

**BY-LAWS**  
of the  
**Young Professionals of Akron**

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The mission of the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON is as follows:

- A. Young Professionals of Akron is to connect young professionals and encourage involvement within the Greater Akron community.
  - a. Expand professional and personal networks through social and community events.
  - b. Invest in the community through volunteerism and support of local business.
  - c. Engage in new opportunities through the introduction to new and existing resources.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON shall include any individual who:

- A. Completes the application form for YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON and pays the appropriate membership fee.
  - a. Length of membership term is one calendar year from payment date.
  - b. Any requests to transfer membership should be made in writing to current membership chair and is subject to approval of the board of directors.
  - c. Membership in YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON will not automatically renew each year. If dues are not paid, membership will be terminated.
  - d. Members may willingly end their affiliation with YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON at any time, however dues paid will not be refunded.

ARTICLE IV GATHERINGS

- A. The Annual Meeting of the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON shall be held each year in January at a place and time determined by the Board.

- B. At least one social networking opportunity will be held on a monthly basis.
  - a. Events will be held within the Greater Akron area.
  - b. Open Forums and Public Speakers at events will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- C. The Board of Directors of the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON may from time to time provide other programs that are determined to be beneficial to the organization.

## ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. Board of Directors of YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee (Events Committee, Membership Committee, Corporate Engagement Committee, Communications Committee) Chair Positions.
- B. Prior to the annual meeting, the Board Development Committee will propose a slate of candidates for positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee (Events Committee, Membership Committee, Corporate Engagement Committee, Communications Committee) Chair Positions.
- C. Board of Directors members will be elected for one (1) year terms and may be re-elected for additional terms.
  - a. Board of Directors terms will run January 1 - Decmeber 31.
  - b. Board of Directors may be elected for unlimited terms .
- D. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members of the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON. Discontinuation of such membership shall automatically terminate the term of office of such person.
- E. Any Board of Directors positions may be terminated at full descretion of the Board of Directors.
  - a. For explanation of responsibilities, please see Board of Directors Statement of Expectations (Adendum 1)

## ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

- A. The YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON Board of Directors shall have the following committees. The Board Development Committee shall appoint all Committee Chairs and committee members.
- B. Standing Committees shall consist of the following:

1. Events Committee
  2. Membership Committee
  3. Corporate Engagement Committee
  4. Communications Committee
  5. Board Development Committee
- C. Ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President of the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON when deemed necessary.
- D. Each Committee Director shall maintain a current committee roster and report its meetings and its other activities regularly to the Board of the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON.

#### ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The process in which the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON By-Laws may be amended is as follows:

- A. The By-Laws of the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON may be amended only by the Board Development Committee.
- B. Any proposed changes to the By-Laws must be made available to general membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting via e-mail or other generally accepted and reliable method.
- C. Members must be give feedback on proposed By-Laws at or before the Annual Meeting.
- D. Board Development Committee will amend By-Laws based on member feedback and present to Board of Directors at next Board Meeting.
- E. Board of Director must approve amended YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AKRON By-Laws by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote.
- F. Board Development Committee may present Board of Directors with emergency amendments to By-Laws as necessary.
  - a. Emergency amendments must be sent out to General Membership via e-mail or other generally accepted and reliable transmission method.
  - b. They must be given minimum 30 days to respond with feedback.

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