

## **By-laws of Global Information Club (of James S. Rickards High School)**

**Current President: Kolla, Bhanuchandra**

### **Article I - Name and Purpose**

**Section I** - The official name of this club shall be the Global Information Club (of James S. Rickards High School).

**Section II** - The Global Information Club (of James S. Rickards High School) is a student group that helps members learn about important global topics, like economics, technology, politics, and military trends. Students in the club research these areas and discuss what they find, helping each other understand the big picture. The club offers activities like group projects and presentations to make learning engaging and fun. By joining, students can develop a deeper awareness of the world around them. The goal is to help everyone become more informed and thoughtful about global issues.

**Section III** – The Club will meet every Tuesday during lunch at Mr. Reedy’s classroom.

### **Article II - Membership and Fees**

**Section I** - The Global Information Club (of James S. Rickards High School) will always welcome all students eager to learn about the global world and its trends. The club will accept any member interested in joining regardless of their race, color, orientation, disability, gender, religion, or age.

**Section II** - The Sponsor of the Global Information Club (of James S. Rickards High School) is Mr. Reedy.

**Section III** - Mandatory dues for the Global Information Club (of James S. Rickards High School) will be nonexistent. There will be no purchases or any goods or services sold.

**Section IV** - Members are expected to attend at least 75% of the year’s meetings. In the circumstances where another commitment is a constraint to one’s attendance, the member must notify the president or sponsor, and their absence will not be counted against them. Members may permanently leave their membership in the club at any given time.

### **Article III - Leadership structure, rules and Election Procedures**

**Section I** – The hierarchy is as follows, the president at the top, followed by the vice president, officers, and the members after.

**Section II** - If a temporary vacancy occurs in the position of the president due to a multitude of reasons, the president may appoint the vice president, officer, or member to fill the role. If a president's leave is extended **AND** no one was appointed, then there will be no club interaction or meetings until the president's return **OR** if the president appoints a person to fill the temporary role. This person has all responsibilities of the president temporarily. This temporary role is exactly that, temporary, once the president returns, the person who **was** appointed will now leave the temporary role and all authority will be reinstated to the president who previously appointed them. If a person is not appointed, the meeting for that day will be canceled and no further interaction will exist until the next meeting. For a president to permanently vacate their position, they **MUST** appoint the current vice president for their role. If the vice president is unwilling to be the president, then a new president will have to be elected from an online survey before the previous president can permanently leave. If a vice president leaves permanently, then the president can choose any officer to become the vice president. However, if none of the officers are willing to be the vice president, then there will be an online survey in which members vote for vice presidency. If a vice president leaves temporarily, the president will cover this role as well until the vice president returns. If both vice president and president are unavailable temporarily, then there will no meeting for that time.

**Section III - All officers of the club must understand its purpose and have enough knowledge about it.** Members and officers will be the face of the club and responsible for representing and conveying a good image of it. Members are to treat each other with respect and integrity always. If an officer decides to leave permanently after election process, then the president can choose whomever member to fit this role. The president will only pick members that are willing to fill the role of officer. The vice president is to oversee activities of officers and report to the president.

**Section IV – Officers** can be appointed by the president for various roles such as, noting the names on sign in sheets and filling for temporary roles for presidency and vice presidency in case of temporary vacancy as shown above.

**Section V** – The election process will occur as follows, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of September of every year, an online form will be sent to all members in the club. The members of the club will choose

their officers and vice president. The number of officers in this club will only be 15% of the total population of members that voted. If the calculation results in an odd number like 4.5 or 6.5 officers, then round it down to whole numbers. (For example, 15% of 30 is 4.5, so there can only be 4 officers. There can only be one vice president. In order to be a president, the election process will occur in the second meeting of April of each year, an online survey will be collected which will determine the president in the year that follows. In case of a tie in officer or vice president position, then the president will choose the candidate. In case of a tie in a president position, then there will be a runoff election online to determine the president.

**Section VI-** If a member or an officer is not making an adequate or satisfactory amount of attendance to the meetings, the behavior is illegitimate, or inadequate amount of activity in the club (from solely the president's and vice president's perspective), an impeachment process will take place in which the president, vice president, and sponsor will have to vote in agreement on whether or not they think the member should be ousted from the club. The subject in question may explain their situation with reasoning. The president, vice president and sponsor consider the member's explanation with great thought. This vote is purely verbal in a private setting. If 2/3 vote for dismissal of individual in question, then the individual will not be permitted to be appointed to any leadership position ever again or attend to the Global Information Club (of James S. Rickards High School).

## **Section VII - Campaigning and Candidate Presentations**

1. **Candidate Declaration:** Any member interested in running for an officer or vice president position must declare their candidacy at least two weeks before the scheduled election. Declarations should be submitted to the president and sponsor via email.
2. **Campaign Guidelines:**
  - **Campaign Period:** The campaign period will begin immediately after the candidate declaration deadline and will last until the day before the election. Anyone who campaigns can also do it in the online group server for the club.
  - **Campaign Materials:** Candidates may use posters, flyers, and digital media to promote their platforms. All campaign materials must be approved by the president and sponsor before distribution to ensure they align with the club's values and school policies.
  - **Respect and Integrity:** Candidates must conduct their campaigns with respect and integrity. Negative campaigning or personal attacks are strictly prohibited. (For example, anything like "They are trash" or "They are evil" or "I am way better than her" or "If you vote for them, I will tell your personal information to

them.”). Violations may result in disqualification from the election at the discretion of the president, vice president, and sponsor.

- The voting process will be conducted online, with members casting their votes anonymously. The election results will be announced within 24 hours of the voting period closing.

#### **Article IV - Amendments**

**Section I** - Amendments to the club’s by-laws can only be changed or deleted by the president AND the sponsor’s agreement. Any other leadership authority or members have no say in the by-laws of Global Information Club (of James S. Rickards High School). An online survey in May of each year will be collected from the members about the future direction of the club and its by-laws, however, the final decision rests upon the president in accordance to the sponsor.