

Effective Altruism Auckland

Constitution

1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the society is 'Effective Altruism Auckland', hereinafter referred to as 'the Society'.

2. Objects

- 2.1 The objects of the Society are:
- 2.1.1 To foster projects that use evidence and analysis to help others as much as possible.

3. Interpretation

- 3.1 The provisions of this Constitution shall be read consistently with the Constitution of the Auckland University Students' Association and are null and void insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the latter document.
- 3.2 To avoid ambiguity, "Chairperson" shall refer to the position on the Executive, while "chair" refers to the position held by a person in a particular meeting.

4. Membership

- 4.1 Membership of the Society shall be open to all those who complete the Society Membership Form as confirmed by the Executive.
- 4.2 At any time, the Society shall have no fewer than 10 student members, and at least 70% of its membership shall be current University of Auckland Students, or immediate graduates.

5. Cessation of Membership

- 5.1 Any member may cease his/her membership by writing to or approaching Secretary of the Society.
- 5.2 The Executive may expel a member if he/she contravenes this constitution or the constitution and regulations of AUSA, provided that he/she has the right to appeal to the Student Forum.

6. Officers and the Executive

- 6.1 The Officers of the Society shall be collectively known as the 'Executive'.
- 6.2 The Executive shall consist of:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Outreach Lead
- Sponsorship Lead
- Education Lead
- Communications Lead
- General Executive (Up to 3 members)

- 6.3 The Executive shall have full powers to deal with the aims and objectives of this Society.
- 6.4 The Executive members individually may be designated areas of responsibility by the Executive as a whole.
- 6.5 The Executive may appoint additional Executive members as the need arises.
- 6.6 The Executive shall not exceed 10 members in total at any time.
- 6.7 At any point in time at least 20% of the Executive shall be non-male, and 20% of the Executive shall be non-female.

7. Executive Meetings

- 7.1 The Executive shall meet as it deems necessary. Any two members of the committee may call a meeting.
- 7.2 The Chairperson shall chair the Executive meetings. In the absence of the Chairperson a member of the committee shall be appointed to chair the meeting.
- 7.3 The quorum for a committee meeting shall be one more than half the total number of committee members.
- 7.4 Any business that is conducted at an inquorate meeting shall be null and void.
- 7.5 Reasonable notice of all committee meetings shall be given to all members of the committee.
- 7.6 The committee may grant any person the right to speak, but not to vote at a committee meeting.

- 7.7 Minutes shall be kept as a true and accurate account of all committee and general meetings.

8. Elections of Executive Members

- 8.1 Elections shall occur at the Annual General Meeting of the Society or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 8.2 If a casual vacancy occurs in the Executive, the Executive may appoint a member to fill that position.
- 8.3 The procedure for the Elections at a General Meeting shall be as follows:
- 8.3.1 The Incumbent Chairperson will chair elections. If the Incumbent Chairperson chooses or is running for a position in the election, they shall choose a new chair.
 - 8.3.2 Any two members may challenge the appointment of a chair. If so, the members, by a show of hands, will reject or confirm the appointment.
 - 8.3.3 Every candidate will be nominated and seconded.
 - 8.3.4 No person may be nominated for a position against their will.
 - 8.3.5 If there are more candidates for a positions than there are vacant positions, scrutineers will be appointed by the chair and a secret ballot held.
 - 8.3.6 Any two members may challenge the appointment of a scrutineer. If so, the members, by a show of hands, will reject or confirm the appointment.
 - 8.3.7 Each election shall be held separately, and everyone eligible to vote shall have one vote in each.
 - 8.3.8 The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared elected to the position.
 - 8.3.9 In the event of a tie, a second ballot shall be held.
 - 8.3.10 In event of a second tie, the Incumbent Chairperson shall exercise a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote in the election of a new Chairperson, unless the Incumbent Chairperson is running for re-election.
 - 8.3.11 In the event of a second tie in a situation where the Incumbent Chairperson is running for re-election, the Incumbent Executive members shall be awarded an additional vote on top of their deliberative votes.
 - 8.3.12 In the case of other elections, the deliberative vote shall be held by the Chairperson-Elect.

9. General Meetings

- 9.1 Any member of the Society may attend any AGM or SGM and may move, second and vote on any motion at the AGM or SGM.
- 9.2 Every member of the Society has one vote on any motion at the meeting. The members must be present to exercise the votes.
- 9.3 Voting at the AGM and SGM shall be by a show of hands unless provided otherwise in this constitution.
- 9.4 If at any General Meeting, a two-thirds majority passes a motion for a secret ballot, a secret ballot shall be held.
- 9.5 The quorum for a General Meeting shall be one third of the members of the Society or 15 members, whichever is lower and any business transacted at an inquorate meeting shall be null and void.

10. AGMs

- 10.1 The AGM shall be held any time during semester two.
- 10.2 The Executive shall use reasonable measures to notify all members of the AGM at least 14 days before the meeting.
- 10.3 The Executive shall, via the same measures, notify the members of any motion they receive. Notice of the motion may only be received up to 7 days prior to the meeting.
- 10.4 The incoming Executive shall take office at the first of January on the next calendar year. However the outgoing Executive shall have regard to the views of the incoming Executive when making policy decisions.
- 10.5 At an AGM a motion may be put verbally and resolved by the meeting except where notice must be given as required by the Constitution.

11. SGMs

- 11.1 The Society Executive can call an SGM at any time for any purpose provided that they give reasonable notice to members at least 14 days prior to the SGM.
- 11.2 The Society Executive shall call an SGM within 21 days of receiving a request signed by one quarter of the members or 15 members, whichever is lower. If the Executive does not give notice within that time, the requisitioners may call the meeting provided that 14 days of notice is given through reasonable means.
- 11.3 The SGM may only resolve matters of which the Society Executive or requisitioners have given at least 7 days notice prior to the SGM. Amendment to the motion do not require such written notice.

12. Amendments

- 12.1 This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any AGM or SGM and shall take effect immediately.

13. Finances

- 13.1 The funds of the Society shall be controlled by the Executive.
- 13.2 The excess of Society funds shall be placed in the Society Bank Account.
- 13.3 The signatories of the Society shall be the Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 13.4 All purchases shall be approved by at least two of the three signatories.
- 13.5 Any use of Society funds shall be used to further the objects of the Society and not for the personal benefit of any particular member.
- 13.6 No member of the society, or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence a decision made by the Society in respect of payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, advantage or benefit whatsoever.
- 13.7 Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arms' length transaction (being the open market value).
- 13.8 The Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate record of the funds and assets of the Society.
- 13.9 The AUSA Treasurer and/or Assistant Accountant shall at all times be permitted to inspect books, papers and accounts of the Society and the Assistant Accountant shall be deemed the auditor of the Society. However, the Society may elect another auditor at a General Meeting.
- 13.10 The auditor shall be furnished with a copy of a statement of accounts since the previous AGM for the preceding year, no later than 6 weeks after the start of the University year.

14. Signing of Documents

- 14.1 The Society shall have a common seal. A document shall only be executed on behalf of the Society if:
- 14.1.1 The common seal is attached to the document; and
 - 14.1.2 The document is either witnessed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer and is countersigned by at least one other Executive member.

15. Dissolution and Winding Up

- 15.1 The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed at a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting provided that notice has been given of the motion.

- 15.2 If a quorum cannot be obtained at 4 consecutive General Meetings, the Society will be deemed to have dissolved.
- 15.3 If upon dissolution there remains property, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any properties whatsoever shall not be distributed among the members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to (in the following order of priority):
- 15.3.1 The University of Auckland Student Association (only if this Society remains affiliated to that Association); or
 - 15.3.2 To some other body or association objects similar to the objects of this Society or any other charitable organisation or purpose within New Zealand.

16. Interpretation

- 16.1 The Society Executive shall have the final interpretation on any matter relating to these rules.

17. Affiliation

- 17.1 The association is to be affiliated to AUSA provided that the association and its members abide by the constitution and regulations of AUSA, especially rules 43-48 of the AUSA Constitution.
- 17.2 Any term or condition imposed on the association by an AUSA General Meeting or Student Forum or by the AUSA Executive binds the club.