

THE HOYA

Editorial Board Application

Fall 2017

From Article XIV of the Policy Manual of The Hoya:

Section 1. Responsibility. The Editorial Board is responsible for composing the editorials that appear on the Editorial Page of each issue of The Hoya. Editorials are selected by a majority vote of the Editorial Board.

Section 2. Composition. The Opinion Editor is a member of the Editorial Board by virtue of his or her position. Seven other individuals shall serve on the Editorial Board for semester-long terms, four of which must be members of The Hoya elected to the Editorial Board. Two or three members of the Editorial Board shall be community members, or non-publication members appointed from the general undergraduate student body, but they must still meet the qualifications listed in Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws. It will be at the discretion of the Opinion Editor and the Editorial Board selection committee whether the fifth member is a community member or a member of the Hoya staff.

Section 3. Community Members. Two or three community members shall be selected from among the general undergraduate student body to serve on the Editorial Board for one full academic semester. Within one week from general elections, the newly elected members of the Editorial Board shall convene and interview applicants for the two community positions. The Opinion Editor shall then transmit the applications to the Board of Editors with the recommendation of the elected Editorial Board members. The Board of Editors shall by majority vote select two applicants to fill the community positions, whose terms shall commence on the first day of the next academic semester and expire on the final day of that semester. Community members of the Editorial Board are not staff members, but must still meet all requirements set forth for members in the Bylaws and Policy Manual of The Hoya.

Section 4. Restrictions. The Editor in Chief, Executive Editor, Managing Editor, Campus Editor, City Editor, Deputy Campus Editor, Deputy City Editor and Deputy News Editor for Features are not eligible to sit on the Editorial Board. News writers are also not permitted to sit on the Editorial Board. Community members are also obligated to excuse themselves from discussions of any outside organization to which they belong.

Section 5. Advisers. The Campus News Editor and City News Editor shall serve as the news advisers to the Editorial Board but shall not vote under any circumstances. The Campus News Editor and City News Editor shall furnish an explanatory list of news stories by the beginning of every meeting of the Editorial Board.

Section 6. Chair. The Opinion Editor is the ex officio Chair of the Editorial Board. The Chair may only vote in the event of a tie.

Section 7. Meetings. The Editorial Board shall meet at least once before every publication no fewer than two days before The Hoya date. Meetings shall be scheduled by the Opinion Editor.

Section 8. Notification. Notice of each meeting shall be given to every member by email or phone by the Opinion Editor not fewer than 24 hours before the meeting. Meetings may be closed to the public or to the rest of the Membership, Directors excluded, at any time by a majority vote.

Section 9. Quorum. Quorum at any Editorial Board meeting shall be equal to one half of current members plus one. Four affirmative votes are necessary to approve an editorial.

Section 10. Voting. Every Editorial Board member receives one vote at every meeting. Voting shall be by a show of hands.

Section 11. Procedure. Editorials may only be drafted by a member of the Editorial Board. A rare guest editorial must be labeled as such and the authors must be identified. It must be approved by the Editorial Board, although it may not necessarily be the opinion of the board in all respects.

Section 12. Right of Rebuttal. Should an editorial receive less than two-thirds of the vote but still pass, the dissenting minority has the right to publish a rebuttal on the Viewpoint page of the same edition.

Section 13. Superseded Decisions. A decision of the Editorial Board may be superseded in the time period between the original vote and The Hoya of the associated editorial upon the approval of the Opinion Editor with the consent of at least fifty percent of the Editorial Board.

Section 14. Final Discretion. Final responsibility for and discretion over the content, scope and style of editorials shall lie with the Editor in Chief.

Application Details

This application should be sent to Karen Shi (hr@thehoya.com) by Friday, August 25, 2017 on 11:59 pm. Please save all application materials as a single .pdf document.

This position is selected by a Promotions Committee as outlined in The Hoya's bylaws and policy manual. The Promotions Committee reviews all written applications for the position and then interviews all candidates. Selected applicants will be notified of their interviews following the submission deadline.

The Editorial Board's term will begin on Monday, September 4, 2017 and will go until January.

Application

Name:

Year:

For staffers, please include your current position and past positions held (include dates):

Your answers to the following three questions should be no more than 750 words in total.

1. What is the biggest issue facing Georgetown? Explain the reasoning behind your answer.
2. How would you describe your debating style (here indicate any previous debating experience)?
3. Which campus or city news stories from this semester did you think were particularly important, and why?
4. What are the characteristics of a weak and a strong editorial? Provide an example of an editorial from this semester that you believe most closely fits this description for each.

Mandatory attachments:

1. A one-page resume.