization's membership roster and email list and coordinate event catering and social events
9. The Vice President for External Affairs shall coordinate with the Hospitality Chair, Lawyers Chapter Liaison, and Media Relations Chair to plan events. The Vice President for External Affairs shall also be responsible for event announcements and marketing, communications with the Chicago Lawyer's Chapter and media relations.
10. The Treasurer shall retain receipts for all expenses and shall manage reimbursement of expenses. The Treasurer shall cooperate with the national Federalist Society and the Chicago-Kent Student Bar Association to promptly reimburse members for any authorized expenditures made for the organization.
11. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of executive board meetings and maintaining order and decorum in all meetings. The Secretary shall take notes at general membership meetings and shall take and record a head count at each meeting and event. The Secretary shall also distribute a draft agenda for general membership meetings to the executive board two days in advance and a final agenda to the membership one day in advance.

Article IV

Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held monthly at dates and times deemed appropriate to the current demands of the school year.
2. Quorum shall consist of those members present at a meeting and voting.

Article V

Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended, added to or repealed at any meeting by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present and entitled to vote, provided that the proposed change has been presented in writing at least five business days prior to the meeting at which the action is to be taken.

Article VI
Ratification

1. These by-laws shall take effect immediately upon ratification by two-thirds of the Executive Board and any other members present at a meeting called for this purpose.
2. Each active member of the Society may receive a copy of these by-laws as well as any amendment subsequently adopted in accordance with Article IX.