

## CONSTITUTION of the MIT/DL BRIDGE CLUB

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PREAMBLE: We, the members of the MIT/DL Bridge Club do hereby organize for the mutual recreation and pleasure in duplicate bridge.

### ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

- Section 1 The organization shall be known as the MIT/DL Bridge Club.
- Section 2 The organization shall be sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League (A.C.B.L.).
- Section 3 The organization shall be a non-smoking club.
- Section 4 The organization agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities and its executive committee. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Committee to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.

### ARTICLE II OFFICERS

- Section 1 The officers of the MIT/DL Bridge Club shall consist of a President, Vice President-Membership, Vice President-Publicity, Treasurer, Secretary and Club Manager.

### ARTICLE III ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICER CANDIDATES

- Section 1 Candidates for office shall be selected from the members of the club in good standing, and in accordance with Article IX.

### ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1 The President
  - a) He shall preside at all business meetings.
  - b) He shall be chairman of the Executive Board as defined in Article VI.
  - c) He shall be empowered to call unscheduled business meetings, appoint committees not otherwise provided for, and fill committee and pro-tem vacancies.
  - d) He shall be responsible for room reservations for all club activities.
  - e) He shall perform such other duties not covered herein that his office may require.

- Section 2           The Membership Vice-President
- a) He shall maintain an up-to-date roster of all members.
  - b) He shall perform the duties of the President in the latter's absence, resignation, or removal from office.
  - c) He shall be chairman of the Membership Committee.
  - d) He shall oversee and coordinate the efforts of the committees as designated by the President.

- Section 3           The Publicity Vice-President
- a) He shall be chairman of the Publicity Committee.
  - b) He shall perform the duties of the Membership Vice-president in the latter's absence, resignation, or removal from office..
  - c) He shall oversee and coordinate the efforts of committees as designated by the President.

- Section 4           The Treasurer
- a) The Treasurer shall make such arrangements for the safe-keeping of the funds of the club as the Executive Board shall direct. He shall keep a correct account of his receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the club and present a report thereon at the annual meeting and at any meeting on request by the Executive Board.
  - b) He shall submit a financial record to the Executive Board upon request.
  - c) He shall prepare and present an annual budget forecast to the Executive Board.

- Section 5           The Secretary
- a) He shall keep the minutes of all business meetings.
  - b) He shall keep the minutes of all Executive Board meetings.
  - c) He shall keep a file on monthly tournament results when these are published by the publicity Committee.
  - d) He shall handle all official correspondence.
  - e) He shall maintain a list of club bylaws and rules.

- Section 6           The Club Manager
- a) He shall be responsible for running all bridge games and tournaments, ensuring all rooms needed have been reserved and all equipment supplied.
  - b) He shall be a certified A.C.B.L. director, and shall serve as director at all club games and tournaments.
  - c) He shall appoint a director to serve in his absence.
  - d) Along with the treasurer, he will be responsible for club funds.

## ARTICLE V REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS

- Section 1           An officer can be removed from office for malfeasance, or inability or unwillingness to perform the functions of his position. He

may also resign his office by submitting a written resignation to the Executive Board.

Section 2 An officer may be removed from his position by a majority vote of the Executive Board, or by a 2/3 majority vote of members in an official club business meeting.

Section 3 In the event of resignation or removal from office of a club officer, the club president is empowered to make a pro tem appointment to fill the vacancy. This appointment must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Section 1 There shall be an Executive Board and two major committees

Section 2 The Executive Board

- a) The officers of the club shall constitute this board.
- b) The Executive Board shall decide on all expenditures, promotion of activities, appointment of committees, and the general government of the organization in conformance with the Constitution.
- c) The Executive Board shall meet at the discretion of the President but at least once a year.
- d) The Executive Board shall be empowered to take any action on matters not covered herein.

Section 3 Major Committees

- a) The two major committees shall be the Membership Committee and the Publicity Committee.
- b) The Membership Committee shall coordinate plans for increasing the membership. It shall perform such other services as are deemed desirable.
- c) The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for representing the club to new members, circulating information relative to future events, and publishing tournament results.
- d) Sub-committees to the major committees may be formed at any time to carry out various phases of the club activities.

## ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1 An official business meeting of all members shall be called by the President upon presentation of a written petition from at least 20% of the membership of the organization, to debate any issues or proposals in the petition. This meeting shall be scheduled for no later than five weeks from the presentation of the petition.

Section 2 A written notice shall be given three weeks prior to any duly called business meeting.

Section 3 An official business meeting must be attended by a minimum of a quorum as defined in Article X. If there is less than a quorum in attendance, the meeting shall be canceled.

- Section 4            There shall be a regular annual meeting for all members in January for the purpose of electing officers. The President shall call this meeting.
- Section 5            All decisions and elections, except amendments as noted below, shall be made by simple majority vote.
- Section 6            All meetings will adhere to Robert's Rules Of Order, Revised.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

- Section 1            Proposed amendments to this document must be submitted to the President in writing. The President shall in turn submit the proposed amendment to the Executive Board within one month from date of receipt. If the amendment is approved by a majority of the Executive Board, it shall be submitted for adoption at the next duly called meeting of the club, said meeting to be called within 3 months from the date of first submission. If less than a majority of the Executive Board approve the amendment, the proposed amendment shall not be submitted for adoption unless it is resubmitted in the form of a petition signed by at least 25% of the members in good standing.
- Section 2            A two thirds (2/3) majority of the members in attendance shall be required to adopt an amendment.

#### ARTICLE IX MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1            Membership shall be open to all members of the MIT community and to members of the Draper Lab community.
- Section 2            Membership shall also be open to any other players who participate in at least four (4) sessions in any membership year. Such members may thereafter renew membership by payment of the annual dues.
- Section 3            All members will adhere to the rules of conduct specified by the A.C.B.L. Violations will be met by suspension of membership and right to participate subject to review by a judicial committee of at least 3 members in good standing. Further violation will be met with termination of membership and right to participate subject to the same review. In addition, all officers may be removed by the same process for gross negligence of duties or malfeasance.
- Section 4            Certain members who have served the club in extraordinary ways may, by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at a meeting, be elected life members of the club. Such members are automatically members for life, and are exempt from club dues.

#### ARTICLE X QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of one quarter (1/4) of the number of members of the club or eight (8) members, whichever is less.

#### ARTICLE XI DUES, FEES AND AWARDS

- Section 1            Dues
- a) Members in good standing must pay the annual dues.

- b) Dues shall be waived for all members for which it is a financial hardship.
- c) The amount of the annual dues may be changed by a simple majority vote of the members in attendance at an official business meeting.

Section 2 Fees

- a) Game fees and any or fees that are established shall be waived for all members for which it is a financial hardship.
- b) Game fees and any other fees may be established or changed by a simple majority vote of the members in attendance at an official business meeting.

Section 3 Awards

- a) Money awards for regular club games may only be given to members in good standing and to their partners.
- b) The schedule for awarding money awards for regular club games may be established or changed by a simple majority vote of the members in attendance at an official business meeting.