

Columbia Law School Virtual Entertainment Society Constitution

Fall 2019

I. General

- a. *Name.* The name of the organization will be the “Virtual Entertainment Society,” abbreviated as “VES.”
- b. *Purpose.* The purpose of VES is to promote a supportive environment and to provide networking and wellness opportunities for students through the mechanism of interactive media. As a supplementary goal, VES will seek to provide members with information about contemporary legal issues in copyright and intellectual property related to video games and the electronic arts.
- c. *Plan.* To better achieve our purpose, VES will host regular social events during the evenings throughout the school year. To the extent possible, the VES board will seek to sponsor at least one lunch talk each year focusing on the state of video games in the law or the career of a games lawyer.
- d. *Procedure.* VES will abide by Robert’s Rules of Order wherever questions of formal procedure are concerned.

II. Membership

- a. *Eligibility.* Membership shall be generally available to any student enrolled at Columbia Law School.
- b. *Dues.* Membership to VES shall not require formal dues.
- c. *Non-discrimination in membership guidelines.* VES fully supports and complies with the Student Senate Nondiscrimination Policy set forth in Section 6(B)(5) of the Senate’s Bylaws.

III. Board

- a. *Composition.* The VES board will be comprised of at least two members, labeled co-presidents. These presidents, in collaboration, may add additional board members to the extent that it becomes necessary to achieve the group’s purpose. To

this end, however, 1L students shall be limited to the position of “1L representative”.

b. *Terms of Office.* Each board member will serve in their appointed role up to one year from the date of their appointment unless, as specified below, no student comes forward at the end of the term to fill their position.

c. *Succession.* The co-presidents of VES will issue an application in the Spring semester and choose their respective replacements based on a variety of criteria: i.e. level of interest, access to games in order to host events, attendance and participation, and demonstrated knowledge of the medium. Only if (1) a position remains unfilled due to a lack of applications and (2) the board member will continue to be enrolled at Columbia Law School may a board member choose to serve for an additional year.

d. *Duties.* To the extent possible, board members must attend all planned VES meetings and events. All board members must be available to occasionally meet with other student groups, members of the administration, alumnae and to actively assist in ensuring the success of planned VES events. The specific responsibilities assigned to each position may be shared or reassigned as the co-Presidents see fit.

IV. Meetings

a. *Social events.* There will be at least one (1) gaming event in each academic semester. Members will be notified through the listserv.

b. *Professional events.* To the extent possible, board members will seek to sponsor one (1) professional event in the Spring semester.

V. Amendments

a. This Constitution may be amended at any time by a majority vote. This may come in the form of both co-presidents simply agreeing, or if the number of board members increases, a collective vote.