

THE COMPACT WITH THE CHARTER AND LAWS OF NEXT MAKE, A GREAT SOCIETY TO BE RAISED UPON THIS CITY-ON-A-HILL

We, the People of Next Make and His Eminence's Most Loyal Subjects, do solemnly affirm that we shall uphold and defend (if not with Our lives, at least to the greatest extent Our free time and apathy allows) this Compact.

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of Next Make shall be to engage in Projects which challenge and develop the engineering and creativity skills of this Great Society. Since time immemorial, the Elites and the Bourgeoisie have controlled the design and construction of all industrial projects. We affirm that we shall return the means of production to the People; by allowing our Citizens the opportunity to practice, share, and build their skills, we plan to empower them to one day take these Means back and to use them wisely. In accordance with MIT's motto of "Mens et Manus," all shall have the Right to exercise their creativity and mental faculties towards the design and execution of projects requiring due skill in engineering, and the Right to Build shall always be Upheld.

ARTICLE II: CITIZENSHIP AND SUBJECTHOOD (MEMBERSHIP)

1. All Citizens (henceforth referred to as "residents") of Next House are eligible to join this Great Society.
2. A Subject of His Eminence (henceforth referred to as "member") is defined as any resident of Next House that fulfills any or all of the following conditions:
 - Holds a seat on the High Council
 - Holds an active role in the current semester's Project, as determined by the High Council.
 - Has attended two or more Convocations of the General Assembly (henceforth referred to as "meetings").
3. Discrimination on the basis of age, gender, race, or any other characteristic specified in MIT's Nondiscrimination Policy shall be strictly Prohibited. All residents of Next House have an equal right to swear Undying Allegiance to His Eminence.
4. Should the need arise for taxes (henceforth referred to as "dues") to be imposed upon the members of Next Make, all possible accommodations shall be made for any member facing financial hardship.

ARTICLE III: THE HIGH COUNCIL (OFFICERS)

1. The High Council of Next Make shall consist of the following Officers:
 - His/Her Eminence, by the Grace of Next House, of Makers and Shapers the **SUPREME LEADER**, Defender of His/Her People – otherwise referred to as "President"
 - The Right Honorable **CHAIRMAN OF TRUTH, REEDUCATION, AND PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT** – otherwise referred to as "Vice President of Communications"

- **MASTER OF THE ARMORY**, General-of-the-Armies and Protector of His Eminence's Lands – otherwise referred to as "Vice President of Equipment and Tools"
 - **THE LORD HIGH TREASURER** and Chancellor of the Exchequer – otherwise referred to as "Treasurer"
2. INSERT OFFICER DUTIES HERE
 3. All Officers on the High Council are elected to terms not exceeding one calendar year.
 4. Elections for officer positions on the High Council shall take place annually at the end of the Spring semester. The election procedure is as follows:
 - The Chairman of Truth, Reeducation, and Public Enlightenment will issue a call both by email and at a meeting for candidates to the High Council.
 - Any Member may nominate themselves for candidacy, provided they meet the requirements outlined in Article II. No petition for candidacy is required.
 - The window for nominations will be open at minimum for one week.
 - Once the window for nominations has closed, the Chairman of Truth, Reeducation, and Public Enlightenment will announce the candidates by email to the membership of Next Make.
 - The Supreme Leader, in consultation with the High Council, will establish a date for the elections. This date should be communicated by the Chairman of Truth, Reeducation, and Public Enlightenment to the group membership.
 - Prior to elections, candidates may make brief remarks in support of their candidacy. After remarks have been concluded, all present Members will vote by secret ballot.
 - Any Member who will not be present must be guaranteed the right to vote by absentee ballot, provided they communicate this need to the High Council in advance of the election.
 - The quorum for elections is one-third of all Members.
 - A Candidate is elected to Office if they receive an absolute majority of all votes cast. In the case that no Candidate secures a majority, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is dropped from the ballot and ballots are recast.
 - All newly elected Officers will take office from the beginning of the Fall semester.
 5. An Officer of the High Council may be denounced (henceforth referred to as "impeached") by the following procedure:
 - A petition clearly indicating the reasons for impeachment should be submitted to the High Council. Such a petition must be supported by at least one-half of all Members.
 - The High Council will set a date for the impeachment vote to be conducted. Prior to the vote, the accused Officer may make brief remarks in his/her defense.
 - Removal requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all Members. There is no quorum for an impeachment vote.
 - No Officer may be impeached in the four weeks prior to elections.
 6. Following the denunciation or abdication (otherwise referred to as "resignation") of an Officer, the High Council will set a date for a special election to select a replacement (using the procedures specified in clause 4), unless it is four or fewer weeks prior to the annual election.

ARTICLE IV: CONVOCACTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (MEETINGS)

1. Convocations of the General Assembly (henceforth referred to as "meetings") will take place every week.
2. The purpose of meetings will be for the planning and execution of the current semester's Project.
3. Meetings will open with announcements by the Supreme Leader (or another designated Officer) and an appraisal of current progress on the semester's Project. Important announcements should be communicated to all absent Members via email by the Chairman of Truth, Reeducation, and Public Enlightenment.
4. Special meetings (e.g. seminars) may be announced and hosted at the High Council's discretion.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to this Compact may be proposed by any Member through the submission of a petition to the High Council. Such a petition must bear the support of at least one-half of all Members.
2. Any proposed amendments will be retained to be voted upon during the next annual election. At the High Council's discretion, speakers may be allowed to make remarks for and against the proposed measure for particularly contentious amendments.
3. Two-thirds of all voters must vote in favor for the amendment to be adopted. Amendments will take effect immediately following their adoption.