**Stout Role Playing Games Constitution**

**Article I    Name**

**Section 1:** The name of the organization shall be Stout Role Playing Games (Stout RPGs), which is a student organization of the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

**Article II Organization Purpose Section 1:** The purposes of this organization are:

A) To establish communication between students interested in role-playing.

B) Assist in forming role-playing groups.

C) Offer role-playing resources to paying club members.

D) Encourage innovative thinking and interpersonal skill growth through role-playing.

E) Promote role-playing as a social activity.

**Article III    Amendments to the Constitution Section 1: How to Amend**

This constitution must be amended by a vote of at least 2/3 of the voting membership at club meetings.

**Section 2: Process of Amending**

Amendments submitted outside leadership must be submitted in writing and word processed. Once presented an amendment cannot be tabled any more than two meetings.  Votes on an amendment will be taken with a ballot in which each voting member will have their own ballot slip. Amendments submitted by leadership are to be discussed at Officer meetings, and accepted upon an agreement of at least 2/3rds of the leadership.

**Article IV Meetings and Game Days**

**Section 1 Meetings:** The club will hold a monthly meeting to discuss questions, plan events and fundraising, and hear any concerns from members. These meetings should adhere to the meeting rules and officers should uphold the rules.

**Section 1, Sub section 1: Meeting rules:** meetings will adhere to the following rules

1. No interrupting while another has the floor, if you wish to add to the conversation you need to be called upon
2. No discriminatory language as defined in the code of conduct
3. No other type of offensive language

**Section 1, Sub section 2: Punishments**

 First offense: Verbal Warning

 Second offense: removal from event

 Third offense: suspension from the next two events

 Fourth offense: permanent removal from the club

**Section 2 Game Days** game days will be held on a regular basis and should adhere to the meeting rules as noted above

**By-Laws**

**Article I Membership**

**Section 1: Qualification for Membership**

Membership is open to all registered students in good standing at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. All student organization members must maintain at minimum, a 2.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) to be eligible for participation in a Recognized Student Organization.

**Section 1 .2**: Stout RPGs will not discriminate against membership of any individual based upon race, gender, religion, ancestry, age, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, income, physical ability or political ideology, unless specified in the governing document of the organization or pursuant to an exception recognized by University, local, state or federal laws / ordinances.

**Section 2: Membership Dues**

Members pay five dollars in dues to be used to purchase club materials.

**Section 3: Definition of Voting Membership**

In order to vote at full group meetings you must be a member in good standing

**Section 4: Members in Good Standing**

Members in good standing have paid their dues and do not have any overdue club materials checked out in their name.

**Section5: Non-Stout Students**
People whom are not current Stout students are not allowed to be paying members, therefore do not get the benefits of a paying member. They are however allowed to attend club meetings and events.

**Article II Officers (Executive Board)**

**Section 1: The Offices of the Executive Board**

**A. President**

1. Maintains copies of all club paperwork.
2. Acts as primary club spokesperson.
3. Communicates the times and locations of full club meetings to members.
4. Maintains records of materials checked out by members

**B. Vice President**

1. Maintains records of materials borrowed by members
2. Keeps records during full group meetings
3. Acts in place of president at meetings if president is unavailable to attend.
4. Automatically takes place of any missing Officer.
5. If lack of President, Vice President Automatically becomes New President.

**C. Advertiser & Recruiter (2 member positions)**

1. Keeps records of membership and contact information
2. Informs prospective members of the times and places of meetings and the rules of the club
3. Maintains records of materials checked out by members
4. Design advertising for the club and club functions
5. Distribution of advertisements

**D. Event Planner**

1. Plan events and fundraising for the club
2. Determine costs and required equipment for club events
3. Maintains records of materials checked out by members

**E. Treasurer**

1. Maintain club accounts and financial bookkeeping.
2. Appropriate funds for all club functions
3. Collects membership dues and keeps records of payment.
4. Maintains records of materials checked out by members

**F. (Sponsorship) Liaison**

1. Maintains professional relationships with local businesses
2. Keeps contact information with business members who can supply free or discounted items and offers for event giveaways
3. Assists Advertiser & Recruiter with publicity

**Section 2:** **Duration of officer positions** Elected officers will hold there office until graduation, removal from UW Stout, they choose to step down, poor academic performance, or voted out by other officers.

**Section 2**, **subsection 1: Officer removal by vote**, If the officers feel that another officer is not performing his or her job as described above, they can remove that officer with a majority vote.

**Section 3**: Officers failing to fulfill the given responsibilities and duties may be removed by the regular members of the Organization.

**Section 4**: The removal of an officer requires a 2/3 vote of a quorum following the notification of the officer in question. Such notification shall be provided in writing no less than seven working days prior to the vote.

**Article III: Replacement of Officers**

Talk about what you will do if an officer leaves mid-year or needs to be replaced. Sample wording is below.

**Section 1**: In the case where the Presidential Office is vacant, the Vice-President will immediately fill the position.

**Section 2**: All other executive board positions found to be vacant shall be filled by election as soon as possible.

**Section 3**: In the case positions cannot be filled promptly by elections of non-exec members the hierarchy of positions is as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Event Planner, Advertiser & Recruiter, and Liaison. All executive members must make a vote to fill the Presidential position with one of the current executive members. (A vote can also be made for the Vice Presidential position.)

**Section 4**: All other positions should be filled through appointment or election. (This section should only be included if the organization outlines positions that are not part of the executive board.)

**Article IV: Advisor**

**Section 1**: The advisor of the Stout RPGs must be a faculty or staff member of the University of Wisconsin – Stout.

**Section 2**: The student organization advisor serves in voluntary or assigned capacity to the recognized student organization and provides guidance, direction, advice, advice and continuity to the members of the organization.

**Section 3**: The advisor will be selected by the president, who will seek a counsel with a staff member in an area similar to the club.

**Article V: Trusted Members**

**Section 1: Eligibility** To be eligible to be considered a Trusted Member, one must be a member in good standing, have attended at least two gamedays, and be recommended my one or more Officers.

**Section 2: Appointment** The member in question must be accepted for the position by 2/3rd active Officers.

**Section 3: Effective Powers** Once appointed, a Trusted Member will be considered to have officer-level responsibilities, including ability to watch over club materials in the event that an officer is unable to be present. Trusted Member is consider lower in power than active officers.