

Space Law Society Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

Section A: Name – The name of this club shall be University of Denver Space Law Society (shorthand: ‘Space Law Society’).

Section B: Charter

The Space Law Society seeks to investigate the new and expanding field of space law, as well as all of its component parts. Space law touches on international policy and relations, contract law, liability law, natural resource law, and many more. The Space Law Society will provide a forum for discussion of current space events, as well an opportunity to interact with speakers from the major corporations currently operating in the space realm. Overall, this society will expand the horizons of current students as they participate in discussions, writings, and events that delve into this new frontier.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP & SPONSORS

Section A: Eligibility - Membership shall be open to all students of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Section B: Sponsors and Partners – Space Law Society has a vested interest in procuring as many opportunities for its members as possible. If there are corporations that wish to partner with Space Law Society, formally or informally, this will be encouraged and welcomed.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section A: Officers – The officers shall be a President/Executive Director, Vice President/Deputy Director, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section B: Eligibility – Officers must be students of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Section C: Election – The officers shall be elected by ballot at the pre-determined election meeting every Spring. One week prior to the special election meeting, candidates will announce their candidacy at a general meeting of the Society. Candidates must announce their candidacy in person, as to show their commitment to the post (exceptions can be made for sudden illness, travel, etc. as reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the current officers).

Section D: Term – The officers shall serve for one year and their term of office shall begin at the commencement of the fall semester.

Section E: Vacancy – If a vacancy occurs in the office of President/Executive Director, the Vice-President/Deputy Director shall assume the office for the remainder of the term and vacancies in any other office shall be filled by a special election.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A: President/Executive Director – it shall be the duty of the President and Executive Director to:

- Preside at meetings
- Represent the club
- Plan meetings and activities, organize connections with the local community, and facilitate sponsorships to the best of their ability
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office

Section B: Vice-President/Deputy Director – It shall be the duty of the Vice-President and Deputy Director to:

- Preside in the absence of the President
- Support the President/Executive Director in all matters Society related

Section C: Treasurer – It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

- Receive all funds and process Request for Payment, Deposit Slip, and Officer Signature Forms.
- Keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and make reports as directed
- Work with the President/Executive Director and Vice-President/Deputy Director to plan budget requests each Spring, which will be submitted to the SBA office to ensure funds for the following academic year

Section D: Secretary – It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- Record attendance of all meetings, and submit this paperwork to the SBA office
- Keep the Society's records up-to-date
- Maintain a current roster of membership
- Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the club, including upkeep of a Facebook page, and other social media to potentially be created for the benefit and marketability of the Society

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section A: Meetings – There shall be a minimum of 4 meetings per academic year. Officers are encouraged and allowed to call more meetings as desired.

Section B: Panels – Officers will work with contacts in the area to create and host at least 1 panel of experts in the field every academic year. The goal of a panel is to expose Society members to relevant discussion between practicing attorneys about predominant and pressing issues in space law.

Section C: Guest Speakers – Officers will make every attempt to have at minimum 2 guest-speaker events per academic year, to facilitate the education and advancement of members. Speakers can be on any variety of topics within the field of space law. At least 1 guest speaker event shall also include a Q&A session (guest speaker willing) so facilitate meaningful exchange between students and the speaker.

Section D: Trips – When possible, Officers will organize special trips for Society members, for the enrichment of the members. This may include things such as tours of aerospace facilities, and

possibly trips to Washington D.C. or New York, which are also major focal points of the aerospace industry. The destination and intent of trips will be discussed and decided by all Officers jointly, to submit to the University for approval.

ARTICLE VI: ADVISOR

Section A: Selection – there shall be a faculty/staff advisor who shall be selected each year by the membership.

Section B: Duties – The responsibilities of the faculty advisor shall be to:

- Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs sponsored by the student club.
- Meet on a regular basis with the leadership of the Society to discuss upcoming meetings, long range plans, goals, and problems of the Society.
- Attend meetings and events as often as schedule allows.
- Explain and clarify campus policy and procedures that apply to the Society.
- Assist the Officers and the Society to the best of their abilities with any problem or question that may be presented to them.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section A: Program Committee – A program committee composed of the Vice-President/Deputy Director as chairperson and three other members shall be appointed by the President before the end of spring semester, whose duty shall be to submit a plan for the overall program of the club for the following year. Action items will be approved by a majority vote of current Officers.

Section B: Special Committees – The President/Executive Director shall have the authority to appoint any special committee from time to time as need demands.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section A: Selection – these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the chapter membership.

Section B: Notice – All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least a week before the meeting.