

Whispers of Atlanta Constitution

Preamble:

We, the members of Whispers of Atlanta (WoA), wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in interactive theatre, constitute ourselves as the Whispers of Atlanta chronicle and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to gather as members, exercise our interest in Live Action RolePlaying (LARP) and provide a healthy recreation activity for our members. As an organized chronicle, we will improve the awareness and ability of members to perform and adjudicate within One World by Night guidelines.

Membership: Article I

All persons over the age of 18 interested in Mind's Eye Theatre (MET) LARP of the World of Darkness (WoD) genre shall be eligible for membership. Those people under the age of 18 will be required to submit some form of parental consent that may be kept on file by the Officers of the organization. Membership shall be defined as any person with both a character administratively based in Whispers of Atlanta and Regular Attendance in the chronicle. 'Regular attendance' requirements are met in one of two ways: First, signing into regularly held games. Secondly, they may log roleplaying events happening outside of regularly held games with the Storytellers via email no less than once a month. All Members will have the right to cast a vote in any Head Storyteller election, as well as any elections the Head Storyteller chooses to hold. Members may have their status as members revoked upon such terms as the provided in the ByLaws. Membership shall not be denied to any person because of race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, handicap, or national origin.

Officers: Article II

Sec. 1. The officers of this club shall be Head Storyteller (HST), Assistant Storytellers (AST), and Narrators (NAR).

Sec. 2. The office of HST shall be claimed by a member able to coordinate the responsibilities of the duty for a term of one year, renewable. If there is a challenge to this position at any time, it will be resolved by an Australian Ballot vote by the members in good standing. Any Member in good standing may bring a challenge against the HST in the form of a Vote of No Confidence; a two-thirds Majority vote of the General Assembly must be achieved to replace a HST. The HST appoints all Assistant Storytellers. Any position may be resigned at any time.

Sec.3. The Narrator's Council (NC) will be made up of General Narrators, Specific Narrators, the HST, and all Assistant Storytellers. Each member carries one vote when a vote is called. In the event it is required, the HST will carry a tie-breaker vote. Officers may be removed by the Narrator's Council by at least two-thirds vote of its members in good standing.

Sec. 4. Narrators will be appointed by the Head Storyteller. Any nomination may be declined. Narrator positions will be filled based on a 5to1, Member-to-Narrator ratio. Specific Narrators will be appointed from the Narrator's Council by the HST to fulfill specific duties associated with their specific role as assigned under the Constitution.

Sec. 5. Vacancies occurring between AST appointments will be filled as soon as the HST identifies a Member felt able to pick up the position. Until that time, the HST will take on and assign to other officers the various duties of the vacant position. Vacancies in the Narrators will be filled by the process noted in Sec. 4 or eliminated via Member-to-Narrator population ratio requirements.

Duties of Officers: Article III

Sec. 1. The HST shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and ByLaws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, enforce maintenance of the World of Darkness genre, establish and maintain a comprehensive rule system of House Rules, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of HST. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor. The HST will be privy to all plot information, personal or chronicle, in Whispers of Atlanta as well as have authority to administer it to the Members. The HST, or an AST appointed by the HST, will maintain a player and character database.

Sec. 2. The AST shall assume all the duties of the HST in his/her absence. The AST will be required to fulfill duties as determined by their specified role as assigned by the HST. These duties will be specified in detail on the chronicle web site or email group page. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor. The Assistant Storytellers may be privy to all plot information, personal or chronicle, in Whispers of Atlanta as well as have authority to administer it to Members with permission of the HST.

Sec. 3. Narrators are responsible for assisting the HST or AST with any tasks assigned to them, and having a working knowledge of the House Rules in order to assist the Members. The NAR are unable to assume all the duties of the HST in his/her absence even if the AST is also not present. They shall be required to fulfill duties as determined by their specified role as assigned by the HST. These

duties are specified by the HST at the time of their appointment, and published on the chronicle web site or email group page if they are not available in the ByLaws. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor. If a NAR position is vacant, or Member-to-Player ratios do not warrant enough NAR positions, the HST will fulfill the duties of any Specific Narrators not assigned. Narrators may only be privy to personal or chronicle plot information at the discretion of the HST, but only as needed to assist the Member or Storyteller; Narrators are not permitted to know complete personal or chronicle plot details, nor are they permitted to administer personal or chronicle plots to Members with scope or complexity such that near-complete details would be required. Character information will not be disclosed to those other than HST or AST against the wishes of the portraying player.

Meetings: Article IV

The ByLaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of the HST or one AST must be present to constitute a legal gathering.

Membership Assistance: Article V

WoA, through designated officers, will make assistance available to new members as well as established members including counseling on character creation, House Rules, and character/setting guidelines.

Amendments: Article VI

A two-thirds vote of the Narrator's Council or General Assembly in good standing may amend this constitution or ByLaws. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing and shall be voted on at the following regular meeting or through a polling system, provided all members have been notified by the GeorgiaOWbN yahoogroup or Whispers of Atlanta facebook page of the intent to amend the constitution and/or ByLaws at said meeting.

Disciplinary Actions: Article VII

Whispers of Atlanta sees the below list as acceptable methods of Disciplinary Action to be used when a situation calls for them. Typically, a player receives a warning before incurring disciplinary actions, though this is not necessary. Receiving a Temporary Ejection, Administrative Removal of a Character, or having an Experience Award revoked places a Member out of good standing for no less than three calendar months. Receiving a Chronicle Strike or Chronicle Ban places a Member out of good standing as long as the disciplinary action remains in place. Records of Disciplinary Actions will be kept in the Player and Character Database. Disciplinary actions that remain with the player may be

removed by a simple majority vote of the Narrator's Council no less than three months after its awarding.

- Revocation of Experience Awards: A Member may have their Experience Award for the night revoked for any violation of the House Rules or disruption of the chronicle environment, including cheating (as determined by the HST).

- Temporary Ejection: A Member or player can be asked to leave a regular or special meeting if they are proving disruptive to the chronicle environment in the opinion of the HST or AST.

- Administrative Removal of a Character: A Member may have their character removed from play permanently as a punishment for cheating, after a 2/3 majority vote of the Narrator's Council. The Member is free to create and play a new character, unless otherwise prevented to by further disciplinary action.

- Chronicle Strikes: Chronicle Strikes can be given for any violations of the House rules or Out of Character Rules. When a Member or player accrues three Chronicle Strikes, they are collectively upgraded to a Chronicle Ban. Chronicle Strikes may be placed on a Member or player at the discretion of the HST, but must be removed by a simple majority vote of the Narrator's Council.

- Chronicle Ban: A Member can have their status as a Member revoked, or a player have their ability to attend Whispers of Atlanta regular meetings revoked, and be asked not to return for an indeterminate amount of time if they accrue three Chronicle Strikes or prove a hazard to the safety and well-being of other Members. Chronicle Bans can be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the Narrator's Council.

ByLaws:

1. It shall be the duty of the HST to keep the Constitution and ByLaws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting, as well as the House Rules. He/She shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

2. Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held on the Third Saturday of each month. The HST or an appointed Officer is required to arrive at 5:30 to prepare for the event. The floor is open at 6:00 for questions, workshops, and seminars. The event begins at 7:00 and lasts until 12:00 (midnight). If the needs of the site require a different policy, the HST will adjust these time requirements as necessary. The HST may call special meetings. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted.

3. Whispers of Atlanta will fully comply with all regulations held by the One World by Night organization.

4. The Narrator's Council (NC) will exist as a board of advisors to the Officers of this organization. The AST(s), HST, and Narrators are considered members of this council.

5. The NC may represent the General Assembly of members in such that a two-thirds vote by the NC will be recognized as a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly in all votes and polls with the exception of a No Confidence Vote for the HST.

6. The NC may challenge policy regarding the HST's operation of the WoA Chronicle, with the exclusion of Disciplinary Actions and their administration. The HST must address any challenge against any such policy. Any challenge that carries at least a two-thirds majority shall require revision of said policy.

7. The HST has the power to "Line Item Veto" proposals of the Narrator's Council, meaning that the HST may not alter the proposal but only remove complete items from it. If the proposal only includes one item, the HST is not afforded this power.

8. HST, AST, and NAR will receive additional experience as allowed within the OWbN regulations every month to be awarded at the start of each month. At the HST's discretion, OWbN Officials (Coordinators and Subcoordinators) who are also Members of Whispers of Atlanta may also receive additional experience as allowed within the OWbN regulations every month to be awarded at the start of each month. The rate of these awards will be set by the HST or appointed AST and published publicly on the club's official web site or email group page.

9. All OOC rules published in the MET books will be followed at Regular Meetings. Special meetings may be exempt from some rules as long as they do not exclude any otherwise eligible participant. Violation will result in at least one form of disciplinary action, at the discretion of the HST.

10. The House Rules will take precedence over any rule published by an outside source including but not limited to MET or any other White Wolf literature, with respect to the One World by Night bylaws.

11. Whispers of Atlanta does not challenge any copyright owned by the White Wolf publishing company or any of its divisions.

12. The House Rules are considered an extension of these ByLaws.

13. Any members found violating this Constitution or ByLaws may be subject to immediate disciplinary action.

14. There may be any number of AST positions available as seen necessary by the HST. Any AST may delegate their authority or responsibility to members in good standing so long as such authority is documented on the organization's web page. If an HST appoints an AST with specific duties, those duties will be listed along with the AST title on the chronicle's official webpage and announced to the General Assembly of Members.

15. Specific Narrator: Player Liaison. This Narrator shall be appointed by the HST to handle all Out-of-Character (OOC) complaints. The narrator shall direct investigation, invited proper inquires, establish technical facts and testimony and report its results to the Whispers of Atlanta Officers. The Player Liaison will not hold a seat on the Narrator's Council, in order to facilitate the impartial function of the position.

16. Specific Narrator: Rules Coordinator. This Narrator is responsible for coordinating research and development of a comprehensive House Rules system as assigned by the HST, reporting House Rules updates to the web site administrator, reporting changes in the House Rules to the General Assembly, holding a seat on the Narrator's Council, and General Narrator duties. This Narrator will be responsible for presiding over votes pertaining to the House Rules and tallying voting totals.

17. Specific Narrator: Council Member. This Narrator is responsible for representing the opinions of WoA to the OWbN Council by casting votes on the chronicle's behalf, coordinating efforts to gain photographs and other media that well represents the WoA chronicle, submitting updates to the web site administrator, holding a seat on the Narrator's Council, and General Narrator duties. The Council Member is required to hold opinion polls of the General Assembly of Members of any public Administrative or Genre Proposal put before the OWbN Council before casting their vote. In the event the subject matter of a proposal put before the OWbN Council is considered confidential by the Head Coordinator of OWbN, the Council Member will poll only the HST and AST.

18. Specific Narrator: List Moderator. This Narrator is responsible for maintaining all official email lists (both IC and OOC) for the WoA chronicle. The List Moderator must moderate any official email group unless the list is populated exclusively by the HST and ASTs. The List Moderator will also hold a seat on the Narrator's Council, and be responsible for General Narrator duties.

19. All persons not meeting Membership requirements taking part in Whispers of Atlanta regular meetings are considered 'Players'

20. Whispers of Atlanta is considered to be in temporary recess in the event that there is no person holding the position of HST. The group shall resume proceedings upon the appointment of a new HST.