

The Constitution of the MIT Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

1. Purpose

- (a) The purpose of the MIT Chapter of the AIAA is to advance the arts, sciences, and technology of aeronautics and astronautics and to foster and promote the professionalism of those engaged in these pursuits.

2. Membership

- (a) Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of the AIAA. One is considered a member if they apply to and are granted membership by the national AIAA organization.
- (b) The membership of the MIT Chapter of the AIAA will at all times contain at least 5 MIT students. Furthermore, its membership shall always be at least half MIT students.
- (c) The MIT Chapter of the AIAA will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.
- (d) The MIT Chapter of the AIAA will pay the national dues for anyone who wishes to become a member but cannot afford to do so without assistance.

3. Officers

- (a) This MIT Chapter of the AIAA will have seven officers:
 - i. Co-Presidents
 - A. The MIT Chapter of the AIAA shall have two co-presidents. The co-presidents will divide the following responsibilities between them as they see fit.
 - B. One of the co-presidents shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
 - C. One of the co-presidents will preside over all meetings.
 - D. One of the co-presidents is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
 - ii. Treasurer
 - A. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
 - iii. Secretary
 - A. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes at meetings.
 - iv. Public Relations Chair
 - A. The public relations chair shall be responsible for publicizing MIT AIAA activities.
 - v. Special Projects Chair
 - A. The special projects chair shall take a large role in organizing all MIT AIAA events.
 - vi. Design-Build-Fly Chair
 - A. The design-build-fly chair shall administer the national AIAA Design-Build-Fly Contest.
- (b) All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and MIT students.
- (c) Elections:
 - i. Elections of officers shall occur at the first meeting in the month of May.

- ii. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for office.
 - iii. Quorum for elections is two-thirds of the group.
 - iv. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.
 - v. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.
 - vi. The term of office runs from September 1 to August 31.
- (d) Removal : Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

4. Meetings

- (a) General meetings shall be held at least every month.
- (b) Meetings shall be presided over by the designated co-president, unless he or she is absent, and in that case the other co-president shall preside.
- (c) Executive meetings of the officers shall be held weekly.
- (d) All decisions shall be made by the officers through general agreement reached by discussion at executive meetings.
- (e) Quorum for a meeting shall be one-quarter of the members of the organization.

5. Amendments

- (a) Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.
- (b) Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds voted of the members present.
- (c) Quorum for amending this constitution shall be one-third of all members of the organization.

6. ASA God Clause

- (a) The MIT Chapter of the AIAA 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 insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.