Constitution of the Geneva College Alumni Association

Recognized by the Geneva College Board of Trustees, October, 1889. Reconstituted by the Geneva College Board of Trustees, April 30, 2010.

Article I. Name.

This Association shall be known as the Geneva College Alumni Association, hereafter referred to as "the Association."

Article II. Purpose.

The purpose of the Association is to advance the interests of Geneva College, to promote the mutual acquaintance of the graduates, and to strengthen the relationship between the Alumni and the College.

Article III. Membership.

The membership of the Association is composed of all alumni of Geneva College, certified by the registrar to have completed all requirements for their respective degrees. Individuals who have earned academic credit from Geneva College but who have not completed their degrees—including current students—shall be considered Associate (non-voting) members of the Association.

Article IV. Alumni Council.

Section 1. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Geneva Alumni Council, hereafter referred to as "the Council." The Council shall serve as the voice of the Association in dealings with the College.

Section 2. The Council shall consist of twelve (12) members elected from and by the Association. Members of the Council shall be elected to fill three year terms and are thereafter eligible to be reelected to additional terms. Members of the Council shall be elected on staggered terms, such that four members are elected each year. The Association shall vote on a ballot prepared in advance by the Alumni Council. Said ballot shall not present less than four nominees, and will provide opportunity for write-in candidates. In preparing the ballot, the Council shall seek nominees representing a diversity of degrees, academic programs, graduating classes, and geography. The four persons receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected. New terms shall begin on the first day of the College's fiscal year.

Section 3. The Council may, at its discretion, invite one or more current students, College administrators, and/or Trustees to serve as *ex officio* (non-voting) members of the Council.

Section 4. The Council shall elect from its membership the officers of the Association. The officers shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary. The officers shall be elected annually and shall perform such duties as are indicated by their titles. No *ex officio* member of the Council may serve as an officer of the Association. Terms shall begin on the first day of the College's fiscal year.

Section 5. In the event of the incapacity of or at the request of any member of the Council, including officers of the Association, the Council may declare that a vacancy exists and select another to fill the position.

Article V. Committees.

Section 1. The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Council may delegate to the Executive Committee the power to act on behalf of the Association between regular meetings of the Council. The Executive Committee shall have no powers other than those specifically delegated, and such powers shall expire at the next regular meeting of the Council unless specifically renewed. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint other standing or *ad hoc* committees as deemed necessary to pursue the purpose of the Association. Such committees will be given a term not to exceed three years, a written charge, and one or more specific objectives. Membership on such committees is not limited to members of the Council and may include any individual committed to the purpose of the Association. A member of the Council shall chair each committee; however, an officer of the Association may not chair a committee. The committees shall report regularly to the Council. At the end of each committee's term, the Executive Committee may, based on its evaluation of the committee's performance, continue or disband the committee.

Article VI. Meetings.

Section 1. The Council shall meet at least twice annually, with meeting dates set on a regular basis. The President of the Association shall, ordinarily, give at least one month's notice in the event of the need to change the date of any regular meeting.

Section 2. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII. Reports.

The Council shall provide no less than annually one or more written reports to the Association summarizing its activities and accomplishments in pursuit of the purpose of the Association.

Article VIII. Amendment.

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by vote of the Association, subject to ratification by the Geneva College Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Proposed amendments receiving a majority vote of the Alumni Council will be published to the Association accompanied by an explanation of the intent and effect of the change. Members of the Association will have no less than two weeks to record their vote on the proposed amendment. An amendment affirmed by two thirds of the votes cast will be forwarded to the Geneva College Board of Trustees for ratification at their next regularly scheduled meeting. A proposed amendment not ratified by the Board of Trustees within twelve months of the vote of the Association will be judged to have failed.