

# **Hamilton Investments**

## ***Preamble***

The HI's guiding principle is to research, learn and educate the Hamilton community on the intricacies of financial markets.

## **Article I – Hamilton Investments, HI**

## **Article II – Purpose**

The purpose of Hamilton Investments will be fulfilling the following goals;

1. Discuss investing and financial markets
2. Offer opportunities to gain investment experience and participate in mock investment competitions.
3. Provide a forum for interaction amongst students and investment professionals.

## **Article III – Membership**

The HI complies with all State and Federal laws and Hamilton College policies on non-discrimination. The HI supports and encourages respect for political, religious, ethnic, racial, physical, generational, sexual and intellectual differences because such respect promotes free and open inquiry, independent thought, and mutual understanding. Membership will not be offered to non-students and voting rights will only be extended to officers.

## **Article IV – Hazing**

The HI complies with all State and Federal laws and Hamilton College policies on hazing. This organization recognizes hazing to be any action taken or situation created to inflict physical or mental discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule upon an individual or group. Further, the members of this organization understand that any individual or group found responsible for hazing will be subject to disciplinary action, which may result in probation, suspension, or revocation of College recognition.

## **Article V – Officers**

5.1 The Executive Board of HI shall consist of the elected officers of the organization, and other positions, not on the Executive Board, shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

5.2 All offices can only be held by one person at any given time, except for the office of President, which can be occupied by a maximum of two individuals.

5.3 The President(s) shall serve as the chief executive officer(s) of HI and shall have general supervision and control of its activities and programs.

5.4 The Vice President shall oversee all elections and activities involving the arrangement of guest speakers, including scheduling, contacting, and coordinating the events.

5.5 The Treasurer shall oversee the budget of HI and manage all financial and banking duties, including grant applications and reimbursements.

5.6 The Secretary shall be responsible for creating and maintaining membership lists, keeping minutes at board meetings, publicizing all events on e-mail and using the Internet both as a means of outreach but also as a source of information for the club.

5.7 The Executive Board shall have the authority upon motion of the President(s) to create ad hoc appointed positions not on the Executive Board, whose term shall expire with the conclusion of the term of the appointing Executive Board or earlier by majority vote of the Executive Board.

## **Article VI – Executive Board**

6.1 The Executive Board of this organization shall consist of a President(s), Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary.

## **Article VII – Adviser**

7.1 The HI's representatives will meet with the faculty advisor on a regular basis to discuss upcoming events, membership, trips and other happenings. The advisor will not have voting privileges but will still play an active role in the decision making process. The advisor must be a current Hamilton College professor, with a strong background in finance and investing. They will be selected on a unanimous vote of the current Executive Board.

## **Article VIII – Meetings**

8.1 Meetings will be held weekly, where discussions will be held regarding investment opportunities, market trends and current events. Special meetings can be scheduled ad-hoc based on the discretion of the Executive Board.

## **Article IX – Committees**

9.1 Market Research Committee – This committee will be responsible for analyzing broader market trends and specific investment opportunities.

9.2 Portfolio Management Committee – This committee oversees day-to-day operations involved in the maintenance of holdings.

9.3 Speaker Recruitment Committee – This committee is responsible for the recruitment and organization of visits by professionals from investment related fields.

## **Article X – Sanctioning, Impeachment, and Removal**

10.1 The officers or advisors may be removed from HI by two-thirds of the voting party on the grounds of gross neglect of duty and/or other just cause.

## **Article XI – Rules of Procedure**

11.1 Robert’s Rule of Order (revised) shall be the parliamentary authority of HI. Should Robert’s Rules of Order conflict with this constitution, the constitution will take priority

## **Article XII – Amendments**

12.1 This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds vote of the Executive Board and a majority vote of HI membership.

12.2 Constitutional amendments shall be distributed to HI membership at least three days in advance before the vote.

12.3 Any two members may propose amendments to the constitution.

## ***By laws***

### **Article I – Duties of Officers**

*President (s):* The role of the President is to act as chief executive. It is his/her responsibility to oversee all activity of the club. Specifically, it is the President’s responsibility to ensure that all the goals of the club are achieved.

*Vice President:* The Vice President’s role is to assist the President in all his or her responsibilities or duties. Moreover, the Vice President is in charge of overseeing the electoral process.

*Treasurer:* The Treasurer shall oversee the budget of the HI and manage all financial and banking duties.

*Secretary:* The Secretary shall be responsible for creating and maintaining membership lists, keeping minutes at board meetings, publicizing all events on e-mail and using the Internet both as a means of outreach but also as a source of information for the club.

### **Article II – Duties of Adviser**

HI's advisor main role is to act as a source of information and provide aid in logistics of different club activities.

### **Article III – Elections**

Elections will take place every year to allow club members to play a number of different roles within HI. To run for office, a member must give the Vice President a written statement declaring his or her intention to run the given office. The Vice President will then compose a electoral ballet and the members of HI will cast their vote. After all votes are cast, the Vice President will tabulate the votes and declare the winners.

### **Article IV – Finances**

The Treasurer will lead a discussion regarding finance options HI faces as a result of the clubs desired activities and speakers. Thus the finance decisions of HI will depend on the activities HI wishes to engage in.

### **Article V – Activities**

HI will engage in regular meetings, at least once a week. At these meetings, the President will lead a club discussion of any special event that the club may wish to engage in. A general meeting will consist of discussion of the current economics news and speculation of the news' impact on the financial markets.