

Side by Side: Home Sweet Home Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Side by Side: at UCSD

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

With the current opioid epidemic and housing crisis, our society is confronted with homelessness and addiction whether your community is low-income, high-income, suburban, or rural regardless of race or religion. Rural communities must also deal with a lack of accessible care to alleviate these issues. By working side by side with people afflicted by homelessness and addiction with strong direct service in meaningful agricultural and maintenance duties, you will better understand the rehabilitation process through these individuals' perspectives and help them gain life-changing leadership and social skills to lead better lives in their community. This will further our goal of better understanding these pertinent issues for our own community and actionably help alleviate these issues.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Side by Side: Home Sweet Home at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

During Fall quarter, potential participants attend one 30 minute information session and the Team Reveal event to meet Service Leaders and determine which team they wish to apply to. Applicants may apply to up to two teams. After a group interview with each pair of Service Leaders, applicants will be informed if they have been selected to be a member of one of the teams.

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Members are expected to attend weekly team meetings to learn about social justice issues and the values of our organization. Members are also expected to attend one collaborative-wide retreat each quarter for more collaborative interaction.

ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS.

All applicants for office must demonstrate a commitment to the mission and vision of **Side by Side: Home Sweet Home**, as well as have the ability to work in groups, uphold shared leadership, and show proven leadership and interpersonal skills. Each officer holds a yearlong term from Fall Quarter until Spring Quarter. There are a total of 3 Co-Coordinator, 11 Executive Board members and 12 Service Leaders.

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a. Co-Coordiators (3):

Co-Coordiators are selected during the Spring Quarter through application, recommendations, and individual interviews. Co-Coordiators must be UC San Diego undergraduates and must have participated in a **Side by Side: Home Sweet Home** service experience in the past (exceptions only in certain circumstances).

b. Service Leader:

Service Leaders are selected through application, recommendation, and individual interviews during Spring Quarter and Summer Sessions (if needed). Two service leaders are assigned per service learning team. The number of teams is tentative.

c. Members:

Members are selected through application, recommendation and individual interviews during Fall quarter. 10 members are assigned per service learning team.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Side by Side: Home Sweet Home at UCSD is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Side by Side: Home Sweet Home at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 1. IN CASE OF INTERACTION WITH MINORS AND/OR THE ELDERLY

Side by Side: Home Sweet Home at UCSD is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only). **Side by Side: Home Sweet Home** will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

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ARTICLE VII. SECTION 2. IN CASE OF THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

In the event that Side by Side: Home Sweet Home at UCSD provides medical assistance to a community, all volunteers will work under the direction of licensed professionals (doctors, nurses, counselors, etc.). The University does not recommend that students provide medical assistance.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

All financial issues are managed by the service leaders which have all been advised to attend the mandatory Funding Guide Seminar hosted by A.S. **Side by Side: Home Sweet Home** is able to finance its activities by yearly dues paid by participants and leadership that are in the program. We also receive spontaneous donations from supporters of our movement. Our program does not submit a budget to A.S. finance committee quarterly. Our principal members submit quarterly budgets to our Fundraising and Finance Chairs for review. Principal members are advised to keep receipts for any group supplies that they purchase with their personal funds, and are then reimbursed through our organization's funds.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

Our team may potentially partner with local nonprofits to engage in social justice education experiences. Nonprofits and other community partners play an essential role within their communities and have personal and in-depth insight into the issues present within those communities. As leaders of our organization, we can only do so much research on our social justice issues of Homelessness and Addiction and provide quality learning experiences to our participants. In order to enhance this educational experience, we may potentially reach out to nonprofits for guest speakers, community archives, or any other potential resources.