

# Student Government Organization Re-Recognition Application

Every fall semester, recognized student organizations will participate in the annual re-recognition process. Recognized student organizations will need to fully complete and submit this application in order to be considered for re-recognition by the Committee on Student Organizations. Members from the CoSO Committee will be in touch with your organization regarding the application and its status.

All re-recognized student organizations will continue to receive the benefits outlined in the *Building A Better Student Organization Handbook and Resource Guide* (<a href="http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/studentactivities/soh/">http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/studentactivities/soh/</a>)

# Application Parts (to be completed):

- 1. Name of Organization & Outside Affiliations (if applicable)
- 2. Organizational Membership & Faculty/Staff Advisor (if applicable)
- 3. Organization Category
- 4. Student Organization Application Questions
- 5. Constitution and/or Bylaws

## 1. Name of Student Organization: Computer Club

(Official organization name: how you want to be referred to in documents, emails, etc. If you are changing your name, please include former and new name)

Name of outside sponsors, affiliations, or previous student organization parent (if applicable):

No official affiliation with any sponsor.

2. Organizational Membership (Include membership list and position titles)

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Member Name	Andrew ID	Position (if applicable)
Keith Bare	kbare	President
Michael Dille	mdille3	Treasurer
Marty Rosenberg	mjrosenb	Secretary
Brian O'Hanlon	bohanlon	Sergeant at Arms
Rich Lane	rlane	Wiki Chair

[An active member is defined as someone who has expressed an interest in club activities and has come to a club event within the last month.]

Michael Arntzenius	marntzen
Evan Danaher	edanaher
Jeff Grafton	jgrafton
Ivan Jager	aij

Mike Kasick mkasick
Peter Panov petersp
Hunter Pitelka hpitelka
David Taylor dltaylor
Jeff Watzman jwatzman

# Faculty/Staff Advisor (if applicable):

Name: Dave Eckhardt Phone: 8-6720

**Department/Office:** Computer Science, WeH 3503

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**3. Organization Category** (Please indicate a primary and secondary category for the purpose of this application process)

Gaming Gender/GLBT General Interest & Involvement Media & Publications

Multicultural Performance/Artistic Political/Activism Professional/Academic

Religious/Spiritual Service/Philanthropy Sports/Martial Arts Technology

# 4. Student Organization Application Questions

A. Provide your organization's unique mission and include the organization's overall objectives:

The mission of the computer club is to:

- Use and promote open source and free software
- Keep the spirit of retro computing alive
- Encourage tinkering
- Provide useful services to the campus community
- Seek out and isolate the (still elusive) "bit"
- Collect and concentrate computrons
- Accelerate the impending heat death of the universe

On a day to day basis, the computer club is a service organization that runs the service side of the andrew "contributed" concept.

B. Over the past year (Fall 2006 to now), what has your organization done in order to meet its mission and objectives? Please include programs (active and/or passive), initiatives, student outreaches, etc.

#### Technical:

- Launched Tartanswiki effort
- Completed wiki system for student organizations (now in active beta testing)
- Put machine room back together after recent renovation
- Installed several new servers
- Significant organizational (e.g., documentation and institutional memory) improvements with introduction of club wiki
- Various minor service and infrastructure enhancements

#### Social/Outreach:

- Showed several classic hacker films and held demo night events (included presentation on club efforts)
- Spoke with several companies to arrange visiting tech talks
- Held tutorial session on how to use unix computing clusters on campus

# C. Provide a detailed list of short- and long-term goals your organization wishes to accomplish, including a detailed description of events or projects that your organization plans to host or sponsor.

Short-term goals (within 6 months):

- Finish beta testing wiki system for student organizations
- Rejuvenate and support tartanswiki project
  - o Perform needed software maintenance and feature enhancements
  - Encourage others to contribute content to the campus-wide contributed wiki
- Migrate several services (e.g., database and wikis) from old machines to new ones
- Implement OpenID authentication system
- Find, develop, and engage in unix and free software advocacy opportunities
- Host new kinds of social events

### Longer-term goals (one year to several years):

- Roll out new contributed services
  - E.g., Develop a means for hosting source control repositories for interested student organizations
- Get involved in more researchy systems and networking projects
- Improve infrastructure (clean up backup scripts, software collections, user maintenance processes)
- Implement better service monitoring
- Improve the reliability of services by adding more redundant hardware and moving around virtual machines to best balance load across physical hardware

# D. Which currently existing student organization is most similar to you and what makes you unique?

We are unaware of any other student organization that resembles ours in any way. The robotics club is perhaps the most similar one, and yet it's obviously entirely different.

This university, unlike nearly any other technical school in the country, lacks an ACM chapter (we understand one may be starting, but we do not know its current status), a Linux users group, and a student computing forum (basically, a free interest-based version of the cluster consultant concept). If any of these were to exist, they would fall under our umbrella.

<u>3. Constitution and/or Bylaws</u> (Please attach a copy of your organization's constitution/bylaws when submitting this form)

Please make sure that your constitution and/or bylaws include sections as described below:

- I. Purpose, Mission Statement, or objective list
- II. Membership recruitment, removal, voting rights
  - a. Insert into Membership section: the organization will abide by the *CMU* Statement of Assurance (<a href="www.cmu.edu/policies/documents/SoA.html">www.cmu.edu/policies/documents/SoA.html</a>).
- III. List of officer positions and responsibilities
- IV. Procedure for selection of officers (elections annually and emergency)
- V. Procedure for removal of officers (by force or by officer's will)
- VI. Meeting structure when, how often, quorum
- VII. Advisor section (if applicable)
- VIII. Finance section (if applicable)
- IX. Procedure for amending your constitution or bylaws

This website can help guide the organization through creating/revising the constitution.

Some elements of the checklist may not apply to your organization

<a href="http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/studentactivities/StudentOrganizationConstitutionChecklist.pdf">http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/studentactivities/StudentOrganizationConstitutionChecklist.pdf</a>

I assure that I have answered every question above honestly and to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if any of these questions are deemed to have been answered falsely, the Committee on Student Organizations has the right to de-recognize any organization that may have been recognized under false pretenses. I understand that if this organization becomes defunct for any reason, student government has the authority to delegate control of this organization to any Activities Fee paying student who pursues reactivation.

Keith Bare	/s/	
Student Name (Please print)	Student Signature 10/5/2007	
kbare		
Andrew ID	Date	
Committee Member Use Only Recognition Motion ID: Official Date of Recognition:// Name:	Semester/Session: Fall/Spring Signature:	

# Computer Club Constitution (from Orgtracker)

Article I -- Name

The name of the organization shall be the Carnegie Mellon Computer Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

Article II -- Mission Statement

The mission of the club is to provide services to the Carnegie Mellon community, contribute to educational opportunities and resources, advocate the computing environment on the campus, and open source software, and to improve the general quality of computing at CMU.

Article III – Membership

Section 1

Any CMU Student, Faculty or Staff member is eligible to be a member. Non-CMU affiliated people are eligible with Executive approval. An official list of members shall be maintained by the Secretary.

Section 2

New members shall be confirmed by resolution at a general meeting. Maintaining membership status requires payment of dues.

As a general guideline, individuals shall be accepted for club membership if they have

- (1) attended a majority of club meetings over a period of at least two months, and
- (2) shown interest in participating in club projects and activities, and
- (3) demonstrated a commitment to furthering the mission of the club.

Section 3

Dues for membership, if any, shall be collected at the beginning of each semester. Members are allowed to pay dues for multiple semesters of membership at once. Members paying their dues late in a semester will not have their dues pro-rated.

Article IV -- Officers

Section 1

The Executive consists of the President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. At the annual meeting of each academic year, or when vacancies exist, nominations for new members of the Executive are solicited. Each new member of the Executive shall be selected approved by a vote of the general membership. Only Carnegie Mellon students who are club members in good standing are eligible to be officers.

Section 2

The official representative of the Club shall be the President. He shall preside over all club meetings. In his absence, the Executive shall decide who presides.

Section 3

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues from all members of the Club, He shall be accountable for all funds of the Club. The Treasurer, upon the direction of the President, shall request funds

from Student Senate. He shall be the Club's official representative to the Finance Committee of the Student Senate. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all budget preparation, and shall monitor the financial status of the Club.

Section 4

The Secretary is responsible for all records of the Club. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings, and shall maintain the list of club members.

Section 5

Any officer may be impeached. A two-thirds vote of the general membership is required for removal from office. The officer must be informed at least one week prior to the general membership vote to remove him from office. The officer being impeached may not vote in the trial. The Secretary shall preside over the impeachment of the President. The President shall preside over the impeachment and trial of all other officers.

Article V -- Meetings

Meetings shall be held at least once a month and meeting dates should be posted at least three days in advance. An annual meeting should be held at the end of each academic year.

Article VI – Amendments

Section 1

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the general membership.

Section 2

All amendments shall be tabled for at least one week and shall be published before a final vote.