

# Constitution of the MIT Ballroom Dance Club

## ARTICLE I Purpose

The purposes of the MIT Ballroom Dance Club (MITBDC) shall include the following:

- a. To provide members of the MIT and greater Boston community the opportunity to learn and practice ballroom and Latin dancing.
- b. To promote and popularize ballroom and Latin dancing.

## ARTICLE II Membership

1. All persons interested in ballroom and Latin dancing are eligible to become members of MITBDC. One is considered a member of this organization in any given academic term if he or she has attended at least one workshop in the preceding or current term.
2. At least five (5) members and fifty percent (50%) of the membership must be MIT students.
3. MITBDC will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.

## ARTICLE III Officers

1. At minimum, MITBDC will have two elected officers, the President and Treasurer, who must be current and distinct MIT students. Other officer positions may include the Vice President, Secretary, Workshop Manager, Membership Chair, Publicity Chair, Music Director, Social Director, Space Coordinator and Webmaster. Duties for all elected positions are described in the By-laws.
2. The President may appoint additional officers as is required for the operation of MITBDC. These appointments will become void with the cessation of duties by the appointing President.

## ARTICLE IV Elections

1. The elected officers constitute the executive committee of MITBDC, and they shall be elected by MITBDC at a general meeting held during April.
2. Any member of MITBDC is eligible to run for office.
3. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.
4. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped and votes are recast.
5. The term of office shall be one year. Each term begins on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, and ends on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May in the following year.
6. Any officer may resign from office before the end of his or her term by submitting a written resignation to the executive committee.
7. An officer may be impeached by any member of MITBDC, and the officer may be removed by a majority vote in the executive committee.
8. A member can be removed by a two-thirds vote by all the other members. The member to be removed will be given the opportunity to speak at the meeting at which the vote takes place.

**ARTICLE V Meetings**

1. The President shall call at least one general meeting per academic year.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the President, unless he or she is absent, in which case he or she shall choose another officer to preside.
3. Quorum for a meeting shall be 20 members.
4. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.

**ARTICLE VI Amendments**

1. Amendments to the Constitution or By-laws shall be presented by any member of MITBDC.
2. Amendments to the Constitution shall be passed at a general meeting by majority vote of the members present.
3. The By-laws may be amended by a majority vote in the executive committee.

**ARTICLE VII ASA Governance Clause**

The MIT Ballroom Dance Club agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.