

Constitution of the USS Abraham Lincoln NCC 71809

PREAMBLE

We, as dedicated fans of Star Trek and science fiction in Garnerville, N.Y., Region Seven, hereby establish an interactive Star Trek and science fiction fan organization. The organization is devoted to the promotion of the ideals, philosophies, and concepts set forth by Gene Roddenberry in Star Trek television and movies. We do ordain and establish this Constitution and the following By-Laws for the formation of our organization.

DEDICATION

This organization is dedicated to the memory of Eugene Wesley Roddenberry (1921-1991). Without the vision of the Great Bird of the Galaxy, none of this would be possible.

Article I: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. NAME

The name of this organization is the USS Abraham Lincoln NCC 71809, herein referred to as "USS Abraham Lincoln", located in Pomona, N.Y., USA.

2. STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL

USS Abraham Lincoln, as of this Stardate 021209, is a chapter of the STARFLEET International (STARFLEET). Membership in STARFLEET is required to be a part of USS Abraham Lincoln. USS Abraham Lincoln must maintain ten (10) members in good standing to retain our status within STARFLEET. The President and Vice President must be members in good standing of STARFLEET.

3. SANCTIONS

USS Abraham Lincoln is not a sanctioned organization of Paramount Pictures Corporation, nor its parent company, Viacom. Any reference to Star Trek, its characters, or intellectual property relating to Star Trek is (c) Copyright 1996 by Paramount Pictures, Inc., a Viacom company. No infringement is intended.

Article II: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

To unite fans of Star Trek and science fiction from all walks of life, including those of various ages, religions, and ethnic groups.

To promote fellowship with people in our area with similar interests.

To have fun in our chosen hobby, including attending science fiction conventions, collecting memorabilia, costuming and role-playing characters from science fiction.

To perform civic, charity and community service in our area.

To cooperate with other organizations which subscribe to purposes and activities similar to our own.

To affiliate with local and national organizations having similar interests and objectives.

To publish a periodic club newsletter on club activities and Star Trek and science fiction fandom in our area.

To disseminate information on matters concerning Star Trek and science fiction fandom through speeches, discussions, publications, mass media, or the Internet.

Article III: ACTIVITIES

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Activities of USS Abraham Lincoln will include sharing knowledge, expertise, experience, and enthusiasm through fellowship with other Star Trek or science fiction fans in our area.

USS Abraham Lincoln will hold no fewer than one (1) monthly business meeting to discuss club business and plan social events.

Charitable activities will always be a part of USS Abraham Lincoln.

Social activities will be open to any and all members, their families, and friends.

If an event is held at an establishment that serves alcohol, the event may be limited to the age requirements of the activity's location.

2. PROPOSING ACTIVITIES

Any member may propose any activity they think will be a good one for the ship to participate in.

Said proposal will be voted on by the crew and if passed:

The member who proposes the activity becomes the default coordinator of said activity and may use any resources he/she needs to get the activity going and completed successfully. This includes utilizing crew members whose skills will enable the activity to be arranged and executed.

Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership

Membership shall be open to any being regardless of age, ethnic background, religious beliefs, gender, economic status, political views, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender orientation, species, or planet of origin.

We shall not discriminate for or against anyone for any reason, in any way, shape, form, or fashion.

This organization will not accept invitations from or participate in any activities with any organization that discriminates on the bases noted above.

Membership in our organization has a common goal of providing fellowship and FUN.

2. Categories of membership

A. Active members

All active members are members in good standing with Starfleet.

Active members are full, voting members of our organization and represent the core decision making body of USS Abraham Lincoln.

A members active status will be terminated should their membership in Starfleet lapse and not be renewed.

B. Associate members

Associate members are members wishing solely to socialize or correspond with the organization, not wishing to play an active part in the day-to-day operations of the USS Abraham Lincoln. Associate members have no voting rights and may not seek a club position unless they meet the requirements to become an active member.

C. STARFLEET Membership

Membership in STARFLEET is mandatory. All members of USS Abraham Lincoln agree to conduct themselves according to the regulations of STARFLEET as well as those of this Constitution and the following By-Laws.

D. Age of members

Active Members may be of any age. All active members under the age of eighteen (18) must have written approval from parent or legal guardian before becoming a member. They may also be required to have a parent or guardian present at some social events, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

E. Application for membership

Anyone may apply for membership by contacting any member. In turn, the member will inform the Executive Committee that someone would like to join the organization. An application will be completed and a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, membership handbook, and any other materials which are needed to be sent to the applicant.

Applicants shall understand that USS Abraham Lincoln does not have liability insurance. This organization will not participate in any high-risk activities.

Neither USS Abraham Lincoln, nor its individual members, will be held liable, responsible, or accountable in any way, shape, or form in the event of personal loss or injury at a club meeting, function, or activity. Applicants, members, and guests shall understand and agree to this policy before membership in this organization will be granted.

F. Termination of membership

There is no set term of membership in this organization. Membership may be terminated at the member's written or verbal request to any Executive Committee member. Membership may also be suspended by the Executive Committee for just cause, under the terms listed in the By-Laws. Membership is also terminated if a member does not keep his/her STARFLEET membership current. A terminated membership will be restored once the STARFLEET membership is renewed

G. Guests

Guests may be of any age. Guests may be accompanied by any member and must abide by all rules and regulations of this organization.

3. Members responsibility

All members of USS Abraham Lincoln are responsible for the following:

- A. Actively participate in USS Abraham Lincoln activities.
- B. Lend their time and talents to club projects when called upon.
- C. Conduct themselves in a manner which is neither abusive nor offensive while participating with or representing USS Abraham Lincoln.
- D. Read and follow all rules and regulations listed in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article V: FINANCE

1. Policies

A. Treasury

USS Abraham Lincoln will be self-sustaining. The treasury shall be the responsibility of the treasurer. The treasurer will make a monthly report of expenditures and income of the USS Abraham Lincoln

2. Membership dues.

A. There are no set monthly dues for the USS Abraham Lincoln. Any money contributed to the ship's treasury is up to each individual member

B. Membership in STARFLEET is mandatory. STARFLEET membership dues are posted on the Starfleet International Website SFI.ORG. All monies will be paid directly to STARFLEET.

3. Expenditures

A. Expenditures will be limited to those required to support the activities of the organization. Expenses such as printing the newsletter, recruiting materials, and social activities are all acceptable. Postage paid for newsletter subscriptions will also be accounted for.

B. Any single transaction in excess of \$50 must be pre- approved by the membership when possible.

4. Assets and Liabilities

A. To guarantee mutual gain of benefits by members, no member shall have any interest in, or right to, the property and assets of USS Abraham Lincoln. All property and assets shall be subject to direct control of, and expenditure by, the President, Vice President and/or the Executive Committee. Should USS Abraham Lincoln be dissolved or liquidated, or otherwise cease operation, the property and assets shall first be used to pay any outstanding debts, in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. Also, members, according to the laws of the State of New York may be liable to any creditors if the assets of USS Abraham Lincoln are insufficient to discharge liabilities. Any remaining assets shall be contributed to a worthy charity, as deemed by the Executive Committee.

Article VI: GOVERNING BODY

The primary ruling body of USS Abraham Lincoln, the Executive Committee, shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and all Department Heads.

The Executive Committee shall make many of the day-to-day decisions of the organization. All financial operations must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Article VII: CHAPTER OFFICERS

The requirements and duties of the officers are described below.

1. President

A. The requirements for President are:

1. Minimum age of twenty-one (21)
2. Must be a member in good standing of STARFLEET
3. Must be eligible under STARFLEET regulations to hold the office of President.

B. The duties and responsibilities of the President are:

1. Conduct regular business meetings
2. Conduct executive committee meetings.
3. Make monthly reports to STARFLEET Organize club functions
4. Organize events and panels at local conventions.
5. Communication and coordinating activities with other organizations.
6. Responsible for the actions of the membership, with special attention to members under eighteen (18).

2. Vice President

A. The requirements for Vice President are:

1. Minimum age of eighteen (18)
2. Must be a member in good standing of STARFLEET
3. Must be eligible under STARFLEET regulations to hold the office of Vice President.

B. The duties and responsibilities of the Vice President are:

1. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will assume the duties responsibilities of the President.

2. Responsible for all monies and assets received through donations, fundraisers, or dues
3. Coordinates with Department Heads and reports all department activity to the President.

3. Secretary

A. The requirements for Secretary are:

1. Minimum age of eighteen (18)
2. Must be a member in good standing of STARFLEET
3. Must be eligible under STARFLEET regulations to hold the office of Secretary

B. The duties and responsibilities of the Secretary are:

1. Maintaining club records
2. Recording the minutes of business meetings

3. Mail or e mail correspondence with other organizations
4. Maintaining mailing lists and assisting with the newsletter.
4. Department Heads
 - A. Department heads make up the remainder of the Executive Committee. They are responsible for by
 - A. The requirements for Department Head are:
 1. Minimum age of eighteen (18)
 2. Must be a member in good standing of STARFLEET
 3. Must be eligible under STARFLEET regulations to hold the office of Department Head
 4. Must hold the minimum rank of Ensign
 - B. The duties and responsibilities of the Department heads are:
 1. Contact members in their team to notify them of meetings and activities.
 2. Keep the Vice President apprised of the status of the members of their team.
5. Honorary officers and Advisors
 - A. Any celebrities granted honorary status within the organization.

Article VIII: REVISION AND RENEWAL

The constitution shall be reviewed annually in July of each calendar year and revised as necessary. This Constitution, however, should be considered as a final document and should never be rewritten unless the volume of approved amendments reaches unmanageable proportions. Future changes and/or revisions should be accomplished through the amendment process.

Article IX AMENDMENTS

1. General

A. Constitutional amendments may be submitted by an active member in good standing at any time.

2. Amendment procedures.

A. The Constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. An assembly of fifty percent (50%) of the active members would constitute a quorum. The amendment must also be submitted, in writing, to the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be presented for vote. A request received at a later date can be acted on only when its urgency has been determined by the Executive Committee. A late request to amend the Constitution may also be handled as a matter of urgency by unanimous vote of the general membership assembly present. All amendments shall take effect immediately.

Article X APPROVAL

This Constitution will take effect immediately upon a majority vote in favor of its implementation. Said vote will take place one month after all parties have been given an opportunity to speak as to any changes or additions they desire to see in the draft text presented.