

•UCIP Constitution

Article 1 : Name

Section 1: The name of the organisation shall be known as United Confederation of Interstellar Planets (referred to as UCIP or The Organisation)

Article 2: Objectives

Section 1: The objectives for which the organisation has been formed for are:

- To provide members with a Star Trek based Role-playing environment.
- To be a community known for friendship and fun.
- To foster online gaming

Article 3: Membership

Section 1: Membership of the organisation is open to all who join, unless revoked in accordance with Article 3 Section 4.

Section 2: There will never be any fees levied for membership.

Section 3: There are Five(5) types of membership in the organisation (referred to as the Member):

- Active Member: A member actively participating in the organisation (that is, assigned to a simulation or as a staff member) and in good standing.
- Inactive Member: A member with a continuing interest in the objectives of the organisation, who is in good standing, but who no longer actively participates in the organisation.
- Life Member: A member who has been honoured for outstanding participation in the organisation. Such a member may choose to be active or inactive but will be considered active regardless of actual status.
- Suspended Member: A member who has been suspended from participating in the activities of the organisation for a specified period.
- Banned Member: A member who is banned from participating in the activities of the organisation indefinitely.

Section 4: Membership may be revoked in two instances.

- By the resignation of the member in question.
- By order of the President as punishment for breaching the Members Code of Conduct.

Section 5: Members in good standing are those whom are not classified as a banned or

suspended member as defined in Section

Article 4: Member Privileges

Section 1: Active Members in good standing are:

- Eligible to hold an open staff position.
- Eligible to vote at the Members Meetings.
- Eligible for participation in the organisational events and activities.

Section 2: Inactive members may attend the Members Meeting, but are ineligible to vote or hold a staff position.

Section 3: Art Life Members, as appointed by the CinC, shall be considered active members, with respect to their rights and privileges granted according to Article 4:1, regardless of their level of activity.

Article 5: Officers

Section 1: The Officers of the organisation are the Commander in Chief (To be referred to as the CinC).

Section 2: The Officers of the organisation shall be elected by the members of the organisation, they will serve a term of one year and are eligible for re-election (for a maximum term of Two (2) years).

Section 3: The Chief executive of the organisation shall be the CinC, Authority for the operation and administration of the organisation, in accordance with this Constitution and the active by-laws, is delegated to the CinC.

Section 4: The CinC is assisted in the day to day running of the organisation by the Senior Staff, this body will consist of the Chief of Staff (Referred to as Cos and responsible for the OOC Services provided by the organisation.) and the Chief of Fleet Operations (Referred to as the CFO and responsible for assisting the CinC in maintaining the IC universe and managing the SIMulations.

Section 5: In the event the CinC is unable to maintain his position (through a temporary LOA, resignation or other method of leaving office) the Cos and CFO will be jointly responsible for maintaining and administrating the organisation until the next election period.

Section 6: A VoNC can only be called at a Members Meeting (requested or general), and must be supported by twelve members. If this is successful, the CinC is suspended from office for twenty-one (21) days, until a new members meeting can be called and/or absentee ballots captured. During this time, the COS/CFO will manage day-to-day operations of UCIP. At this second meeting, a full vote will be taken of the membership, and the absentee ballots read out by the CFO/COS. If a clear two-thirds majority is reached, the CinC will be dismissed. If it isn't, the CinC will be reinstated.

Article 6: Meeting of Members

Section 1: Two general meetings of the organisation shall be held annually. The meeting held within six months following the organisation's year-end shall be the annual meeting.

Section 2: Special general meetings may be convened by the CinC and shall be convened upon the written request of ten active members, submitted to the mailing list provided for this purpose.

Section 3: Twenty-one (21) days notice of all meetings shall be given to all active members via the announce@ mailing list. However, members in attendance at meetings may waive this notice requirement.

Section 4: The notice of meeting shall include all motions to be decided at the meeting. No motion shall be made following the notice being issued..

Section 5: Questions arising at any meeting of the organisation shall be decided by a majority vote of those present (including proxies as defined in Section 6) and those entitled to vote. In the case of a tie, the chair of the meeting has a second or 'tie-breaking' vote.

Section 6: Members not able to attend meetings in person may submit an absentee ballot via e-mail to the chair of the meeting, they may also appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf, this must also be submitted to the chair of the meeting. Absentee ballots and Proxies must be submitted to the chair no less than two (2) days prior to the meeting.

Article 7: By-laws

Section 1: The Officers may pass by-laws respecting the affairs of the organisation, but only after a twenty-one (21) day discussion period on the Captains@ mailing list.

Section 2: No by-law shall override any article within this Constitution.

Article 8: Not For Profit

Section 1: No member of the organisation may receive an income from the organisation with the exception of repayment of reasonable expenses duly authorised by the CinC and properly incurred on behalf of the organisation. All activities of the organisation shall be carried on without a view to profit.

Article 9: Dissolution

Section 1: The organisation may be dissolved by a two-thirds cote cast at a general meeting of members called for that purpose. On dissolution of the organisation, the property remaining after payment of all debts of the organisation shall be transferred to the members.

Article 10: Amendments

Section 1: Any amendment to this Constitution must be sent to all members in accordance with Section 6 regarding Meetings of Members. No amendment shall be effective until confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members (including proxies and absentee ballots).