

**RetrieVets**

# **Article I- Name and Purpose**

RetrieVets has been established for the purpose of providing support to and advocating for all active duty, reserve, guard, retired, veteran, and dependent Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard students so that we can succeed in higher education, achieve our academic goals, and gain meaningful employment.

# **Article II- Scope**

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

# **Article III- Membership**

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by:

* Attending at least two organizational meetings
* Participating in at least two fundraising events

Membership in this organization is open to any UMBC undergraduate student (without restriction of GPA requirement, try-outs, etc.).

Membership in this organization will not be denied because of race, color, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, disabled veteran or veteran status, national origin, or religion.

# **Article IV- Officers and Elections**

## **Officers**

The officers of RetrieVets shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

## **The duties of the President shall include:**

* Managing member recruitment/retention
* Fundraising
* Exploring and sharing the history of the organization
* Developing and managing events
* Developing and managing projects
* Serving as the organization's official representative for communicating with SGA and UMBC staff

## **The duties of the Vice President shall include:**

* Managing member recruitment/retention
* Fundraising
* Exploring and sharing the history of the organization
* Developing and managing events
* Developing and managing projects
* Assuming the role of President in the event of the President's absence or incapacity

## **The duties of the Treasurer shall include:**

* Fundraising
* Developing and managing events
* Developing and managing projects
* Managing the organization's funds and ensuring compliance with all financial rules and guidelines

## **The duties of the Secretary shall include:**

* Fundraising
* Managing communication within the group
* Managing public relations
* Developing and managing events
* Developing and managing projects

## **Elections**

All officers shall be elected to a term of one year starting and ending on May 1st.

Elections will be held between April 15th and April 30th. In addition, in the case that a vacancy occurs in any of the elected positions identified in this Article, an election will be held to fill the position.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to all members before the annual election meeting.

Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot where the person with the most votes wins.

To prevent nepotism (and any potential conflict of interest), nominees must disclose all familial relationships\* with other nominees or officers to the organization at least 14 days before elections. If elected, or if a familial relationship is created after elections, and any potential conflict of interest arises, the organization reserves the right to impeach one of the officers; an election will be held to fill the position.

*\*Familial relationships are boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, cousin, or any other relationship arising as a result of marriage (in-law, step parent/child/sibling, half sibling, etc.)*

Officers may be removed throughout the year by a majority vote of the other members present at a meeting.

Before the vote, the individual(s) proposing to remove the officer will explain the specific reasons for the proposed action, which must involve misconduct or failure to fulfill officer responsibilities, and the officer will have the opportunity to respond.

# **Article V- Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of all members present at the meeting. All amendments must be approved in accordance with Student Government Association policy before becoming legally binding.

# **Organization Type**

Service and Social Action

# **Organization Funding Status**

Funded