

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Native American Student Association (NASA)

Bylaws



PREAMBLE

American Indian people are communal people. They have traditionally relied upon each other for every need, and have shared the quest for survival. Success in the field of education is imperative for the survival of Indian people in the world today. By providing a support system that is dependent on the mutual desires and needs of the members, the Native American Student Association will be the base where members can help each other achieve academic success. NASA will not only serve as a bridge to provide necessary support for members, but will also provide a knowledge of today's Native American people to the student body, and provide a base from which all may progress. The actions of the NASA will be respectful of the past, support and enhance the present, and will approach the future with foresight.

Article 1: Name & Purpose

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Native American Student Association (also known by the abbreviation "NASA").

Section 2. Purpose & Objectives

The purpose of the organization shall be to enhance the general educational experience of Indigenous students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Providing an organization for Native American students, which will promote unity and cooperation' among them, and will provide a basis for which work can be done for the advancement of Native American people,
- b) Providing better communication among Native American students, graduates, and the general public,
- c) Providing assistance to Native American students, including, but not limited to:
 - 1) Providing information in the following
 - Financial assistance during the academic year and semester(s), and employment opportunities.
 - Undergraduate educational opportunities such as curriculum development, tutorial programs, and research to education which affects Native Americans.

ARTICLE II: Membership

SECTION I. Membership

Membership shall be any of the four (4) categories, subject to admission herein, set-forth.

- a) Membership shall be open to any American Indian, Alaska Native, Indigenous, or non-indigenous students, currently enrolled at UNLV.

For purposes of this section, an American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous person is a person who:

- (1) is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe; or
- (2) is a descendant of a Native American Tribe
- (3) is benefiting the Native American community through the support, research, promotion, or education avocation

- b)** Associate membership shall be open to any student attending UNLV.
- c)** Alumni membership shall be open to any American Indian and Alaska Native graduate of UNLV.
- d)** General Membership regardless of Native American heritage is open to those who benefit the Native American community through the support, research, promotion, or education avocation of Natives.

E-Board officer requirements must be any of the following:

- (1)** is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe; or
- (2)** is a descendant of a Native American Tribe
- (3)** is benefiting the Native American community through the support, research, promotion, or education avocation

SECTION II. Expulsion and Removal

Expulsion of a member may arise if the person (whom is being charged with expulsion) has done something to discredit the success & empowerment of Native youth within the organization, offended those in the organization, or has committed an act harming others either emotionally or physically.

- a)** Expulsion - A member may be expelled by a majority vote of the entire general membership whom are active in the organization.

Removal of an officer may arise if the person in said position is either unable to fulfill his or her duties, has committed an act of treachery (stolen for his or her benefit), has done something to discredit the success & empowerment of Native youth within the organization, offended those in the organization, or has committed an act harming others either emotionally or physically.

- b)** Removal - Any officer may be removed and relieved of his or her duties by a majority vote of those present within the E-Board.

ARTICLE III: Officers and Elections

SECTION I. Officers

a) The **PRESIDENT**, will preside at all meetings and represent the NASA at all appropriate functions, The President shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote of the general membership at the first NASA meeting of the Spring semester; after which time he/she will assume the office and preside over the elections of the remaining officers.

b) The **VICE-PRESIDENT** shall preside at all meetings and represent NASA at all appropriate functions in case of the absence or disability, of the President. The Vice-President shall be responsible for notifying the membership and university population of NASA activities. The Vice-president shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote of the active membership at the first NASA meeting of the Spring semester after which he/she will assume office.

c) The **SECRETARY** will maintain a complete and accurate record of all meetings. The Secretary will be nominated and elected by a majority vote of the active membership at the first NASA meeting of the Spring semester, after which he/she will assume office.

d) The **TREASURER** will maintain an account of all funds, credit or property of NASA, and file any paperwork for funding authentication. The treasurer will be nominated & elected by a majority vote of the active membership at the first NASA meeting of the Spring semester, after which he/she will assume office.

e) The **SCHEDULING LIAISON** will schedules meetings, book spaces to hold meetings or events, and acquires about possible meeting/ event times/dates. The Scheduling Liaison also updates NASA's Involvement Center, post events/ meeting info on the UNLV community calendar. This position will be referred/ filled by the Officers listed above.

f) The **Media Manager** will collectively be in charge of maintaining NASA's media output. The person in this position will formally be in charge of all of NASA's social media platforms as well as updating photo albums within the Involvement Center. This position may be referred/filled by the Officers listed above.

SECTION II. Term of Office

All elected officers will serve for a period of one year. The term will begin upon election and continue until the first meeting of the Spring semester in the following year.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings and Quorum:

SECTION I. Meetings

- a) NASA will hold at least one meeting per month taking place on the 1st Tuesday.
- b) There will be a specific time, day and week of the month during which the scheduled meeting will be held; to be determined at least two weeks in advance.
- c) All meetings will be announced, and each member specifically notified, so that all who wish to attend may be at each meeting.
- d) Special care and effort will be extended to consider the needs of first year general membership students when scheduling the meetings.
- e) A majority of the active membership shall be required at a NASA meeting in order for official business to be conducted.

SECTION II. Voting

A majority vote, cast by the membership present at a meeting will be necessary for the approval of NASA business.

ARTICLE V. Amendments:

SECTION I. Amending the Bylaws

A majority vote by active membership is required to amend the Bylaws. If urgent, a complete consensus of the entire E-Board can amend said By-Laws. Notification to the entire general membership of amended By-Laws shall take place immediately after the meeting has come to an end.