

Article I : Statement of Purpose

1. General Statement:

Students at MIT are entitled to the best technology education in the world. However, education and technology have a less relevant and, often, more dangerous bearing on greater society if they remain separated from continuous, vigorous analysis of related ethical considerations. In order to direct knowledge and skills with fairness and responsibility, we seek first to understand, then act upon, the numerous but inter-connected social justice issues confronting humanity today.

2a. Mission (Action Goals):

The MIT Social Justice Cooperative (SJC) seeks to bring social justice issues to the attention of the MIT community: to raise social consciousness, to provide resources and motivation towards change, and to coordinate with ongoing movements. We also seek to increase awareness in the community of concerned world citizens and to grow the population base of concerned, critical, constructive, world citizens.

2b. Mission Statement:

As the wikipedia article on social justice (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_justice) describes, Justice is a complicated concept and the word by itself means different things to different people. Increasingly, however, pursuing justice (and stamping out injustice) can be a matter of common sense.

As such, our members are united around a set of easily adopted, common sense goals, including: collecting knowledge on world events and thinking critically about the veracity of commonly circulated information, holding world leaders (local and national, foreign and domestic) to the highest standards, considering the impact of our life goals on existing structures of exploitation and corruption, pursuing the logical means/investigative structure necessary to address issues which are not as straight-forward, and so on.

Article II : Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of this organization.
2. The membership of this organization will at all times contain at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
3. This organization will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Non Discrimination Statement.
4. This organization will not charge any monetary dues.

Article III : Officers

1. This organization will have four officers:

- a. President
 - i. The president shall be the official representative of the group to outside media and off-campus organizations.
 - 1. The president will, as necessary, delegate members to attend off-campus meetings and grow other off-campus connections.
 - ii. The president will call and preside over general meetings, in order to coordinate between projects, check on progress, share news and organizational developments, etc.
 - 1. The president will delegate this duty as necessary.
- b. Internal Relations Officer
 - i. The IR officer will keep and grow a list of collaborating and interested MIT organizations and information for their primary contact persons/executive board.
 - ii. The IR officer and president will cooperate to invite a variety of groups to cosponsor events, brainstorm issues, and tackle world problems.
 - iii. The IR officer will be familiar with MIT policy as well as ASA requirements and meetings.
 - iv. The IR officer will cultivate a relationship with members of the MIT administration, inviting them to events, brainstorming sessions, and so forth.
- c. Publicity Officer
 - i. The publicity officer will manage signs and posters for event publicity and work with IR Officer to publicize events to the MIT community.
 - ii. The publicity officer will undertake or delegate website maintenance and make sure the website is up to snuff, aesthetically.
- d. Treasurer
 - i. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
 - ii. The treasurer is required to sign the SJC's checks/vouchers
- e. Unassociated duties
 - i. Projects will arise and leadership will be established organically or, when there is any question, by decision of the president.
 - ii. Each member must undertake to write copious notes at meetings and individually. This is in order to pass on all contacts, purchasing practices, practices learned, ideas considered, etc. for the continuous improvement of the organization.
 - iii. Impromptu meetings may be called by any member of the organization in order to set up a new project or carry out an existing project. To balance efficiency with fraternity, all active members and certainly all officers ought to be invited to project or impromptu meetings, but only a subset of members should be notified that they are expected to show up.

Article IV: Recognition of ASA Authority

Elections of officers shall occur at the end of the each semester, effective immediately after results are tallied. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for office and eligible to cast a single vote in each election. Quorum is $2/3$ of the median attendance, taken from the record of attendance to the general meetings. Elections must be announced to the entire organization at least two weeks in advance. Any member is elected if she or he wins two thirds of the voting members, otherwise the member with the least votes is disqualified from the position and there is a revote. If $2/3$ majority is not attained in a runoff between two candidates, the prior year's president will decide whether to take the candidate with more votes or whether to split the duties of the office between both candidates. The term of office runs either from the end of the Spring Semester to the end of the Fall semester (including summer session) or the end of the Fall semester to the end of the Spring semester (including Independent Activities Period), established by consensus of the board.

Removal : Officers may be removed by a three fourths vote of the members.

Article V: Recognition of ASA Authority

The MIT Social Justice Cooperative 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.