Eastlake Robotics Constitution

Eastlake Robotics Constitution Revised: 2023-08-24 **Approved by Eastlake Robotics Membership:** TBD

1. Purpose and Mission

- 1.1. The purpose of the Eastlake Robotics (Pack of Parts) Team 1294 shall be to promote science and technology in Eastlake High School and the surrounding community through student and community programs involving engineering and other technical skills.
- 1.2. Our mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting hands-on programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, and inspire innovation, to foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

2. The Constitution & Amendments

- 2.1. This Constitution outlines the basic organization of Eastlake Robotics. It may be extended and clarified by the Bylaws; but if this Constitution and a bylaw conflict, this Constitution shall take precedence.
- 2.2. Once a year after elections, but before the start of the school year, all new board members and mentors will review the Constitution and bylaws.
- 2.3. Amendments shall be submitted in writing to the acting President and Mentors. If a majority of all full members vote in favor of the amendment, this Constitution shall be amended.
- 2.4. This Constitution shall be made available to members and to the public at all times.

3. The Bylaws

- 3.1. The bylaws shall detail all workings of Eastlake Robotics.
- 3.2. The bylaws may clarify, but may not contradict, the constitution. If a bylaw and this Constitution conflict, this Constitution shall take precedence.
- 3.3. The board may create, change, or revoke bylaws at any time, in accordance with this Constitution and any applicable bylaws.
- 3.4. The bylaws shall be made available to the members and to the public at all times.
- 3.5. Two mentors must be notified of all donations.

4. The Board

- 4.1. There shall be a board that consists of students, as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Business Director, Public Relations Director, Project Manager, Design Director, Mechanical Director, Electrical Director, Programming Director, Materials Director.
- 4.2. The board must be active members of Eastlake Robotics.
- 4.3. The duties of each board member shall be detailed in the director applications, found in the Google drive.
- 4.4. Board election details, such as the nomination process and voting technique, shall be detailed in the Bylaws.
- 4.5. Board members may resign from their positions at any time.
- 4.6. Board members who fail to perform to the expectations of members may be impeached in a manner outlined in the Bylaws.
- 4.7. The method for filling vacated positions shall be detailed in the bylaws.
- 4.8. All expenditures must be approved by relevant board members and two mentors.
- 4.9. All powers of Eastlake Robotics, including changing the Bylaws and approving expenditures of money, and excluding amending the Constitution, are vested in the board, but may be vetoed by the Advisor or Mentors such as when a decision violates safety, student handbook, and school rules.
- 4.10. The board shall attempt to reach consensus on all matters. When consensus cannot be reached, a vote shall be taken: one vote per board member, with the majority of non-abstaining votes carrying the decision. Ties shall be settled by two mentors.

5. The Advisor & Mentors

5.1. The Advisor is usually a staff member, and is the primary liaison between the faculty and Eastlake Robotics. In addition to the duties outlined by the <u>Associated Student Body</u>, additional roles may be detailed in the Bylaws. 5.2. The mentors of Eastlake Robotics shall be adults with experience in areas of activities undertaken by Eastlake Robotics. Their duties and roles may be detailed in the bylaws.

6. Dues and Letters

6.1. Eastlake Robotics may collect membership dues through the school payment portal and as detailed in the bylaws. We may collect additional funding needed through any form. Dues may be waived if financial hardship is claimed by the member.

6.2. Eastlake Robotics may award graduation cords, and other awards to any active senior member with at least one active year of participation.

7. Membership & Voting

- 7.1. Any student without access to a Robotics program may petition to become a full member of Eastlake Robotics. If the student meets all the current rules and regulations for participating in extracurricular activities, is not suspended or expelled from Eastlake Robotics, and meets any additional requirements outlined in the bylaws, the student shall be admitted into Eastlake Robotics as a member with access to all digital platforms.
- 7.3. Any student who does not attend Eastlake must consult with the advisor or mentors to ensure they are on the right robotics team. General rule of thumb: if their home school does not have a robotics team they can be a member of our team
- 7.5. All full members may vote in board elections and on amendments to the Constitution.
- 7.6. Procedures and eligibility for other votes shall be detailed in the Bylaws.

8. Suspension and Expulsion

- 8.1. The board and mentors may suspend or expel members for reasons including, but not limited to: Failure to comply with school rules, endangering self or others, disrupting meetings, and failure to follow through with commitments.
- 8.2. At the discretion of the board, refunds may or may not be given to members who have been suspended or expelled.

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