Constitution of the MIT Ballroom Dance Club

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ballroom Dance Club (MITBDC) constitution consists of twelve articles, each with one or more clauses.

**ARTICLE I  Name**

The organization will be known as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ballroom Dance Club (hereinafter known as "MITBDC" or the "BD Club").

**ARTICLE II  Purpose**

The purposes of MITBDC shall include the following:

1) To provide members of the MIT and greater Boston community the opportunity to learn and practice ballroom and Latin dancing.

2) To promote and popularize ballroom and Latin dancing.

**ARTICLE III  Membership**

*A. Eligibility*

All persons interested in ballroom and Latin dancing are eligible to become members of MITBDC (unless eligibility has been revoked as per Clause D).

*B. Rights*

All members have the right to vote at all general meetings of the BD Club. Each member may have one and only one vote on all matters. All members have the right to run for office (except when limited by MIT regulations).

*C. Requirements*

All eligible persons can apply for membership of MITBDC by filling out a membership request and paying the required annual membership fee set by the officers of MITBDC. At least five (5) members and fifty percent (50%) of the membership must be MIT students. All applications for membership from eligible MIT students will be approved automatically. All applications for membership from other eligible persons will be approved subject to membership quota limitations listed above. Membership will lapse unless renewed every year.
D. Removal of Membership Privileges

Membership privileges cannot be removed, except by due process (see Clause F).

E. Reinstatement

Any member removed from MITBDC will not be able to rejoin for the remainder of that membership year.

F. Due Process

The executive committee of MITBDC shall be empowered to remove a member whose actions are detrimental to the operation of the BD Club, or has by his or her actions tarnished the image of the BD Club. The executive committee shall hold a hearing at which the member may defend his/her actions. The officers may decide by a simple majority vote to remove the said member.

ARTICLE IV Officers

A. Elected Officers

The BD Club shall elect its officers, who shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Workshop Manager, Membership Chair, Publicity Chair, Music Director, Social Director, Space Coordinator and Webmaster. No person may hold two offices simultaneously. The elected officers of MITBDC shall be automatically granted membership of the Club for their term of office.

B. Appointed Officers

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.

C. Executive Committee

The executive committee of MITBDC will consist of its elected officers. Each elected officer will have one and only one vote in the executive committee. Any decision of the executive committee may be vetoed by the membership of the club by a 2/3 vote at a general meeting. Any such motion to veto an executive committee decision must be placed on the agenda prior to the meeting.
D. Term of Office

The term of office shall be one year.

E. Resignation

Any officer may resign from office before the end of his/her term by submitting a written resignation to the executive committee.

F. Removal from office

An officer may be impeached by any three members of the BD Club, and the officer may be removed by a 4/5 vote in the executive committee or a 2/3 vote at a general meeting of the BD Club.

ARTICLE V  Elections

The officers shall be elected by the BD Club at a general meeting held during the month of April. They shall assume office on the 15th of May. The election procedure will be outlined in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VI  Voting Procedure

Each member shall have one and only one vote on all matters. Non-members may not vote on Club business.

ARTICLE VII  General Meetings

A. Call to Meetings

The President shall call regular general meetings. At least one general meeting must be held per MIT academic year. The quorum for a general meeting shall be established at 1/3 of the membership or 30 members, whichever is smaller. General meetings shall be open to all.

B. Special General Meetings

Special general meetings of the BD Club may be called to consider a special item or items of business, by the President, by two officers of the Club, or by petition of any ten members of the BD Club.


ARTICLE VIII  Open Records

Records and documents of the BD Club shall be open to inspection by any of its members, subject to Institute policy.

ARTICLE IX  Amendments

A. Constitution

Amendments to this Constitution may originate at a meeting of the BD Club, from the president, from any two elected officers, or through petition in writing by ten members of the BD Club. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the membership through the most effective means available (as decided by the executive committee) and conspicuously posted for a period of two weeks before action or adoption. Adoption requires at least a 3/4 vote at a general meeting of the BD Club. The amendments must be voted on within six weeks of posting.

B. By-laws

By-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote at a general meeting.

ARTICLE X  ASA God Clause

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology 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.

ARTICLE XI  Ratification

This Constitution and By-Laws were presented to the membership of the BD Club at a general meeting on March 14, 2010 and ratified by a majority of the membership at the same meeting on March 14, 2010.

ARTICLE XII  Sunset Clause

This Constitution and By-Laws along with any amendments will cease to be valid as of March 14, 2015, unless re-ratified for a specified period of time (less than five years), by a 3/4 vote at a general meeting prior to this date.