SECTION 3

The term of each office will be one year, starting immediately following elections. The term shall end with resignation or removal. Any officer who is seen to be unfulfilling of their duties and/or acts in such a way as to impair the organization's ability to function may be removed from their post in accordance with the procedure stated in Article 5, Section.

SECTION 4

The requirements to hold office are as follows:

- Only voting members are eligible to hold offices.
- No more than one position may be held by any individual.
- One individual can hold the same office for a maximum of two years.
- A person may seek as many positions as he or she wishes.

ARTICLE 5 - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1.1

Elections for the Executive Board shall be held in the spring term of every year, the exact date to be set by the Executive Board. The date of the election shall be announced at least four weeks in advance at a General Body Meeting.

SECTION 1.2

A simple majority of the voting member present is required to elect an officer

SECTION 1.3

Nominations will take place at the meeting prior to elections.

SECTION 1.4

Nominations for the Executive Board must be seconded and shall be accepted from the floor.

SECTION 1.5

Voting shall be by secret ballot.

SECTION 1.6

The ballot papers shall be handled by 2 voting members not running for office, who upon nomination shall be voted in by a simple majority of the voting members present.

SECTION 2

Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at any general body meeting. Any officer removed from office is no longer eligible to hold any office on the Executive Board. When an office is vacated, an appointment shall be made by the remaining Executive Board and ratified by the general body at the following meeting.

SECTION 3 — Disaster Clause
In the event of all executive board members resigning, the advisor to the organization or President of the union shall preside over the election of a president.

ARTICLE 6 - COMMITTEES
Standing and temporary committees may be created by the Executive Board or by the voting membership. The chairperson shall be appointed by a simple majority of committee members.

All committees shall keep the Vice-President regularly informed of all their activities.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS
Note: A forum is a meeting where a single item discussed.

A General Body Meeting is a meeting where several items are discussed.

1. A meeting is defined as a General Body Meeting or a Forum.

2. A quorum, which is defined as fifty percent of all voting members, is required for a General Body meeting.

3. There will be one meeting every two weeks during the fall and spring terms. Meetings will alternate between forums and general body meetings.

4. The President shall call or cancel meetings as necessary.

5. The President must call a meeting on the following two occasions:
   - Upon written request of three or more members of the Executive Board. The meeting must be called within two weeks (14 days) of the written request.
   - Upon the written request of at least 30% voting members. The meeting must be called within two weeks (14 days) of the written request.

6. The new and old ASA Executive Boards shall hold at least one joint meeting in the spring to ease the transition of activities and duties.

7. The association shall abide by Robert's Rules of Order in the areas not covered by this constitution, or when questions arise upon a majority vote of voting members present.

8. Decisions at a general body meeting will be determined by a simple majority of the voting members present at that meeting.

9. The official language of all meetings shall be English unless by unanimous vote of all those present in the meeting, an alternative language is preferred.

ARTICLE 8 – ACTIVITIES
- It is the duty of the Socio-Cultural Committee to propose and organize activities subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
- Any member of ASA is entitled to give suggestions to the Socio—Cultural Committee.
- Activities must normally be proposed at least fifteen (15) days in advance of an event. In an exceptional event, the ASA Executive Board may overrule this clause.
- Activities shall be open to the RPI community. The activities shall be adequately publicize by the public relations chair.

ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. The Constitution can be amended by a two third majority vote of the voting members.
   An amendment can be proposed in writing to the ASA Executive Board by at least 50% of the voting members.
2. The proposed amendment has to be submitted to all voting members at least two weeks in advance of the voting.
3. The Constitution and any amendment to it must be approved by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board before taking effect.

ARTICLE 10 – COMPLIANCE WITH UNION AND INSTITUTION STANDARDS

In the event that this constitution comes in conflict with any Rensselaer Union or Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute rule or standard, then this constitution will be superseded by that rule or standard.
ASA meeting

Date: 10/04/17
Attendance: 12
Location: Union Room 3602
Starting time: 6:00pm

Minutes

- Refreshments and foods were served
- The meeting was opened with a funny video as an icebreaker to share with the audience some reasons why Africans parent don’t say: “I love you” to their children.
- The president did a recap from the previous meeting
- The president invited the designed member up to the front to share with the audience: this week in Africa
- Discussion regarding good and bad news from this week in Africa
- Discuss activities that ASA can do at the international festival
- The audience was then split into two groups in order to play a game. The game explores the groups knowledge of the countries on the African map.
- Meeting ended with African song

Meeting adjourned: 7 pm
ASA meeting

Date: 09/20/17
Attendance: 23
Location: Union Room 3606
Starting time: 6:10pm

Minutes

- The meeting was opened with a funny video as an icebreaker as to why African are late which was weirdly appropriate seeing that meeting started later than 6pm
- The president of the club introduced the club including its goals, objectives and motivations. He also introduced the eboard members who in turn had to introduce themselves.
- The president also introduced faculty members who were in the audience including Prof. Obiero and Prof. Mahamadou. The president then mentioned some of the events the club had planned for the new semester.
- The members of the audience then introduced themselves including their names, country of origin, major and class.
- The audience was then split into two groups in order to play a game. The game explores the groups knowledge of the countries on the African map.
- Following the game, food was served and music was played until the meeting was officially adjourned around 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm