

**By-Laws  
Society of Composers  
University of Delaware Student Chapter**

- I. The organization shall be known as the Society of Composers, Inc. at the University of Delaware (SCIUD).
- II. Objectives of the Organization:
- A. The performance and dissemination of music composed by, or of interest to, members of the Society.
  - B. The promotion and facilitation of a forum for the exchange of information and ideas pertaining to the performance, practical applications and teaching of music composition.
  - C. The representation within the Society of as wide a variety of musical styles and beliefs as are to be found among the members of the Society.
  - D. The promotion and facilitation of communication with other music organizations and with other artistic and scientific communities.
  - E. The holding of a semiannual student composition concert.
  - F. The promotion of performance groups devoted to contemporary music and to high standards of performance of such music.
  - G. The discussion and review of ideas and materials for the teaching of musical composition-related disciplines at all educational levels.
  - H. The promotion of new performance and compositional techniques.

III. Affiliation:

The Society of Composers, Inc. (SCI)  
Old Chelsea Station, Box 450  
New York, NY 10113-0450

IV. Membership Qualifications:

- A. Membership is open to full-time, matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware who agree with the purpose and objectives of this group.
- B. Enrollment in the Music Department of the College of Arts and Sciences is not mandatory.
- C. An active member of SCIUD must also be an active member (or become an active member) of SCI.
- D. Dues for SCI and SCIUD must be current and paid in full to be considered an active member of the Student Chapter.
- E. Officers must be Music Majors

V. Non-Discrimination Clause:

The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University of Delaware and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

VI. Duties and Privileges of Membership:

Duties:

- A. All members are expected to participate in the semiannual student composition concert.
- B. Members shall assist with the annual New Music Delaware event and *Still Breathing: The University of Delaware Contemporary Music Ensemble*.
- C. Members shall actively participate in fundraising events.
- D. Additional active participation may be determined as opportunities and events (such as visiting composers or contemporary music ensemble performances) are presented. These will be determined during Chapter meetings.

Privileges:

- A. Membership in SCI, with all benefits and responsibilities as outlined in their by-laws.
- B. Opportunities for performance of original works by both members and non-members.
- C. Group participation in national and regional events.

VII. Other types of membership:

No non-voting or other representing memberships are included at this time.

VIII. Absence Policies:

All members must attend no less than 2 meetings per semester. Failure to do so, or failure to participate in events noted in section VI may result in review of continued membership.

IX. Policies/Procedures for Disciplining/Removing Members:

- A. Failure to participate in sponsored events may result in probationary measures and/or possible revocation of membership without recompense.
  - B. Misrepresentation of SCI and/or SCIUD may result in probationary measures and/or revocation of membership.
  - C. Former members may request renewal of their membership after no less than a 1 (one) semester absence. Re-admission to the student chapter is subject to majority approval by all voting members. SCI membership may also play a significant role in the decision to allow renewed membership in SCIUD.
  - D. Disciplinary action, including (but not limited to) probation and/or removal, will be determined by the active members, and be sanctioned by a simple majority vote.
  - E. The individual under review may not cast a vote regarding the disciplinary action to be taken.
- X. Officers:

Duties and Responsibilities:

President: This organization shall have a President with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. The President shall be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization, including the End of the Year report (Annual Report), Summer Contact Information, Annual Survey, and Registered Student Organization Questionnaire. The President will receive all information from the Activities and Programs office from an undisclosed e-mail database. The President will help to appoint all standing and special committees.

Vice President: The Vice-President shall serve the role of President if the President is absent, unable to serve the duties of President, or if the President resigns. The Vice-President should also be responsible for checking the organization's mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by the other Registered Student Organizations and business promotions.

The Vice-President will receive information about other Registered Student Organizations and the Activities and Programs Office through the Student-Leaders@udel.edu e-mail database

Secretary/Treasurer: As Secretary, this student shall record the events of all meetings of this organization and shall maintain minutes of those meetings. The Secretary shall take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary. The Secretary shall maintain the membership list and e-mail database, and keep accurate records of what the group has done. As Treasurer, this student shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer shall have signed any checks written by the organization for the purpose of the organization and maintain all group ledgers. The Treasurer should also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board. The Treasurer will have checks co-signed by the appropriate administrator.

Qualification of Officers:

- A. All officers must be full-time, matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware.
- B. Officers must be majors or minors in the Music Department of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware.
- C. Officers must be able to complete a full calendar year in their position (June through May).

Election of Officers:

- A. Elections will be held the week immediately following Spring Break each academic year.
- B. Nominations will be made at the last week before Spring Break.
- C. Officers will be elected by a simple majority as defined in Section XIII, Decision Making.

Discipline and/or Removal of Officers:

Officers shall conform to all of the duties and responsibilities as outlined in these by-laws. Failure to do so shall incur the same review and disciplinary procedure outlined in Section IX above.

Resignations:

Any officer who determines s/he will not be able to fulfill his/her obligations may resign. The resignation should be communicated in writing to the other officers and faculty advisor immediately, and to the entire membership at the next scheduled meeting. New elections and/or redistribution of officer responsibilities will be determined by the membership at that meeting.

XI. Meetings:

- A. Meetings for all active members will be held monthly.
- B. Officers will meet bi-monthly. Officer meetings must be held separately from regular meetings.
- C. Meetings with the Faculty Advisor shall be held bi-monthly.

XII. Dues:

Student Dues to SCI:                      \$15.00 (for the national membership)

XIII. Decision-Making:

- A. A quorum of 50% of the active members is necessary for business to be conducted at any given meeting.
- B. Decisions shall be made by a secret ballot vote, and require a simple majority to be enacted.

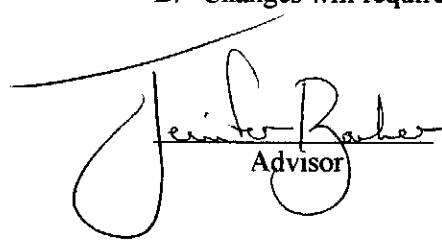
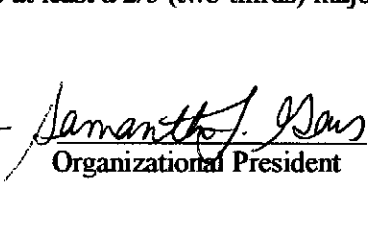
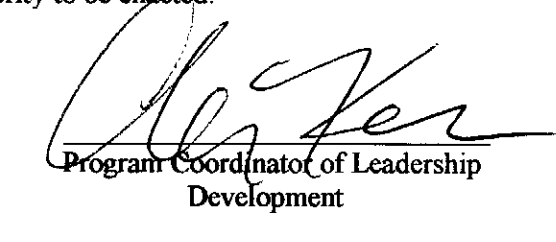
- C. All active members in good standing have full voting privileges.
- D. Confusion or questions regarding process shall be referred to the rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order.

XIV. Faculty Advisor:

The Faculty Advisor shall be a full-time faculty member in the Department of Music, and should be a member in good standing with SCI.

XV. Amendments to the By-Laws:

- A. Advance notice regarding proposed changes or amendments to the by-laws shall be provided to all active members at least 1 (one) week prior to voting.
- B. Changes will require at least a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority to be enacted.

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