

Columbia-China Law and Business Association Constitution

Article I - Name

Section 1

The name of our organization is Columbia-China Business Association, also referred to as CCBA.

Section 2

The officers of Columbia-China Business Association shall make up the Executive Board of the CCBA, hereafter referred to as the "CCBA Board."

Article II - Purpose

The Columbia-China Business Association at Columbia University in the City of New York aims to promote the mutual knowledge between greater China area and America on Columbia campus. Specifically, it helps Americans know more about the economic growth and the legal developments of modern China.

Article III - Criteria for membership in the Columbia-China Business Association

It is open to all Columbia community members, both Chinese and non-Chinese, both undergraduate and graduate.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1

The organization shall have the following officers nominated by the current Board from the existing Board or the general membership: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Presidents and Webmaster.

Section 2

The duties of these officers shall be as follows: 1) President - who shall lead the Board and provide direction for the group. 2) Secretary – who shall assist the president in organizing meetings and managing other logistical issues. 3) Treasurer - who shall handle all the finances of the group and work with the United Student Organization's leadership. 4) Vice Presidents - who shall lead the primary activities in four divisions: Career, Publications, Alumni and Business Development. 5) Webmaster – design and maintain CCBA's web page and membership database. Each member has one vote, except for the president, who only votes in the case of a tie.

Section 3

Each of the members shall serve a one-year term in their appointed capacity.

Article V - Executive Board Meeting Procedures

Section 1

Meetings shall be held weekly, as determined by the CCBA Board. The President of the CCBA shall also have the authority to call other meetings.

Section 2

The President shall preside over all meetings. In the President's absence, the Secretary shall preside over the meeting.

Section 3

All meetings shall be open to the public unless closed by a two-thirds vote by the Board.

Section 4

All meetings shall be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VI - Electing, Appointing and Removing Officers

Section 1

The current Board votes for the future Board in the spring of each year based upon the interest expressed by the potential members. The President has the right to design each year's voting process.

Section 2

Executive Board positions are only open to any continuing undergraduate student in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Columbia College, Barnard College, and the School of General Studies.

Section 3

The members of the Board may be impeached and removed by the membership for apathy and financial ineptness by a general membership vote of two-thirds.

Section 4

In the event of a mid-term vacancy of an elected officer, the replacement will be appointed by the existing Board based upon interests expressed by potential members.

Article VII - Committees

Section 1

The standing committees of this organization shall be as follows: Career, Publications, Alumni, and Business Development.

Section 2

The duties of each of these standing committees shall be: Career – searching possible working opportunities in greater China area and organizing career related events; Publications - editing and publishing the Columbia East Asia Review every semester; Alumni – maintaining the CCBA alumni database and building up relationships with alumni; Business Development – programming and coordinating the organization's forums, panels, mixers and other activities.

Section 3

The advisor committee members will be selected and removed by the Executive Board.

Section 4

Additional committees may be formed and dissolved by the organization. Additions and removals will be made by the Board to address the dynamic needs of the general membership.

Article VIII - By Laws

Section 1

By-laws of the organization shall be established and altered by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 2

By-laws of the Board shall be established and altered by the general membership majority vote.

Article IX - Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments can be presented by any member of Columbia-China Business Association. A two-thirds vote at a general meeting is required to pass a proposed amendment.

First Amendment

April 16, 2006

Article I, Section 1. The name of our organization is Columbia-China Law and Business Association, also referred to as CCLBA. All reference to “CCBA” or “Columbia-China Business Association” in this constitution will hereafter be understood as references to “Columbia-China Law and Business Association” or “CCLBA”.

Article X - Ratification

This constitution shall be established by a vote of a three-fourths majority of the membership of the organization.