

**BY-LAWS  
OF  
LSU FORT MYERS**

**ARTICLE I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the LSU Fort Myers, a chapter of the LSU Alumni Association, (hereinafter, the Chapter), are as set forth in Article II of its Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE II. OFFICES**

The principle office and mailing address of the Chapter shall be the address of the current President, or such other address as shall be designated by the President. In the event of the resignation or relocation of the President, the Chapter members shall be notified in the next electronic mailing following the said resignation of the newly designated mailing address.

**ARTICLE III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Chapter shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. At any time, additional board members can be added by majority vote of the current board members until the next election. At the next election, any additional board positions will be subject to a vote as described in Article IV below.

**ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Directors shall be elected each year at a general meeting of the membership. Elections shall be held by a vote of the membership as provided for in Article XIV below, provided that notice is given to the membership in the meeting notice as provided for in Article XII below. Said notice shall state clearly that there is to be an election of board members, and the number of board members being elected. The number of Directors will be a minimum of 3.

Any current Chapter member in good standing can run for a position on the Board of Directors. This includes those members paying their annual dues at the general meeting.

**ARTICLE V. FIRST BOARD MEETING OF NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The new Board of Directors shall convene immediately following or within 15 days of each annual general election to internally elect officers and to create any committees that are deemed necessary or desired. At this first meeting, each of the Directors will be required to read both the Articles of Incorporation and this document, the Chapter By-Laws. Each director will have to read both documents whether or not they have previously read them.

**ARTICLE VI. MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting minutes shall be taken by the secretary or other such person appointed by the President. Meeting minutes will include the location of the meeting, the date, the start and end time, a list of the board members in attendance and absent, and a list of all other attendees. The minutes will record any votes held by the board including but not limited to expense approval, addition board positions created, and any activities or events that the board deems necessary or desired.

**ARTICLE VII. SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS**

In the event of the resignation of the President, the Secretary shall serve in the President's capacity until the next general meeting. In the event of the resignation of the Secretary or Treasurer, the President shall appoint a Secretary or Treasurer who shall serve until the next general meeting. In the event of the resignation of both the President and the Secretary, the Treasurer shall serve as acting President until the next general meeting, at which a new slate of officers shall be elected. The acting President may choose to appoint temporary replacements for any officer positions at his/her discretion.

**ARTICLE VIII. DUES**

Dues shall be paid on an annual basis through the Joint-Membership Initiative with the LSU Alumni Association. For purpose of calculating dues, the fiscal year of the organization shall be from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. Dues shall be payable in the amount of \$50 per individual or per family. "Family" shall be defined as a husband and wife or unmarried person and any number of children, provided that each child, to be considered a part of the family unit, is either under the age of 18 years or is enrolled on a full or part-time basis in a recognized educational institution.

**ARTICLE IX. EXPENSES**

Any expenditure of the board of over fifty dollars (\$50) shall require majority approval by the board, and said vote shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

**ARTICLE X. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. **Place** - All general meetings of the membership shall be held at a place and time, within or without the State of Florida, as specified by the Board.

Section 2. **Notice** - Notice of all meetings of the general membership shall be announced via electronic mail as early as is reasonably possible prior to the meeting. This includes, but is not limited to, mailings done by the Chapter individually on a localized basis, or mailings made by the University Alumni Office. Notices mailed by the Chapter shall be restricted to its roster of dues-paying members when necessary as finances dictate. The Chapter shall use as its source the current roles of the Chapter. Any dues-paying member shall be charged with notifying the Chapter of any change of address or other personal information.

**ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. **Place** - All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at a place and time, within or without the State of Florida, as specified by the President, or a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Notice** - Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors will be announced electronically and are open to the membership. However, the membership will be able to participate in the meetings, but will not be able to vote on any issues presented to the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XII. VOTING RIGHTS**

Voting rights shall be accorded to members on the following basis:

- (A) Each individual paying dues on an individual basis shall have one (1) vote.
- (B) Each family shall have two votes, provided that two members of the age of majority are present.
- (C) No member shall be allowed to vote by proxy.
- (D) No member whose dues are delinquent shall be entitled to vote.

For purposes of this section, dues shall be deemed delinquent if not current, unless paid prior to any votes taken at any meeting.

**ARTICLE XIII. REQUIRED VOTE**

All activities of the Chapter which are taken according to authorization granted by a vote of the membership shall require a majority of those members present at the meeting on which the vote was taken. The Secretary shall duly record the number present at the meeting and the vote count of the issue.

**ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of the membership as provided for in Article VIII above, provided, however, that notice is given to the membership in the meeting notice as provided for in Article VI above. Said notice shall state clearly that a By-laws change is proposed and the nature of the change proposed.

**ARTICLE XV. CONFLICTS**

Any conflicts between these By-laws and the Constitution of the Chapter shall be resolved in favor of the Constitution. Immediately upon determination of the conflict the President shall undertake to propose a change in the By-laws which will remedy the conflict, and bring it to the attention of the membership as provided for herein.