ARTICLE I. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Princeton University Class of 1977.

ARTICLE II. Constitution. This Constitution formally continues the organization and provides a revised form of the organization’s governing document. The provisions of this Constitution shall control and govern all matters affecting the organization, other documents or instruments notwithstanding.

ARTICLE III. Purpose. The purpose of the organization shall be to further the interests, welfare and educational aims of Princeton University, for so long as the organization is in existence and Princeton University remains organized exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes under Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV. Powers. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the organization shall have full power and authority to perform any lawful acts and to exercise any rights not otherwise limited by law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the organization shall have all rights and powers of any unincorporated association under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

ARTICLE V. Financial Limit. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any member, trustee, officer, director or any other private person. All of the assets and net earnings of the organization shall be used to further the organization’s purpose.

ARTICLE VI. Political Activity. No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing and distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE VII. General Limits. This organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VIII. Membership. The following shall be members of this organization:

- Regular Members. All persons who shall at any time have been correctly listed by Princeton University in the Class of 1977.
- Honorary Members. Honorary Members may be elected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX. Governing Body. Full management and control of the affairs of this organization is vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Class Agent, the Reunions Chair, the Technology Chair and the Chair of any other standing committee, as provided in the By-laws as in effect from time to time.

ARTICLE X. Existence. Unless sooner terminated as provided in the By-laws, the existence of this organization shall terminate when fewer than ten regular members of this organization are living.

ARTICLE XI. Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of this organization, after paying or making provision for all its obligations and liabilities, all of the assets of this organization shall be distributed to Princeton University, so long as it is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be distributed, by the order of any New Jersey Court with jurisdiction, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XII. By-laws. The Executive Committee may enact, and may from time to time amend, By-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII. Adoption and Amendment. This Constitution may be adopted, and thereafter amended, by the vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIV. Situs. The organization shall have its situs at Princeton University, Princeton, Mercer County, New Jersey.

Adopted and effective on the _______________ day of __________.

Title: ________________________________
Bylaws of the Princeton University Class of 1977

I. NAME: The name of the organization is the Princeton University Class of 1977.

II. ORGANIZATION: The organization is an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of New Jersey. It is also a member of the group exemption of Princeton University (the “University”), and as such, is subject to the general supervision and control of the University. By virtue of being a member of the group exemption, the organization is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The organization shall conduct its activities exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and subject to the Constitution adopted by the organization and approved by the University. In the event of a conflict between the terms of these Bylaws and the terms of the organization’s Constitution, the terms of the Constitution shall prevail.

III. PURPOSE: The purpose of the organization is to further the interests, welfare and educational aims of Princeton University. The organization shall also:

A. Provide services and programs to alumni that enrich their lives and encourage their lifelong engagement with the University, with its faculty and students, and with their fellow alumni.

B. Sustain robust lines of communication among alumni, and in both directions between alumni and the University.

C. Encourage lifelong commitments by alumni to the life of the mind by offering educational opportunities of various kinds.

D. Promote alumni service to members of the University community, including other alumni; to the University itself; in their home communities; and in the broader global community.

E. Ascertain the needs and interests of the University’s increasingly diverse alumni body to provide services and programs that meet their diverse needs and interests.

F. Seek both to maximize participation in its programs and activities and to reach out to alumni who are not currently engaged in the ongoing life of the University.

G. Conduct its activities in conformance with policies and guidelines adopted by the University for alumni associations that are members of its group exemption.

IV. MEMBERSHIP:

A. Organization membership is open to:
   1. All persons who are listed officially by Princeton University as being members of the Class of 1977.
   2. Honorary Class members, who may be recommended by any member of the Class and approved by the Executive Committee.

B. The membership of any person may be terminated by the member’s own written request (delivered to the Secretary of the Class) for transfer to another University class of which
he or she was at some time a member; provided that such transfer be consistent with the University's rules and regulations for transfer of class membership.

C. An honorary Class member may be terminated only by that honorary Class member’s own written request (delivered to the Secretary of the Class).

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CLASS COUNCIL MEMBERS: The Executive Committee is the organization’s governing board, and it shall have no fewer than four members and no more than ten members. The Executive Committee shall include the following elected members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary (“Class Officers”). The President shall be a Princeton University alumnus or alumna.

The Executive Committee shall also include the following non-elected members: Reunions Chair, Class Agent for Annual Giving, Community Service Chair, and Technology Chair, all of whose responsibilities are outlined in Section VII below. The non-elected Executive Committee members shall be appointed by the Class Officers. The Executive Committee may also create such other non-elected offices with such responsibilities as it deems advisable. For elected and non-elected Executive Committee membership positions, co-officers are permitted.

The Class Officers shall serve a term of five years, commencing on July 1 of any major reunion year and ending on June 30 of the next succeeding major reunion year.

All Executive Committee members may succeed themselves, but the President and Vice President may serve only two consecutive full terms in the same role.

The Class Council is an advisory body for the Executive Committee, consisting of three or more Trustees, elected by Class Members, and serving five-year terms, coterminous with those of the Class Officers; provided, however, that Charter and Term Trustees serving in those roles as of the adoption of these bylaws shall retain those titles and serve in an advisory capacity until June 30, 2022.

VI. DUTIES OF ELECTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The President shall serve as the main liaison between the Class, alumni body at large and the University; convene and conduct meetings; supervise and coordinate activities of the organization; and have such further duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of President.

The Vice President shall lead regional and ongoing activities; assist with off-year Reunions plans; and convene and conduct meetings and take over the duties of the President in the President’s absence.

The Treasurer shall collect all dues and contributions; keep the books and accounts of the organization; have custody of all funds of the organization; submit an annual financial report of the organization to, and such other information requested by, the University so that the organization may be included in the University’s group tax return; render such
other periodic reports of the financial condition of the organization as directed by the President of the organization; attend to the payment of bills and obligations; and have such further duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Treasurer. All funds of the organization shall be deposited in accounts of the organization in a bank designated by the Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall facilitate communication between classmates; prepare the Class Notes column for the Princeton Alumni Weekly; coordinate class mailings and electronic communications; keep the records of the organization; keep minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Executive Committee, including attendance and actions; and have such further duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall also be the organization’s main contact person for responding to alumni inquiries; shall notify Alumni Records of classmates’ change in contact information; and shall consult as needed with the other Officers and Chairs on all issues of communication and outreach.

The President may delegate to members of the Executive Committee, or to subcommittees consisting of Executive Committee members and/or other members of the organization selected by the President, additional duties as necessary for successful operation of the organization. These duties may include, but are not limited to, coordination and contact with appropriate University functions such as the Advancement Office.

VII. DUTIES OF APPOINTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The Reunion Chair shall have general charge of all Class Reunion events, of constituting and coordinating the efforts of a Reunion Committee, of raising funds necessary for the Reunion events, and of disbursing and accounting for such funds under the oversight of the Treasurer.

The Class Agent for Annual Giving shall have charge of the raising of funds for Princeton University’s Annual Giving, of keeping records of the Class in connection therewith, and of appointing of Special Gifts Chair, Participation Chair, or other volunteer positions, when necessary or appropriate.

The Technology Chair shall be responsible for maintaining the Class webpage, for recommending electronic communications and engagement strategies, and for maintaining contacts and exchanging technological information with other alumni groups.

The Community Service Chair shall coordinate and plan Class community service efforts.

VIII. NOMINATION, ELECTION, RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CLASS COUNCIL MEMBERS: Class Officer and Trustee elections shall be open and publicized to the entire organization’s membership. Nominations for Class Officers and Trustees shall be made by a nominating committee appointed by the President at least two months prior to the election. The nominating committee shall consist of two or more active organization members, including at least one Executive Committee
member. It shall nominate at least one candidate for each elected office, plus a slate of Trustees, and present its report to the Executive Committee at least one month prior to the election. Election of Executive Officers and Trustees shall take place at or before the annual meeting of the membership. To the extent feasible, the election of Class Officers shall proceed in accordance with procedures recommended by the Class Affairs Committee of the Alumni Council Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall fill any vacancies in an office of the Executive Committee caused by any reason, including but not limited to death, incapacity, resignation or removal, at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Any member so elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Any member of the Executive Committee or Class Council may resign by submitting a written resignation to the President or Secretary of the organization. Such resignation shall be effective as of the date received by the President or Secretary of the organization and shall automatically terminate the person’s membership on the Executive Committee.

Any member of the Executive Committee or Class Council may be removed with or without cause by majority vote of the Executive Committee, after consultation with members of the Class Council.

IX. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS: The annual meeting of the organization’s membership shall be held each year during Reunions weekend. Special meetings of the membership may be held, at such time and place as the President or two or more members of the Executive Committee shall determine. At the annual meeting of the membership, the election of Class Officers and Trustees shall take place (unless already held) and a report of the President shall be submitted.

Notice of all membership meetings shall be mailed or sent electronically to each member at least thirty days prior to a meeting. The organization shall strive to hold at least one in-person membership meeting per year. However, at any membership meeting, members may participate by any means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear each other. Fifteen members, or three percent of the Class (whichever is less) shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the membership. All elections and other questions put up to the membership shall be decided by majority vote of those in attendance.

X. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CLASS COUNCIL: Meetings of the Executive Committee or Class Council shall be held at such times and places as the President or two or more members of the Executive Committee shall determine. In addition, the President, two or more Executive Committee members, or two or more Class Council members may call for a meeting of the Class Council, with or without participation by some or all members of the Executive Committee. Notice of all Executive Committee meetings shall be mailed or sent electronically to each Executive Committee member at least five days prior to a meeting. There shall be a minimum of four Executive Committee meetings per year. The presence of at least a majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, but less than a quorum shall have the power to adjourn a meeting.
from time to time until a quorum is present.

Except as otherwise provided herein, decisions of the Executive Committee shall be made by a majority of those present and eligible to vote. An Executive Committee member shall not be entitled to vote on any matter directly involving the member or which will or is reasonably likely to cause an actual or apparent conflict of interest. Any or all members of the Executive Committee may participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee by any means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear each other.

Executive Committee members shall attend or participate in meetings, as schedules permit, and shall endeavor to help administer the organization’s affairs and finances and help to promote the goals of the organization to other interested parties. Executive Committee members are expected to attend a majority of the regular meetings each year. Any member not attending a meeting for one year without good cause shall be removed from the Executive Committee.

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting, provided that a written consent thereto is signed by all members of the Executive Committee and such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee.

XI. DUES: Dues shall be assessed each member according to a rate established by the Executive Committee. Dues are payable to the Treasurer annually upon receipt of the first dues mailing in the new fiscal year.

XII. AMENDMENTS: These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at a meeting or in writing outside a meeting, provided the amendments have been submitted in writing, by mail or electronically, to each committee member and, for consultative purposes, to members of the Class Council, in advance of the Executive Committee meeting or vote. Prior to taking effect, all amendments must be reviewed and approved by Alumni Engagement, Office of Advancement, Princeton University.

These amended Bylaws have been approved by the Executive Committee and the Trustees of the Princeton University Class of 1977 in December 2021 and, in accordance with that approval, take effect on December 31, 2021.

Signature  

Date  

By: James T. Barron, Class Secretary