

## Constitution

### Article I

The name of this organization shall be Mizzou Religion Newswriters Association (RNA).

### Article II

The purpose of our organization shall be to promote excellence in media coverage and in student and public discourse about religion.

### Article III

We agree to abide by all regulations described in the M-Book, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state and local laws.

### Article IV

This organization shall not discriminate on the bases of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or protected veteran

### Article V

Membership shall be open to any currently enrolled student or employee of the University.

### Article VI

- A. The following officers shall be elected on a yearly basis: president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary.
- B. An election shall be scheduled in April of each year to elect new officers by majority vote. Incumbent officers shall have the option to run for re-election. Elections may be held as needed for officers who leave mid-year.
- C. Officers must have a 2.2 GPA or above, and be registered for at least 6.0 credit hours through the University of Missouri.
- D. Newly elected officers should assume office immediately following the meeting in which they are elected.

### Article VII

- A. All elected officers shall serve on the executive board.
- B. The duties of each officer should be:
  - a. President: This person will facilitate meetings and spearhead the movement. This person will be the link between Mizzou RNA and the main RNA. This person will also be in regular communication with the faculty advisor, Debra Mason. This person will attend a short training session.
  - b. Vice-president: president's right, this person will stand in when the president is unavailable, or will step in in case of

complications. This person will be the link between Mizzou RNA and ColumbiaFAVS.com.

- c. Treasurer: Handles anything monetary, including filling out organization forms for the university. This person will also attend a short training session at the start of next semester.
- d. Secretary: Take minutes, schedule rooms for meetings, send out email reminders to group members.

#### Article VIII

- A. Any member may make a motion for the removal of any officer providing that evidence is presented to support the removal. Grounds for removal include the inadequate fulfillment of duties or the violation of regulations described in the M-Book, University policies or any federal, state or local laws.
- B. A two-thirds vote by the membership is needed to remove an officer. Two-thirds of the active members must be present at the time of voting.
- C. An election for new officers should be concluded at the next scheduled business meeting.

#### Article IX

- A. The Executive Board shall nominate one faculty or staff member (at least 75% FTE) to serve as advisor.
- B. The active membership shall vote on accepting the advisor with a simple majority needed for acceptance.

#### Article X

- A. Any member of the organization may present amendments to the Constitution at any regularly scheduled business meeting. After reading the current Constitution along with the proposed change, the change will be voted on. A four-fifths majority is necessary to pass the amendment.
- B. Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to and approved by the Coordinator for Student Organizations before they become effective.