

Constitution of the
Agondonter Boot Camp Society

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ARTICLE 1 -- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the *Agondonter Boot Camp Society*.

ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE

The purpose of Agondonter Boot Camp Society, hereinafter referred to as Society is: (a) the study and dissemination of The Urantia Book and the realization, appreciation and application of its advanced truths and concepts that we may expand our lives and encourage in the lives of others an enhanced spiritual perception of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and b) to foster Florida based study groups, conferences, events and outreach.

Article III – AFFILIATION

This Society, while autonomous in the conduct of its local affairs, is subject to the Constitution of the Urantia Book Fellowship, and by virtue of its charter, its members are ipso facto members of the Urantia Book Fellowship.

ARTICLE IV -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 - Qualifications: Any person who shall, as adjudged by the Membership Committee of Society, evidence a desire and a willingness to learn and understand, in order to affirm his or her belief in the teachings of The Urantia Book and who shall declare his or her willingness to accept this constitution shall be eligible for membership in Society. Such candidate for membership shall Society be approved by the majority of the Membership Committee. Membership in any religious or fraternal society, church, or political organization shall neither qualify nor disqualify a candidate for membership in Society.

Section 3.2 - Application for membership: Application for membership in Society shall be made in written or electronic form to the Membership Committee in the form determined by that committee.

Section 3.3 - Appeal from Denial of Membership: Any applicant denied membership in Society by the membership committee shall be allowed to appeal the decision to the officers of the society.

Section 3.4 - Membership Status - A member of Society may be of Active or Associate Status

Section 3.5 - Termination of Membership: An Associate Member may be dropped from the membership rolls upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and approval of the Executive Committee if the individual has not made contact with Society for a period of two (2) years or upon any member's written request for termination of membership made to the Secretary.

Section 3.6 - Expulsion of Members: An individual may be expelled for good cause from membership in Society but retain the right to reapply for membership no earlier than one (1) year from the date of expulsion.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 4.1 - Meetings: Attendance at Society meetings shall be open to members, non-member students of The Urantia Book, and interested visitors unless otherwise restricted to members by the Executive Committee.

- A. Annual Business Meeting: Once each calendar year, at the time and place designated by the Executive Committee, a formal meeting of the members of Society shall be held to conduct business. Members will receive a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice of the time and place of the Annual Business Meeting.
- B. Special-Called Meetings: Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, or upon written request of twenty (20) percent of the Active Members.

Section 4.2 - Voting: Only active members may vote on questions brought before Society, election of its officers and other voting matters. Any questions presented at any meeting of Society shall be decided by a majority vote except as provided otherwise by this Constitution.

Section 4.3 - Quorum: A quorum at any meeting shall consist of six (6) active members or 20% whichever is greatest, who participate in person, by proxy, via telephone, video, or other communication.

Section 4.4 - Powers: Society, in Annual Business or Special-Called Meetings, shall have the following power:

- A. All power not specifically conferred upon the officers, the Executive Committee, the Membership Committee and other standing committees and which are not prohibited by this Constitution, may be exercised by Society.
- B. Society shall have the power to adopt by-laws, to make effective the terms and provisions of the Constitution and to regulate the conduct of Society.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 5.1 - Officers: Officers of Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and optionally, there may be a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary.

Section 5.2 - Election of Officers: Officers of Society shall be elected at the Annual Business meeting and hold office for a term of two (2) consecutive years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Officers may succeed themselves for one additional term. Only Active Members in good standing shall hold office in Society. Should an officer become an Associate Member, the office is considered vacant and the Secretary shall notify the Executive Committee.

Section 5.3 - Vacancies: Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any of the foregoing offices, an Active Member shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee to function as an interim officer until the next regularly scheduled business meeting.

Section 5.4 - Limitations: No person shall hold more than one office at a time, nor shall any officer serve as chairman of any standing committee, except the Vice-President serves as the Chair of the Membership Committee.

Section 5.5 - Reasons for Removal: Officers may be removed for the following reasons:

- A. Failure to perform duties as outlined in the Bylaws.
- B. Conduct or influence deemed detrimental to Society.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 6.1 - Members: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of Society and the chairs of standing committees. The President and Secretary of Society shall serve as chair and secretary of the Executive Committee.

Section 6.2 - Powers and Duties: The Executive Committee shall be vested with the power to actively manage all the affairs of Society in accordance with the Constitution. It shall have the power to veto or modify any act of any officer of Society or any committee. It shall have the power to call and set the agenda of the Annual Business meeting and any special-called meetings. The Executive Committee shall present the annual program of Society sponsored events and projects for the following year at the scheduled business meeting, and shall review the dues schedule for Active Members to assure proper funding for recommended Society administration, sponsored projects, and events. The Executive Committee also shall authorize the disbursement of Society funds within the budget limits established by the members.

Section 6.3 - Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet at least two (2) times yearly. Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be at the call of any of its members and notice thereof shall be given two (2) weeks prior to such meeting, stating the time, place, and purpose of such meeting. A quorum of the Executive Committee consists of a majority of its members.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 7.1 - Standing Committees: A standing committee is one established by the membership of Society for a purpose that is deemed necessary and essential to the ongoing functioning of Society.

Section 7.2 - Ad Hoc Committees: An Ad Hoc Committee is one established by the membership of the society to implement a specific project or event approved in the annual program or established by the Executive Committee for a specific purpose that is limited in time or scope.

Section 7.3 - Vacancy: In the event of a vacancy, a majority vote of the Executive Committee shall appoint an Active Member as interim chair of a standing or ad hoc committee. Election of a new Chair will take place at the next scheduled business meeting.

ARTICLE IX - DUES

Section 8.1 - Dues: Annual dues for each member shall be payable by check or cash at the beginning of the calendar year.

ARTICLE X - NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

Section 9.1 - Formation of a Not-for-Profit Corporation: The Executive Committee shall cause to be organized a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida in the name of "Agondonter Boot Camp Society Inc."

Section 9.2 - Membership: Membership in the Corporation shall consist of the members of Society.

Section 9.3 - Board of Directors: The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee of Society.

Section 9.4 - Officers: The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be the same as the officers of Society.

Section 9.5 - Fiscal Agents: The Corporation shall be the fiscal agent for Society and it may hold property and money of Society as requested and required by the Executive Committee. In the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, the members, directors, and officers shall observe and comply with the Constitution of Society.

ARTICLE XI - TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Section 10.1 - Purpose: Society is organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 10.2 - Earnings and Activities: No part of the net earnings of Society shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members or any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Society shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on under the Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XII - SUCCESSION ON DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of Society, all its assets shall be distributed to the successor organization of Society, if any, if the same shall qualify for exemption from federal income tax. If there is no such successor to Society, then all its assets shall be distributed as decided by a majority vote of all Active Members.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution or bylaws may be amended at a meeting in which a quorum is present, in person or via authorized telephone, video or other communication, or by proxy. Notice of the meeting including time, location, and a copy of the amendment or amendments shall be mailed, faxed or emailed to all members at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the meeting. Each amendment shall be proposed and voted upon separately.

ARTICLE XIV - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not specified in this Constitution.