

**CONSTITUTION**  
of  
**The Lifelong Learning Institute at Waubonsee Community College**  
**Sugar Grove, Illinois**

Article I – Name and Affiliation

The Lifelong Learning Institute at Waubonsee Community College (hereinafter, LLI) is a not-for-profit, volunteer, and self-governing affiliate of the Elderhostel Institute Network. By signed Letter of Agreement (April 1995), Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, Illinois, (hereinafter, WCC) became the host institution for LLI. WCC supports LLI through a WCC staff member hereinafter referred to as the LLI Coordinator/Advisor.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of LLI is to provide stimulating intellectual experiences for older adults in the greater Fox Valley area through members' utilization of their individual interests and experiences in all aspects of conducting a member-governed organization and in offering member-facilitated educational opportunities.

Article III – Membership

A. Eligibility – LLI membership requirements shall be established in the LLI Bylaws, (hereinafter Bylaws).

B. Removal – Persons may be removed from membership in LLI for failure to observe standards of behavior which demonstrate qualities of morality, honesty, civility, honor and respect as stated in the WCC Student Handbook or successor publication.

Article IV – Governance

A. LLI shall be governed by a Board composed of officers and members, of whom not less than one-third (1/3) shall be representatives of the Curriculum Council; the titles, duties, manner of selection, terms of service, and limitations on length of service shall be established in the Bylaws.

B. Authority on all matters related to curriculum shall be vested in a Curriculum Council, with the Board having the power of veto. The titles, duties, manner of selection, terms of service, and limitations on length of service of Curriculum Council members shall be established in the Bylaws.

## Article V – Fiscal Year, Meetings and Elections

- A. The fiscal year of LLI shall be identical to that of WCC.
- B. There shall be an annual meeting of the LLI membership as established in the Bylaws.
- C. There shall be an annual election as established in the Bylaws.
- D. Special meetings of the membership may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board or upon petition supported by twenty per cent (20%) of the LLI membership. In the event of submission of such a petition, the Board shall schedule the requested special meeting within sixty (60) days thereafter.
- E. Balloting on any matter requiring a vote of the membership shall be conducted as established in the Bylaws.

## Article VI – Amendments

- A. Any LLI member may propose an amendment to this Constitution by submitting the suggested change to the Board. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, the proposal shall be submitted to the membership for a ratification vote.
- B. Any LLI member may submit to the Board a proposed amendment to this Constitution upon petition supported by twenty per cent (20%) of the LLI membership, in which case the proposal shall be submitted to the membership for a ratification vote.
- C. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be considered ratified upon achieving support of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast thereupon.
- D. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be effected as established in said Bylaws. The amendment procedure must, at a minimum, provide for [i] notification to the membership of the proposed amendment and [ii] consideration of the proposed amendment at not fewer than two regular meetings of the Board. The first of such Board meetings shall be held not less than fifteen (15) days after such notification is given and shall allow for public comment upon the proposed amendment.

## Article VII – Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of LLI, any remaining assets shall be contributed to the Waubensee Community College Foundation, or its successor, as an endowment to provide WCC student scholarships styled as, and in the amounts of, scholarships funded by LLI in the last previous year for which such scholarships were funded.

## Article VIII – Intention and Board Authority

A. This Constitution is, in conjunction with the Bylaws, intended to create a framework for the operation of LLI.

B. The Board is authorized to undertake any activities necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of LLI as contained in its governing documents, provided such activities are not prohibited herein, in the Bylaws, by WCC policy, or by civil authority.

## Article IX – Dispute Resolution

In the event of a disagreement over interpretation or implementation of this Constitution or of the Bylaws, such dispute shall be resolved by procedures established in said Bylaws, such procedures to include the LLI Coordinator/Advisor.

Adopted by the LLI Board at its meeting on March 16, 2012, subject to ratification by the LLI Membership, as an amendment to the LLI Constitution originally adopted in 2006, as subsequently amended, whereby the above document was substituted for the original document, and thus became the LLI Constitution.

Ratified by the LLI Membership by mail ballot on April 6, 2012.