Constitution of the Zymurgy Society

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Article I – Name

Section 1. The organization will be known as the Zymurgy Society (a Georgia Tech Student Organization), hereafter referred to as the Homebrew Club.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1. The purposes of the Homebrew Club are to promote public awareness and appreciation of the history, culture, and art of making beer, wine, and other fermented beverages through education, research, and the collection and dissemination of information within the Georgia Tech community. The Homebrew Club will operate as a non-profit organization.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. All voting members of the Homebrew Club must be Georgia Tech students who meet eligibility requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities as stated in the Georgia Tech catalog and SGA policies.

Section 2. Full membership shall be granted to any student of Georgia Tech. Full members may vote and may hold office in the Club.

Section 3. Associate membership shall be granted to any faculty, staff, or alumnus of Georgia Tech, or their spouses. Associate members may not vote or hold office.

Section 4. Membership will be effective upon submission of a membership application and payment of dues, if collected, to the Club.

Section 5. There will be no limit on the number of members, of any category, in the Homebrew Club.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. Only Georgia Tech students can hold or run for office.

Section 2. Any individual seeking elected office within the Homebrew Club must already be a member of this organization.

Section 3. The sole office of the Homebrew Club will be the Brewmaster. The Brewmaster will be the executive officer of the Homebrew Club and will have general supervision of the affairs of the Homebrew Club and will preside at all meetings. The Brewmaster, or his or her designee, will represent the Homebrew Club to any outside party. The Brewmaster is responsible for setting the meeting schedule.

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Section 4. The Brewmaster will be elected in the Spring term of each school year. Elections are to take place by the fourth meeting of the term.
Section 5. The term of the office of Brewmaster begins immediately after the last meeting of the Spring term and runs until the last meeting of the following Spring term.

Section 6. Any Full Member of the Homebrew Club may be nominated for the office of Brewmaster. The nominations will open during the meeting preceding the elections meeting and will remain open until the election is held.

Section 7. The candidate for Brewmaster receiving a majority vote of members at the elections meeting will be considered the victor. If no candidate receives a majority vote, then there will be a run-off between the two candidates with the most votes. The candidate who receives the most votes in the run-off election will be the victor.

Section 8. The Brewmaster may be removed from office in the following manner:
   a. If the Brewmaster fails to maintain Georgia Tech requirements for holding office as defined in the Georgia Tech catalog, he or she shall resign immediately.
   b. If it is believed that the Brewmaster is not fulfilling his constitutional duties, then a petition requesting his or her removal must be signed by at least half of the members eligible to vote in elections and presented at a meeting. Upon verification of the validity of the petition by the Faculty Advisor of the Homebrew Club, at least two weeks but no more than four weeks after its presentation, another meeting will be held at which the grievance shall be presented, with both sides having the opportunity to present a case.
   c. The Faculty Advisor, if appropriate, shall preside at the removal hearing. After all the arguments have been heard, a secret ballot vote shall be held. A 2/3 vote is required to remove the Brewmaster, and such a vote is effective immediately.
   d. If the Brewmaster resigns or is removed from office, the floor will then be opened for nominations at the first meeting the resignation or removal is effective and an election will be held at the following meeting.

Article V – Advisor

Section 1. A full-time Georgia Tech faculty or staff member will serve as advisor to the Homebrew Club.

Section 2. Nominations for and election of the Faculty Advisor will take place concurrent with nominations and elections for Brewmaster. Only Provisional and Full members are eligible to nominate or vote for the office of Faculty Advisor.

Section 3. The duties of Faculty Advisor include meeting with the Brewmaster, reviewing the annual budget, signing all required paperwork, and advising on issues of risk management, organization leadership, and Georgia Tech policy.

Section 4. The Faculty Advisor can be removed for not carrying out the duties and expectations as defined in this Article. Any Provisional or Full member can bring his concerns to the Brewmaster. The Brewmaster will meet with the Faculty Advisor to discuss these concerns. After this meeting, the Full and Provisional members will vote on the removal of the Faculty Advisor. A simple majority vote in the affirmative is required to remove the Faculty Advisor.

Section 5. If the Faculty Advisor resigns or is removed, the Brewmaster will organize a special election, to take place at the next scheduled meeting.

Article VI – Dues

Section 1. Dues shall be set on an annual basis.
Section 2. Membership dues for the Club shall be decided by a majority vote of the full members of the Club. This vote shall take place concurrently with elections for the office of Brewmaster.

Section 3. Dues must be paid by the third week of the Fall term or within two weeks of submission of a membership application.

Article VII – Standards of Conduct

Section 1. All members are required to abide by any and all policies and laws pertaining to the manufacture, distribution, and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Section 2. Members found in violation of Section 1 of this Article will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students at Georgia Tech and will be subject to any disciplinary action the Office deems appropriate.

Article VII – Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. Robert’s Rules of Order will govern all meetings, which shall be informal in nature.

Article VIII – Constitutional Amendements

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution shall be submitted to the Brewmaster in writing for consideration.

Section 2. Written notification of the proposed amendment to all Full members must be made by mail or by email at least two weeks before any proposed change in the constitution.

Section 3. A 2/3 vote of the Full members will be required for adoption.

Section 4. Amendments are subject to the approval of the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Committee.