

Charter of the Association of Independent Living Groups
(Adopted 11/15/2000)

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Association of Independent Living Groups. The name shall be abbreviated as AILG.

Article II. Purpose

We the Association of Independent Living Groups (AILG) are vitally interested in the continuity, individuality, and autonomy of the MIT associated independent residences. The AILG shall promote excellence in its member living groups by stressing the values of intellectual achievement, social awareness, community involvement, economic integrity, and interdependent living.

Because individual house behavior affects the whole, the AILG will self-govern.

Through its members, the AILG shall:

- + promote the rights of MIT students to associate freely and to share, explore, and advance ideas, values, experiences, beliefs, philosophies, and other ways of living and learning in furtherance of their academic, athletic, cultural, emotional, and personal development;
- + promote the development of each MIT student's talents and skills to his or her fullest potential;
- + promote diversity of choice of residence for students within the MIT ILG community;
- + promote group responsibility and accountability;
- + promote the economic strength of each AILG member;
- + promote the formation of new AILG corporations and residences for both female and male students; and
- + benefit the local community, the MIT Community, and, in particular, prospective and current MIT undergraduate students.

Article III. Amendments

Section 1. This Charter may be amended by a 3/4 (three quarter) majority vote at any Meeting of the AILG.

Section 2. Proposed amendments to this Charter must be provided in writing to the Voting Members at least 15 (fifteen) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be adopted. A copy of the proposed amendment should be sent by email, but a mailed copy must also be sent to the mailing address of each House Corporation.

Article IV. Ratification and Supremacy

Section 1. This Charter shall be considered an amendment to the current Alumni Interfraternity Conference (AIFC) Charter.

Section 2. Upon adoption of this Charter, all acts, resolves, and policies of the Alumni Interfraternity Conference shall be deemed null and void.

Section 3. Upon adoption of this Charter, the Chairman of the Alumni Interfraternity Conference shall appoint the initial members of the Board of Directors. The ending of their term of office shall be determined by either personal preference or lottery.

By-Laws of the Association of Independent Living Groups
(Adopted 11/15/2000)

The name and purpose of this organization shall be as set out in its Charter.

Article II. Members

Section 1. Every Alumni House Corporation or Trust, hereinafter House Corporation, of an independent living group (ILG) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology which has or intends to acquire a house shall be a Member of the AILG.

Section 2. The Voting Members of the AILG shall be the President or Chair of each House Corporation; and, to insure continuity and an informed membership, a second individual who may be the Secretary, Treasurer, or other individual authorized in writing by a vote of the House Corporation. Each House Corporation shall be entitled to have one vote on any subject before the AILG, with the House President or Chair casting the vote in the case of an internal difference of opinion.

Section 3. A Voting Member who will be absent; may appoint a designee who must be a member of the House Corporation, to represent the Member for a particular meeting.

Section 4. Should an ILG cease to exist at MIT or become inactive, its House Corporation shall continue to be a Member of the AILG as long as there is an intent to re-establish themselves at MIT.

Article III. Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the AILG shall be comprised of seven (7) members.

Section 2. Six (6) of the members of the Board of Directors (Directors) shall be elected by the Voting Members.

Section 3. The Directors elected by the Voting Members shall serve three year terms of office with two Directors elected at each Annual Meeting. A Directors term of office will continue until their successor has been duly elected. In case of death, resignation, removal of a Director, or change in status such that the individual no longer meets qualifications; the vacancy shall be filled for the remaining term by a vote of the remaining Directors.

Section 4. The President of the Interfraternity Council of MIT shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors during his or her term in office.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall elect by majority vote the Officers of the AILG from among its members.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall have exclusive control over the employment of an Executive Director of the AILG.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall establish such committees as may be needed from time to time.

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall appoint members of all committees of the AILG.

Section 9. The Board of Directors shall have to power to investigate and adjudicate disciplinary matters.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the AILG shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The Officers shall be elected of and by the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Chair of the AILG shall:

- (A) Preside over meetings of the AILG
- (B) Preside over meetings of the AILG Executive Board
- (C) Be the official AILG representative to MIT
- (D) Provide an annual State of the Association report to the Members.

Section 4. The Vice Chair of the AILG shall:

- (A) Fulfill the duties of the Chair should the Chair be absent, incapacitated, or leave office
- (B) Chair the AILG Accreditation Committee

Section 5. The Secretary of the AILG shall:

- (A) Maintain such records as shall be required by law
- (B) Perform any and all duties assigned by the Chairman

Section 6. The Treasurer of the AILG shall:

- (A) Maintain the accounts of the AILG
- (B) Dispense AILG funds only upon the approval of the AILG Board of Directors, or subject to a budget and procedure approved by the Board of Directors

Article V. Standing Committees

Section 1. Accreditation Committee

(A) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Accreditation which shall be chaired by the Vice Chair of the AILG.

Section 2. Economic Development Committee

(A) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Economic Development, which shall work to improve the financial situation of all Members.

Section 3. Public Affairs Committee

(A) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Public Affairs that shall oversee the AILG's relations with the public.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be conducted according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 2. Quorum for a Meeting shall be 1/2 (one-half) of all Voting Members.

Section 3. A Notice of Meeting shall be sent to Voting Members at least 10 (ten) days before each Meeting. Email meeting notification will fulfill this requirement.

Section 4. A Meeting may be held with less than the 10 (ten) day notice period if there are no objections raised by more than one fourth of the Voting Members within a period ending two weeks after the meeting. If the objection is sustained, all measures passed at the meeting are considered void and must be re-submitted.

Article VII. By-Laws

Section 1. At any Meeting, the AILG may, by a 2/3 (two thirds) majority of those present, providing that this also represents a majority of the Voting members, adopt or amend By-Laws of the AILG.

Section 2. Proposed By-Laws must be presented to the Voting Members in writing at least 15 (fifteen) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be adopted. A copy of the proposed By-Law sent by email will fulfill this requirement.