

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME - The name of this organization shall be the Lentz Peace Research Laboratory, also known as the Lentz Peace Research Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE - The purpose of the Lentz Peace Research Association shall be the promotion and practice of peace research and peace education. The Association reflects the philosophy of Theodore Lentz, a professor at Washington University who wrote three books — Towards a Science of Peace (1955), Towards a Technology of Peace (1972) and Humatriotism (1976), as well as many articles. He died in 1976, and with his endowment, enabled the Association to carry on his passion for understanding the causes of war and conditions for peace.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I - OVERALL ORGANIZATION - The Lentz Peace Research Association (LPRA) shall be guided by a Board of Directors whose purpose shall be to promote and practice peace research and peace education.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP - Should the Board establish membership categories, then any individual paying the dues prescribed by the Board will be a voting member with all privileges of membership.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - The Board of Directors of the LPRA shall consist of at least nine (9) persons, and preferably 12.. New board members shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting or at a regular meeting.

SECTION 2 - When-ever possible the business of the Board shall be conducted by use of the consensus method, the absence of dissent by Board members present being necessary for consensus decisions. When consensus is not possible, majority rule will apply, in keeping with Roberts Rules of Order, after there has been ample time for discussion by Board members. Each decision shall be recorded in the minutes. An official Board meeting shall require that a quorum consisting of at least 50 percent of the Board members be present and voting. Any Board member who has three unexcused absences in a year, and/or who consistently fails to embrace the consensus method, may be voted off the Board.

SECTION 3 - Officers of the Board shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers of the Board shall be Officers of the Organization. Duties of the officers of the Board are as follow:

SECTION 4 - PRESIDENT -The President of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings of the Board unless he or she is absent. The President shall be responsible for overseeing the proper functioning of all committees of the organization. The President shall exercise whatever other duties the Board may wish to specify. The President is an ex-officio member of each committee of LPRA.

SECTION 5 - VICE PRESIDENT -The Vice-President of the Board shall perform the function of the President when required in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be required by the President of the Board.

SECTION 6 – SECRETARY -The Secretary shall keep minutes of the regular and special meetings of the Board and shall provide copies of said minutes for the official record. The Secretary shall serve as Legal Secretary of the Board and maintain Board correspondence as necessary.

SECTION 7 - TREASURER -The Treasurer shall maintain fiscal records in compliance with State requirements for non-profit organizations. The Treasurer shall provide a summary report of the financial status of the organization at each regular meeting of the Board, in as much detail as the Board shall require, and this report shall become an official part of the minutes of the meeting. The Treasurer shall provide a full annual financial report at the Annual Meeting of the Lentz Peace Research Association. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee. The position of Treasurer shall be bonded. (THIS IS STILL TO BE RESOLVED)

SECTION 8 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - The Officers of the Board shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet in emergency session only when urgent matters must be addressed, and in such matters may act on behalf of the organization. The consensus method of conducting business applies in Executive Committee meetings whenever possible. The President will usually call an Executive Committee meeting, though any 3 or more Board member may call such a meeting as they deem necessary. (LET'S DISCUSS). Others involved in the matters to be discussed may be invited. All Board members will be notified as soon as possible about an upcoming Executive Committee meeting, and provide a timely report as to all decisions.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 - The Lentz Peace Research Association shall have the three standing committees: Finance, Nominating, and a Program Committee. Additional committees can be established. To the extent possible the committees shall conduct their business using the consensus method.

SECTION 2 – FINANCE COMMITTEE - This committee shall recommend an annual budget to the Board, develop and suggest to the Board various fund-raising strategies, and oversee investments.

SECTION 3 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE - This committee has the express purpose of becoming familiar throughout the year with prospective Board members. The Nominating

Committee nominates candidates for the Board of Directors and for the Officers of the Organization. In the event of the resignation of any Board members prematurely, they are to be replaced by appointment by the President of the Board who may, if desired, consult with the Nominating Committee or the full Board before making a choice.

SECTION 4 - PROGRAM COMMITTEE - This committee has responsibilities for educational meetings and special events.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - The following meetings shall take place in accord with the Purpose stated in the Constitution of this document: an Annual Meeting; regular Board meetings; and any other meetings to which the Board agrees.

SECTION 2 -ANNUAL MEETING - Each spring the Board of Directors shall call an Annual Meeting, notifying all members not more than forty, nor less than five, days in advance of the meeting date. Activities shall be, minimally: a review of the year's activities through reports from the President of the Board of Directors, and the Treasurer. These reports should also be included in an Annual Report along with committee reports. The conduct of the business and election activities of the Annual Meeting shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, the President of the Board of Directors presiding.

SECTION 3 - ELECTION MEETING - At a special Board Meeting at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting, elections will be held for Board Officers and for Board Members. (NEEDS DISCUSSION)

SECTION 4 - BOARD MEETINGS -These meetings shall be held regularly at specified times and places to determine and monitor policies and programs. Board members shall be notified of upcoming meetings not more than forty nor less than five days in advance of the meeting date. The quorum for the Board to conduct business is fifty percent (50%) of the standing Board. Emergency Board meetings may be held upon the request of the President of the Board, or three or more Board members. Only the emergent matter shall be acted upon at an emergency meeting.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT - This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by the majority vote of Board members present and voting at the Annual Meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment(s) must be sent out in the notification advertising the Annual Meeting and quoting the part to be amended and the proposed amendment. Special amendment may be made at a specially called meeting of the membership if the amendment seems advisable at a time other than the Annual Meeting. The same notice provisions apply regarding any amendments proposed for consideration in a special meeting.