

Purpose: Faculty staff, and students promoting the welfare and traditions of The Ohio State University.

Motto: A group of Thinkers, Believers, and Doers in and about The Ohio State University.

Slogan: No member ever shirks a duty however menial.

History of Ohio Staters, Inc.

In 1933, nine men—Ohio State students, faculty, and staff—joined together with a desire to better serve their alma mater. The first Ohio Staters were Fred J. Milligan, Edward S. “Beanie” Drake, Howard Hamilton, L. Gordon Staley, Charles Ebersold, Oscar Thomas, James Handley, William North, and John B. Fullen. Their efforts led to the creation of Ohio Staters.

The first constitution was written in the winter of 1935. Fullen was elected president, and Drake was appointed treasurer.

Ohio Staters was incorporated as a non-profit organization in that year. On March 2, 1935, the Charter of Corporation was issued by the state of Ohio, designating the official name of the group as “Ohio Staters, Incorporated.”

Membership, originally set at 36 students and nine faculty members, was increased in 1953 to include five Stater alumni—for a total of fifty members. In 1973, the combined total of non-students was left at 14, but no set limit was imposed regarding the number of faculty, staff, or alumni filling the 14 positions. Currently, the membership is comprised of 14 faculty and staff.

In 1973, Maureen Malone Dargusch became the first woman to join the organization. Ohio Staters, Inc. is committed to maintaining a membership that reflects the rich cultural diversity of the student body. Membership is open to students without regard to race, color, creed, religion, heritage, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Sharing and exchanging different cultural viewpoints and perspectives are important components of the Staters tradition.