

**Constitution of The**  
***Agondonter Boot Camp Society***

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ARTICLE 1 -- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the *Agondonter Boot Camp Society*.

ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE

The purpose of Agondonter Boot Camp Society, hereinafter referred to as ABCs is: (a) the study and dissemination of The Urantia Book and the realization, appreciation and application of its advanced truths and concepts that we may expand our lives and encourage in the lives of others an enhanced spiritual perception of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and, b) to foster Florida based study groups, conferences, events and outreach.

Article III – AFFILIATION

This Society, while autonomous in the conduct of its local affairs, is subject to the Constitution of the Urantia Book Fellowship, and by virtue of its charter, its members are ipso facto members of the Urantia Book Fellowship.

ARTICLE IV -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 - Qualifications: Any person who shall, as adjudged by the Membership Committee of ABCs, evidence a desire and a willingness to learn and understand, in order to affirm his or her belief in the teachings of The Urantia Book and who shall declare his or her willingness to accept this constitution shall be eligible for membership in ABCs. Such candidate for membership shall have obtained the sponsorship of two (2) ABCs members that have known the candidate for one (1) year and be approved by the majority of the Membership Committee. Membership in any religious or fraternal society, church, or political organization shall neither qualify nor disqualify a candidate for membership in ABCs.

Section 3.2 - Application for membership: Application for membership in ABCs shall be made in written or electronic form to the Membership Committee in the form determined by that committee.

Section 3.3 - Appeal from Denial of Membership: Any applicant denied membership in ABCs by the membership committee shall be allowed to appeal the decision to the officers of the society.

Section 3.4 - Membership Status - A member of ABCs may be of Active or Inactive Status

Section 3.5 - Termination of Membership: An Inactive Member may be dropped from the membership rolls upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and approval of the Executive Committee

if the individual has not made contact with ABCs for a period of two (2) years and dues are not current, or upon any member's written request for termination of membership made to the Secretary.

Section 3.6 - Expulsion of Members: An individual may be expelled for good cause from membership in ABCs but retain the right to reapply for membership no earlier than one (1) year from the date of expulsion.

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 4.1 - Meetings: Attendance at ABCs meetings shall be open to members, non-member students of The Urantia Book, and interested visitors unless otherwise restricted to members only by the Executive Committee.

A. Annual Business Meetings: Twice each calendar year, at the time and place designated by the Executive Committee, a formal meeting of the members of ABCs shall be held to conduct business. Members will receive a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice of the time and place of the Annual Business Meeting.

B. Special-Called Meetings: Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, or upon written request of twenty (20) percent of the Active Members.

Section 4.2 - Voting: Only active members may vote on questions brought before ABCs, election of its officers and other voting matters. Any questions presented at any meeting of ABCs shall be decided by a majority vote except as provided otherwise by this Constitution.

Section 4.3 - Quorum: A quorum at any meeting shall consist of seven (7) active members or 20% whichever is greatest, who participate in person.

Section 4.4 - Powers: ABCs, in Annual Business or Special-Called Meetings, shall have the following power:

A. All power not specifically conferred upon the officers, the Executive Committee, the Membership Committee and other standing committees and which are not prohibited by this Constitution, may be exercised by ABCs.

B. ABCs shall have the power to adopt by-laws, to make effective the terms and provisions of the Constitution and to regulate the conduct of ABCs.

## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 5.1 - Officers: Officers of ABCs shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and optionally, there may be a Recording Secretary or a Corresponding Secretary.

Section 5.2 - Election of Officers: Officers of ABCs shall be elected at the Annual Business meeting and hold office for a term of two (2) consecutive years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Officers may succeed themselves for one additional term. Only Active Members in good standing shall hold office in ABCs. Should an officer become an Inactive Member, the office is considered vacant and the Secretary shall notify the Executive Committee.

Section 5.3 - Vacancies: Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any of the foregoing offices, an Active Member shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee to function as an interim officer until the next regularly scheduled business meeting.

Section 5.4 - Limitations: No person shall hold more than one office at a time, nor shall any officer serve as chairman of any standing committee, except the Vice-President serves as the Chair of the Membership Committee.

Section 5.5 - Reasons for Removal: Officers may be removed for the following reasons:

- A. Failure to perform duties as outlined in the Bylaws.
- B. Conduct or influence deemed detrimental to ABCs.

## ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 6.1 - Members: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of ABCs and the chairs of standing committees. The President and Secretary of ABCs shall serve as chair and secretary of the Executive Committee.

Section 6.2 - Powers and Duties: The Executive Committee shall be vested with the power to actively manage all the affairs of ABCs in accordance with the Constitution. It shall have the power to veto or modify any act of any officer of ABCs or any committee. It shall have the power to call and set the agenda of the Annual Business meeting and any special-called meetings. The Executive Committee shall present the annual program of ABCs sponsored events and projects for the following year at the scheduled business meeting, and shall review the dues schedule for Active Members to assure proper funding for recommended ABCs administration, sponsored projects, and events. The Executive Committee also shall authorize the disbursement of ABCs funds within the budget limits established by the members.

Section 6.3 - Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet at least two (2) times yearly. Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be at the call of any of its members and notice thereof shall be given two (2) weeks prior to such meeting, stating the time, place, and purpose of such meeting. A quorum of the Executive Committee consists of a majority of its members.

## ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 7.1 - Standing Committees: A standing committee is one established by the membership of ABCs for a purpose that is deemed necessary and essential to the ongoing functioning of ABCs.

Section 7.2 - Ad Hoc Committees: An Ad Hoc Committee is one established by the membership of the society to implement a specific project or event approved in the annual program or established by the Executive Committee for a specific purpose that is limited in time or scope.

Section 7.3 - Vacancy: In the event of a vacancy, a majority vote of the Executive Committee shall appoint an Active Member as interim chair of a standing or ad hoc committee. Election of a new Chair will take place at the next scheduled business meeting.

## ARTICLE IX - DUES

Section 8.1 - Dues: Annual dues for each member shall be payable by check or cash at the beginning of the calendar year.

## ARTICLE X - NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

Section 9.1 - Formation of a Not-for-Profit Corporation: The Executive Committee shall cause to be organized a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida in the name of "Florida Urantia Book Society Inc."

Section 9.2 - Membership: Membership in the Corporation shall consist of the members of ABCs.

Section 9.3 - Board of Directors: The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee of ABCs.

Section 9.4 - Officers: The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be the same as the officers of ABCs.

Section 9.5 - Fiscal Agents: The Corporation shall be the fiscal agent for ABCs and it may hold property and money of ABCs as requested and required by the Executive Committee. In the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, the members, directors, and officers shall observe and comply with the Constitution of ABCs.

## ARTICLE XI - TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Section 10.1 - Purpose: ABCs is organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 10.2 - Earnings and Activities: No part of the net earnings of ABCs shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members or any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of ABCs shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Society shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on under the Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE XII - SUCCESSION ON DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of ABCs, all its assets shall be distributed to the successor organization of ABCs, if any, if the same shall qualify for exemption from federal income tax. If there is no such successor to ABCs, then all its assets shall be distributed as decided by a majority vote of all Active Members.

### ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at a meeting in which a quorum is present, in person or via authorized telephone or other communication, or by proxy. Notice of the meeting including time, location, and a copy of the amendment or amendments shall be mailed, faxed or emailed to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Each amendment shall be proposed and voted upon separately.

### ARTICLE XIV - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not specified in this Constitution.



