

Charter

Article 1. Name

This organization shall be referred to as the Western New York Linux User Group. The Western New York Linux User Group will hereafter in this document be referred to as "WNYLUG".

Article 2. Statement of Purpose

Linux is both a powerful and freely-available computer operating system, the product of an international Open Source Software community that exists independently of any national boundaries.

The WNYLUG's purpose is to facilitate learning, creativity, and the advancement of Linux and Open Source Software utilization. To accomplish this goal, WNYLUG intends to promote the use of the Linux operating system and Open Source Software throughout Western New York and surrounding areas by encouraging its use among home users, Educational Facilities, Government and Corporate entities, and Businesses of all sizes; by providing a support network for Linux and Open Source Software users; and by establishing an awareness of Linux and Open Source Software.

Article 3. Membership

Section 1. General Membership

WNYLUG grants membership to anyone who asks for it. There shall be no membership fee.

Section 2. Policy of Non-discrimination

WNYLUG, in accordance with applicable Federal and State law, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran of the Armed Forces.

WNYLUG also prohibits sexual harassment. This non-discrimination policy covers organization membership, access to organization programs and activities, and the general treatment of members in the organization.

Article 4. Offices and Elections

WNYLUG shall elect officers once per calendar year or as necessary. Only members that are self-nominated or nominated by another WNYLUG member are eligible to hold office. All members of the group are allowed to vote in any and all elections of the WNYLUG.

President

This individual is the official liaison, and is responsible for the group, its activities, and the delegation of tasks to be carried out on behalf of the group. The President shall preside over all meetings. The President shall be responsible for scheduling meetings and events in coordination with the Event Coordinator. Any financial matters will be handled by the President, including making financial records available upon request, as we do not anticipate the need for a regular treasurer.

Vice President

This individual is responsible for assisting the President or assuming the role of the President in his / her absence

Marketing Director

The Marketing Director is responsible for the general improvement of the group's reputation and profile through advertisement and other means.

Event Coordinator

The Event Coordinator is responsible for organizing events, including any regular Lug or Officer meetings, installfests, workshops, guest speakers, etc. The Event Coordinator is also responsible for the logging of meeting minutes / summary and the posting of these meeting minutes / summary to the users@wnylug.org mailing list.

Event Co-Director

The Event Co-Coordinator is responsible for assisting the Event Coordinator and will assume the role of the Event Coordinator in his / her absence.

Any vacant office position will automatically be assumed by the President and /or the Vice President until such time that a member is voted into the said vacant position.

Article 5. Meetings

WNYLUG shall hold general meetings at least once a month (the second Wednesday of each month). The meetings shall be open to the public - membership is not a requisite to attend.

Article 6. Amendments to the Charter

This charter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Membership at a General Meeting or a Special Meeting called for the purpose of voting to amend the charter.

Article 7. Provision to Make Financial Records Available.

Financial records can be made available upon request. Said requests can be submitted electronically via email and must provide a detailed description of the type of records requested.