Preamble

The Princeton Society of Physics Students proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to:
Promoting an appreciation for the process of scientific inquiry,
Encouraging communication and interaction between students of different classes, as well as with physics-related faculty,
Providing a resource for students to seek out information on internships, research advice, and the physics being pursued on campus, and
Bringing the frontiers of experimentation and theory to our members.

Article I

Name and Affiliation

Section 1.
The name of this student organization shall be
THE PRINCETON SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS

Section 2.
The words “PRINCETON SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS” (hereafter, PSPS) and any affiliated logo shall not be used by any individual or individuals without the consent of the President of the PSPS, the Officer Corps, or the organization as a whole.
Section 3.
The PSPS is an official chapter number 5715 of the national Society of Physics Students.

Article II
Membership

Section 1.
Membership in this organization will be extended to all students at Princeton University who demonstrate interest in membership.

Section 2.
No Princeton student who has expressed interest in membership shall be denied membership.

Section 3.
While the PSPS is an official chapter of the national Society of Physics Students, members of the PSPS are not required to be student members of the national organization.

Article III
Officers

Section 1.
There shall be an Executive Board of Officers, which shall consist of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In accordance with the constitution of the national Society of Physics Students, each of these Executive Officers will be required to be standing Student Members of the national organization. One individual should permanently hold more than one of these positions only in the event that there are not enough willing members to hold the four positions.
Subsection 1a. The duties of the President of the PSPS shall be: to call and preside over meetings of the Officer Corps or the entire organization, including officer elections, with exceptions as listed in Article IV; to speak for the organization to the press, the University, and outside organizations or individuals; to represent the organization in cases of liability, responsibility, or honors; to coordinate the reservation of room space for official PSPS events, and the purchase and ordering of food, when the latter is done through one of the academic departments of the University; and to coordinate the various projects and goals of the Executive Board. Whenever needed, the President may also temporarily assume or re-delegate to other officers the duties of any officer.

Subsection 1b. The duties of the Vice President of the PSPS shall be: to organize trips and special off-campus events held through the PSPS; to be responsible for the upkeep and occasional modification of the organization logo; to assume the duties of the President in the case of death or abdication; and to organize the distribution and sale to the organization of clothing or other items.

Subsection 1c. The duties of the Secretary shall be: to take and distribute notes of important decisions or discussions at Officer Corps meetings; to maintain a list of current members, be this on the University ListServ page, or separately; to tally votes of officer elections, with exceptions as laid down in Article IV; and to communicate with potential or current members relative to event information.

Subsection 1d. The duties of the Treasurer shall be: to organize the purchase or finance of food or other items, when this is done through the Undergraduate Student Government (henceforth USG), the Alcohol Initiative, or another University entity outside of the academic departments; and to keep the PSPS in good financial standing with the USG.

Subsection 1e. In issues of voting or elections, the rank of priority shall be, in decreasing order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Section 2.

Additionally, there shall be any number of Cabinet Officers, for which some recommendations follow. These are not required positions, and any additional
Cabinet Officer positions may be created without alteration of this document. These positions may be filled by an Executive Officer, if desired. Individuals who hold these positions (and are not also an Executive Officer) need not be student members of the national Society of Physics Students.

Subsection 2a. Webmasters: shall be responsible for the upkeep and occasional operational or aesthetic improvement of the PSPS Website, which is housed through the Physics Department. It is recommended that no more than 2 Webmasters be appointed.

Subsection 2b. Class Representatives: shall be the official voice of their respective undergraduate class. Additionally, they shall be responsible for communicating with and reaching out to Faculty members for speakers for PSPS events. Any number of Representatives is welcome, and it should be encouraged to have at least one Representative for each current undergraduate class, and potentially the graduate school.

Subsection 2c. Social Chair: shall be responsible for generating ideas for and helping to organize events related to building camaraderie amongst the members and other organizations.

Section 3.

The combined group of Executive and Cabinet Officers shall be known as the PSPS Officer Corps.

Section 4.

Meetings of the Officer Corps or the entire organization shall be held whenever necessary, upon the call of the President or upon the request of at least three officers, as well as dictated in Article IV.

Subsection 4a. All organization meetings must be arranged, and the relevant membership notified, at least one week prior to the proposed meeting.

Subsection 4b. Such a meeting date and time may be overturned and replaced by a new time within one week of the proposed time by a three-quarters majority vote of the Officer Corps, which may occur electronically. This adapted time must also abide by the rule above.
Article IV

Election of Officers

Section 1.

Election of the Executive Board of Officers:

Subsection 1a. The Executive Board of Officers shall be elected by the organization at an organization meeting at the start of the Spring semester, no later than the Saturday of the third week of classes, by individual, secret ballot of a majority of the organization, for a term of one year or until the successor for each respective position has been duly elected and has qualified for said position.

Subsection 1b. If a candidate does not receive a majority of the vote, a run-off will be held between the two candidates who received the highest number of votes.

Subsection 1c. If an exact tie results between two candidates, each holding one half of the votes, then the Executive Officer who has the highest rank of priority, as in Article III. Section 1e., who is not one of the two candidates shall be allowed the tie-breaking vote.

Subsection 1d. Elections shall be held for the Executive Board of Officer Positions in the order of priority rank, as in Article III. Section 1e. A candidate for any of these positions who loses may choose to run for any subsequent position.

Subsection 1e. The President will preside over all election proceedings and will moderate the discussions; if the President is participating in a specific election, the subsequent officer in priority rank, as in Article III. Section 1e. will preside over the election; the Secretary, or a subsequent officer will tally all votes if the Secretary is participating in that specific election.

Subsection 1f. Any member may put his or her name forth as a candidate at the beginning of the organization meeting. Each candidate will have two minutes to present a speech. After the speeches have been given, all candidates will exit the room. The presiding officer will allow for discussion between the
members present until he or she determines to allow the candidates to return to the room and call for a vote by secret ballot.

**Subsection 1g.** A member who is genuinely unable to attend the meeting called to elect new officers may submit his or her name and a short (equivalent of two minutes spoken) statement as a candidate to the Secretary. During candidate speeches, the presiding officer will announce this member’s candidacy and read the given statement.

**Subsection 1h.** Similarly, a member who cannot attend this meeting may, with valid reason, delegate another member to hold their proxy vote, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. No individual member may hold the proxy vote of more than one other member. A member holding a proxy vote will be allowed to cast a vote for the member not in attendance.

**Section 2.**

Appointment of the Cabinet Officers:

**Subsection 2a.** All Cabinet Officer positions may be appointed by the President at any time during his or her term. Any new Cabinet Officer position and the relevant duties may also be created by the President at any time, without need to revise this document. Any member requesting such position must submit a brief statement of intent. Such determinations will not be deemed official until notification has been sent to the standing Officer Corps. These same determinations may also be made by a three-quarters majority vote, made in person, of the standing Officer Corps, excluding the President.

**Subsection 2b.** Any such decision by the President may be overturned by a three-quarters majority of the standing Officer Corps, excluding the President, within 48 hours of the President’s notification. This vote may occur electronically, and does not include any new officers involved in the dispute.
Article V

Amendments

Section 1.
A motion for an amendment to this constitution may be raised at any organization meeting, provided it abides by the rules set down in Article III. Section 4.

Section 2.
This motion, once seconded, may be discussed until the President, or presiding officer, determines to end discussion and call a vote. This determination may be overturned by a three-quarters majority vote by the organization present.

Section 3.
The proposed amendment will be ratified with a simple majority vote of the entire organization present. Amendments will take effect immediately upon a successful ratification.

Article VI

Ratification

Section 1.
This constitution has been ratified by the existing Officers, as of Sunday, the 18th of November, 2012.