

CONSTITUTION OF
Association for Computing Machinery

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ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Association for Computing Machinery at Boston University.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

This chapter is organized and will be operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes and in furtherance thereof; specific objectives are:

- A. To promote an increased knowledge of the science, design, development, construction, language, and applications of modern computing machinery;
- B. To promote a greater interest in computing machinery and its ever-growing range of applications;
- C. To provide a forum for communications between people with shared interests pertaining to computer systems, computer security, and computer-related research.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section A. Membership

The following types of membership are recognized:

Active: Active members have the right to vote for officers and propose Amendments and Events. Active members have the ability to attend open, private, formal, and special events and ceremonies.

Honorary: Honorary members do not have the right to vote. Honorary members can propose Amendments and Events. Honorary members have the ability to attend open, private, formal, and special events and ceremonies.

Section B. Membership Qualification(s)

1. Membership in the Association for Computing Machinery shall not be denied because of age, race, disability, gender, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status or weight.

2.) All students of Boston University, regardless of GPA, class, or hours completed, may become members of the ACM.

Section C. Selection of Members

1.) New members are inducted upon the payment of dues and are required to attend one general meeting.

2.) New members will be notified of their member status verbally or by e-mail.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section A. Elected Officers

President - Has the ability to call and conduct meetings. Must oversee events. Organizes and acts upon information provided by other ACM officers. If any issue cannot be solved by majority member vote, and terms cannot be reached after a period of two (2) weeks time, the President must act as the tiebreaker. Reviews and approves proposed budget.

Vice President - Receives all rights of President in the President's absence. Acts as head of Events Planning committee.

Treasurer/Secretary - Handles all finances; creates yearly budget. Must maintain and keep records of all financial transactions, as well as assist in organizing events. Responsible for taking minutes at meetings.

Public Relations - Handles all inquiries from the Press; speaks to Press during events. Acts as liaison

to the public; advertises meetings and events. Responsible for any ACM Newsletter. Presides over Publicity Committee.

Section B. Standing Committees

Committees may be created and dissolved by officers as needed. Officers set guidelines for Committees on a case-by-case basis, and choose committee members from the active ACM membership.

Events Planning Committee: will plan and arrange meetings of the chapter in accordance with the membership interests and the aims of this chapter as set forth in Article II, and shall prepare a calendar of regularly scheduled meetings each year.

Publicity Committee: will maintain a mailing list, publish and distribute all notices to the members of the chapter, and shall provide additional publicity of chapter events as appropriate.

Section C. Qualifications for Holding Office

- 1.) All active members that are on academic, social, or disciplinary probation are prohibited from holding any office - elected or appointed.
- 2.) Members must be active in the ACM for at least one full semester before being nominated for election.
- 3.) Nominees for office must be members in good standing with the ACM National Organization before being eligible to hold office.

Section D. Selection of Officers

- 1.) Elections take place once per year, on 25 September. Officers may, by unanimous member vote, postpone elections up to one (1) week in cases of holidays and emergencies.
- 2.) The Secretary will be responsible for organizing and overseeing the election. At least 60% of Active members must vote, through secret or absentee ballot. Officers are decided by majority vote. In cases of a tie, a coin toss will decide the winner.
- 3.) New officers must take office exactly two (2) weeks after the election.
- 4.) Officers shall hold office for one (1) year.

Section E. Filling Vacancies

1.) In the case of an officer vacancy, if such a vacancy should exist outside the office of the President, a quorum will be called and the active ACM membership will vote to appoint a member to the vacant position. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President will assume the President's office, with active membership voting to fill the office of the Vice President.

Section F. Recall of Officers

1.) Officers are eligible for removal by members if one of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. The Officer is found to be ineligible for holding office, as determined by Article IV-C of this constitution.

B. The Officer is recommended, by petition of 90% of Active Members, for removal.

2.) If Officers meet removal requirements, they are removed when 75% of Active Members vote, publicly, to remove the officer.

ARTICLE V

Advisors

Advisors are chosen by Members' majority vote every 25 September.

Advisor Role

The Faculty Advisor shall: help provide continuity from year to year as student leadership and personnel change; Promote good student-faculty relationships; Help maintain university standards in all activities of the organization; Exercise financial supervision if necessary; and Represent the student chapter interest to the faculty and administration.

ARTICLE VI

Section A. Frequency of Regular Meetings

Meetings are to be held bimonthly.

Section B. Special Meetings

- 1.) Special meetings may be called by Officers.
- 2.) Special meetings are announced via phone or e-mail.

Section C. Quorum

- 1.) Sixty (60) Percent of Active Members are needed for quorum.

Section D. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII

Section A. Duties and Assessments

- 1.) Dues are set by majority vote of members during the Election Meeting AND with the consent of the treasurer.
- 2.) Dues are collected once per semester.

Section B. Budget Planning

1. A budget must be created by the Treasurer and submitted to the Officers for approval by 30 October. Funds are allocated by Treasurer, after petition by Active Members or Officers.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section A. Amendments and revisions

Any member, at any regular meeting, may propose a written amendment, final action on which will be delayed until the next regular meeting. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership shall be required for adoption of the amendment.

Bylaws

1. Any member chosen to compete in a competition or present at a national conference must be a member in good standing of the ACM.