

Las Positas College Chapter of the Society of Physics Students

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be “Las Positas College Chapter of the Society of Physics Students”.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Chapter shall be a special interest and academic club. The mission and purpose of this chapter are to engage in the importance of physics in the modern world and to create a welcoming environment for those with a love for physics at Las Positas College.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Society of Physics Students Membership

Membership in this Society of Physics Students Chapter shall be open to all individuals interested in physics.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Chapter Officers

The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a ICC rep; succession shall be in accordance with this order. ICC rep can be merged with any other officier position. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by this Chapter.

Section II: Powers and Duties of Officers:

Clause I: President

1. Attend/run every meeting
2. Plan/coordinate activities
3. Represent the chapter in any official activity

Clause II: Vice President

1. Perform President’s duties when President is not available
2. Inform members of meeting dates and special meeting dates

Clause III: Secretary

1. Take attendance of chapter members
2. Count the votes during election

3. Recording the minutes of the meeting and distributing the minutes to the members either through Canvas or email

Clause III: Treasurer

1. In charge of all financial matters of the Chapter
2. Is responsible for keeping financial records in accordance with College policy and providing financial reports to the Chapter when called upon

Clause IV: ICC Representative

1. Attend all ICC meetings
2. Coordinate chapter events with ICC

Section III: Officer Qualifications

Clause I: Must be a currently enrolled credit student in good standing at Las Positas at the time of appointment/election and throughout their officer term.

Clause II: Must be enrolled in a minimum of one (1) credit course a semester at Las Positas College

Section 2. Elections

Officers shall be elected a week prior to finals week. In order to be eligible for the running, candidates must have attended at least 25% of meetings during the semester. The election shall be by closed ballot. Officers-elect shall assume their offices immediately following the election and shall hold office for one semester or until their successors are duly elected.

ARTICLE V. CHAPTER ADVISOR

The Chapter Advisor shall be a faculty member appointed by the Physics Program Coordinator, after consultation with the Chapter Officers. The Chapter Advisor shall provide liaison among the Chapter, the Physics Department, and the National Office of the Society of Physics Students. The Chapter Advisor will supply counseling to the Chapter, furnish continuity of experience in Chapter operations, and provide long-range perspective to insure departmental interest in and support of the Society of Physics Students. The Chapter Advisor shall assist the Secretary in furnishing the National Office with the required data and shall assist the Treasurer in transmitting fees and dues to the National Office.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held weekly as determined by the officers. Special Meetings are called by any elected officer. All members must be given a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours (working days) prior to the Special Meeting time. There shall be at least six meetings per semester. A quorum of either the President or Vice President shall be present in order to conduct business.

ARTICLE VII. DUES

There will be no fees for anyone apart of the Las Positas College Chapter if they want to join Society of Physics Students. Joining the Las Positas College Chapter automatically allows a student to join the Society of Physics Students for free. Las Positas College Chapter will use funds provided by LPC Student Life to pay yearly national dues.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a two thirds vote, provided that the amendment shall have been proposed at least one meeting previous to the time of vote. Such amendments shall conform to the regulations established by the National Constitution of the Society of Physics Students.

*Variations in bylaws, as required to suit local circumstances, are acceptable providing they agree with the spirit of the National Constitution of the Society of Physics Students.

ARTICLE X: DISBURSAL OF Chapter ASSETS

In the event Las Positas College Chapter of the Society of Physics Students should become deactivated, all assets will be turned over to the Las Positas College Inter-Club Council as dictated in the ICC Bylaws.