

Article I. Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called Birding Club at UCSD.

Article II. Statement of Purpose

The Birding Club at UCSD strives to promote increased public awareness and knowledge of birds through bird watching, wildlife photography, and volunteering. Ultimately, we aim to support the conservation of native bird species and their natural environment with a special focus on species native to San Diego County, California.

Article II. Nonprofit Statement

Birding Club at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

Only registered undergraduate UCSD students are eligible to become members of the Birding Club at UCSD.

To become a member, student candidates must provide their name and email on the Birding Club at UCSD roster. Members are thus identified by this roster, which is publicly accessible through the Birding Club website, but only edited by officers.

To maintain membership, members are required to attend the two General Body Meetings and at least one Birding Excursion (see Article V). Members who fail to fulfill these requirements without an approved extenuating circumstance will be removed from the Birding Club at UCSD roster.

There are no dues or fees required for membership of the Birding Club at UCSD.

Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

There are two primary forms of meetings, which are described below.

Article V. Section 1. General Body Meetings

There shall be two General Body Meetings per year, with the first hosted at the beginning of the Fall Quarter and the second hosted at the end of the Spring Quarter. The exact date and location of these meetings is at the discretion of current officers. The purpose of these General Body Meetings is to welcome new members and discuss goals for the current school year.

Attendance at these meetings is mandatory for all members who wish to maintain their membership. Absences will only be excused on a case-by-case basis when an extenuating circumstance is explained.

The elected Internal Affairs Chair (see Article VI) will be responsible for keeping record of the items discussed during General Body Meetings.

Article V. Section 2. Birding Excursions

There shall be meetings every other week, beginning on Week 1 of each quarter. The purpose of these meetings is to observe local birds in their natural habitat. These excursions may take place off or on campus at the discretion of the officers, but each location must be easily accessible by public transportation.

To maintain membership, members must attend at least one of the birding excursions hosted by the Birding Club at UCSD.

The elected External Affairs Chair (see Article VI) will be responsible for keeping record of the activities performed and accomplishments of the Birding Excursion.

Article VI. Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

Only registered UCSD students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UCSD students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

There shall be three elected officers of Birding Club at UCSD. The positions are President, Internal Affairs Chair, and External Affairs Chair. The President is responsible for planning all meetings of Birding Club at UCSD (see Article V) and handling all other administrative duties not covered by the Internal and External Affairs Chair. The Internal Affairs Chair is responsible for maintaining Birding Club at UCSD's internal administrative duties, such as ensuring the club remains within UCSD's guidelines for student organizations. This includes organizing fundraising events, checking the fulfillment of each member's requirements for membership, and organizing club elections. The External Affairs Chair is responsible for organizing outreach efforts, such as public engagement events, Birding Club at UCSD's social media and website, and recruitment.

Eligible candidates for office must be a member of Birding Club at UCSD for at least one quarter. Elections will be held a week prior to the second General Body Meeting through a Google Form. This will ensure that only registered UCSD students may vote in elections by requiring a UCSD Google account to participate. Elected officers will be announced at the second General Body Meeting in the Spring Quarter. Officers will assume their position in the next continuous school year, beginning in Fall Quarter.

Removal of an officer from their position can occur if all other members of the club, including the other two officers, agree to a unanimous removal. Officers who have been removed from their position may still be a member of Birding Club at UCSD, so long as they continue to fulfill their requirements for membership (see Article IV). Emergency elections will be held to fill the empty officer position within one month of removal. The election will still be held through a Google Form.

Article VII. Risk Management

Birding Club at UCSD is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Birding Club at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

There may be certain risks associated with Birding Club at UCSD activities, including interactions with minors or the elderly, and environmental hazards during Birding Excursions. Public outreach events advocating for conservation of natural habitats and protection of local birds may interact with minors and elderly within the community. Refer to Article VII. Section 1 for more information.

Environmental hazards during Birding Excursions include navigating potentially non-maintained wilderness. In these events, the officers will provide ample warning and consideration to the

member's safety, making sure that members are dressed appropriately and aware of the potential risks.

Article VII. Section 1. In Case of Interaction with Minors and/or the Elderly

Birding Club at UCSD is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only). Birding Club at UCSD will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

Birding Club at UCSD will not be involved in providing medical assistance, engaging in international travel, or handling hazardous chemicals, material, equipment, and/or machinery.

Article X. Affiliation with Other Groups

Birding Club at UCSD aims to fulfill requirements for becoming a campus chapter of the Audubon Society. Therefore, Birding Club at UCSD will be associated with the goals of the Audubon Society, including protecting birds and the places they need. Birding Club at UCSD will be able to access resources and services of the San Diego Audubon Society to engage in volunteering, outreach events, and other birding-related and conservation activities. There are no additional requirements placed on the Birding Club at UCSD members in order to maintain this affiliation.