

## Society of Seekers

### ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Society of Seekers.

### ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide those who follow and/or are curious in New Age spirituality (including but not limited to Neo-Paganism, Wicca, and occultism) a safe, welcoming environment in which to discuss and share beliefs.

### ARTICLE III – Membership Requirements

Section 1. Membership is limited to UIC students, faculty, and staff.

Section 2. Eligibility Requirements of New Members

2.1 All open-minded individuals are welcome.

2.2 Regular attendance and dues are not mandatory for membership.

Section 3. Expulsion of Members

3.1 Members may be expelled from the organization by a majority vote if they cause the discomfort of other members in the form of proselytizing for any religions and/or insulting or condemning the spiritual beliefs of the organization or its individuals.

3.2 Those who cannot engage in mature, civil, and polite discussion and/or debate will face similar consequences.

### ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section 1. This organization shall have 4 officers. These officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Faculty, staff, and alumni may not be officers.

Section 2. Qualifications of Officers

All potential officers must attend meetings for at least one year prior to elections. Those interested must prepare a one-minute speech to be delivered the meeting before elections.

- 2.1 The President should have at least some knowledge of various New Age traditions. He or she should be able to donate a significant amount of time researching and preparing for meetings. Strong leadership and public speaking skills are also required. He or she must attend every meeting unless extenuating circumstances require his or her absence. The President must attend meetings in which the Vice President must be absent.
- 2.2 The Vice President must also be knowledgeable about relevant subjects and be able to commit a similar amount of time as the President. He or she must also attend every meeting unless extenuating circumstances require his or her absence. The Vice President must attend meetings in which the President must be absent.
- 2.3 The Secretary must attend every meeting, especially in the event of a vote. He or she must also have sufficient written and oral communication skills.
- 2.4 The Treasurer must be present at least at meetings in which money is collected for any reason. He or she must be able to work with money confidently, honestly, and prudently.

### Section 3. Terms of Office

Each officer shall hold his or her position for one academic year. Terms begin with each new academic year.

### Section 4. Duties of Officers

- 4.1 The President shall be the general organizer of events. He or she is the prime correspondence and organization representative. He or she has the power to break a tied vote. He or she does not have any religious title.
- 4.2 The Vice President shall assist in the duties of the President. In the event of the President's absence, the Vice President shall take on the President's duties for that meeting.
- 4.3 The Secretary shall record needed supplies and correspond with second parties for events. He or she shall also record the outcome of a vote and any other major decisions as well as keep minutes of any membership actions.
- 4.4 The Treasurer shall collect and manage any money that the organization collects. He or she shall be in charge of costs related to donations, events, or supplies and make sure that enough money is collected to cover these costs.

### Section 5. Provisions for Removal of Officers

If an officer is found to be failing in his or her duties and/or causing disruptions outlined in Article III, Section 4, he or she shall have his or her offenses presented to members and fellow officers. The officer shall be removed from office in the case of a 2/3 vote of members and fellow officers combined.

Section 6. Legitimate Transfer of Power

If an officer cannot perform his or her duties for longer than one month, his or her replacement must be approved by a majority vote of the members.

**ARTICLE V – Elections**

Section 1. Election of Officers shall be held in April of each year.

Section 2. Attendance at the majority of meetings is required to be eligible to vote including attendance at the meeting during which elections will be held. Votes will be made by ballot.

Section 3. Notice of elections shall be in March, and appointments shall be announced one week after elections.

**ARTICLE VI – Meetings**

Section 1. Regular meetings of the organization shall be held monthly as close to the full moon as possible. Additional meetings shall also be held as close as possible to the pagan holidays that fall during the academic year.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President after consulting the other three officers. Membership shall be notified via email.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of at least six active members in the event of a vote. For regular meetings, no fewer than five members must be present.

**ARTICLE VII – Advisor(s)**

Section 1. Any advisor of this organization shall be a full-time faculty or staff member at UIC.

Section 2. The duties and roles of the advisor shall be to support the goals and activities of the group and provide consultation when necessary about accessing resources or developing events.

**ARTICLE VIII – Dues**

Dues will not be collected regularly. Only when there is a need for supplies, funds for events, or a donation to a charity shall money be collected from members.

## **ARTICLE IV – Handling of Funds**

Section 1. The organization's on-campus COF account will be managed primarily by the Treasurer.

Section 2. The President, Treasurer, and faculty advisor are authorized to sign documents concerning funds.

Section 3. All monies collected on campus except dues must be deposited into the organization's COF account.

## **ARTICLE X – Amendments and Revisions**

Section 1. This document shall be reviewed at the end of each year by the incumbent officers and the officers for the following year.

Section 2. A two-thirds vote of the entire membership shall be required to make any amendments or revisions.

Section 3. The President is responsible for initiating the creation and distribution of the new/changed document.