Preamble

We the members of the Organized ICON Network and Cooperative (OINC), and subscribing to the regulations of the University of Georgia, establish the Constitution to govern the matters within our organization.

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization is: Organized ICON Network and Cooperative (OINC).

ARTICLE II: Mission

The mission of OINC shall be to develop and promote learning, research, dialogue, and active engagement in the area of Integrative Conservation. This organization shall be based at University of Georgia, but seeks to increase communication and discussion with the greater academic and professional sectors involved in the research, application, or communication of conservation and sustainability science.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Membership in OINC is available to all students in the Integrative Conservation (ICON) at the University of Georgia.

ARTICLE IV: Non-Discrimination

Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions must be extended to all students without regard to age, gender, ethnicity, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

ARTICLE V: Officers (qualifications, terms, elections, and removal)

The officers of this organization shall consist of five elected officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, ICON Liaisons (2), and Outreach Coordinator.

Chair: the Chair conducts organizational meetings and is responsible for the overall administration of the organization.

Vice-Chair: the Vice-Chair conducts organizational meetings in the absence of the Chair and is responsible for taking the lead in planning the annual Symposium on Integrative Conservation.

Treasurer: the Treasurer is responsible for the financial management and well-being of the organization. The Treasurer will provide annual fiscal reports to all officers and voting members at least two weeks prior to the venal elections. The Treasurer will have final approval/veto power for any spending conducted under the auspices of the
organization. The Treasurer must obtain approval from the Chair for any spending conducted under the auspices of the organization.

Secretary: the Secretary shall keep written record of all meetings, document any decisions made within the organization. The Secretary shall make the written documentation of meetings available to all officers within one week after the conclusion of a meeting. The Secretary shall make written documentation of a meeting available to any voting member of the organization upon request by the member.

ICON Liaisons (2): the ICON Liaisons shall act as representatives of the organization to the ICON program Executive Committee. The Liaisons shall attend any ICON faculty or administrative meetings when invited. If both of the Liaisons are unable to attend the meeting, it shall be their responsibility to designate one or two alternates.

Outreach Coordinator: the Outreach Coordinator shall be the primary contact and organizer for any communication with the greater University of Georgia community and off-campus individuals, groups, or organizations. The Outreach Coordinator is the designated representative to the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at the University of Georgia and is responsible to attend all GSA meetings or designate an alternate that is a member of OINC.

Website Coordinator: The Website Coordinator creates and manages the website of OINC, including providing summaries of our activities and posting photos of our events.

Only current, full-time students in the ICON program at the University of Georgia may be nominated for office. In order to serve as an officer of OINC the student must be concurrently enrolled in the ICON capstone courses, or have previously completed the courses.

Full-time students that are not enrolled in the ICON capstone courses or previously completed the courses may however be fully voting members and serve in appointed and volunteer positions in the organization.

Each officer position is a one-year term to be served from July 1st to June 30th. Each officer position is a one-year term. All officer positions, except Secretary, are to be served from July 1st to June 30th. The position of Secretary will be served from November 1st to October 31st.

The number of terms for which a particular individual can hold a specific office shall be limited to two terms.

Elections shall occur on a yearly basis (at least once every 12 months) during March of Spring semester. Elections for all officers except Secretary shall be held during March of Spring semester. The election for Secretary shall be held during October of Fall semester. The current chair shall make a public call for elections through verbal and written communication with a minimum of 14 days
notice prior to the election date. Nominees may be self-nominated or nominated by voting members or officers of OINC. A simple majority vote is required to become appointed to office. Only current members of OINC may vote in officer elections.

Provisions for removal. Any officer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of no confidence by the organization's members. The call for a vote of no confidence must be made by a current officer.

If officer vacancies should occur, the organization may hold immediate elections or hold the office vacant until the next general elections. The decision when to hold the vacancy elections will be determined by unanimous vote by the remaining officers.

**Article VI: Meetings.**

Officers shall meet a minimum of once per semester. A minimum of three officers must be present for a quorum.

The Chair is responsible for announcing the meeting to all officers and voting members of the organization via email communication at least one week prior to scheduled meeting.

**Article VII: Amendments**

The constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote by the voting membership.

An amendment may be proposed by either an officer or a voting member.

The Secretary must announce the proposed amendment up for vote at least one week prior to the next meeting.

An amendment may not be proposed, voted on, and passed during the same meeting.