

MIT Outing Club Constitution

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Article I - Name and Charter

The name of this organization shall be the MIT Outing Club, hereinafter referred to as MITOC. MITOC is to be a student club of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in accordance with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Student Organizations, Leadership and Engagement Office (SOLE) and Association for Student Activities.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of MITOC shall be to create a safe community around outdoor recreation and to provide students with the education and means to use, enjoy, and explore the great outdoors.

Article III - Membership

Participation in MITOC shall consist of a tiered structure including members and non-members, as delineated in the Bylaws. Members will consist of MIT student members with regular student status and community members, while non-members shall be called "MITOC guests." The general membership shall be defined as the sum of the MIT student members with regular student status and community members. For purposes of this Constitution, "regular student status" shall mean MIT undergraduate and graduate students who are properly registered at MIT as current students and are fulfilling all of

their MIT financial obligations to retain the status of regular students. The organization shall not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in the MIT Nondiscrimination Policy for membership, officer position, or in any other aspect. The Executive Board reserves the right to revoke the membership or officer position of any member, by a two-thirds majority vote, for non-conduct-related reasons. All conduct-related complaints, including but not limited to, harassment, discrimination, or violations of MIT policy, should be referred to the appropriate channel(s) for resolution, including, without limitation, Institute Discrimination & Harassment Response (IDHR) Office, Committee on Discipline (COD) and SOLE. All members are encouraged to become better informed regarding these MIT resources by reviewing the MIT Student Organization Handbook. This organization recognizes its responsibility to uphold the values and policies of MIT and will communicate to all trip and event leaders their respective responsibilities to promptly report misconduct to the MITOC Executive Board and at least one of the above-referenced MIT administrative offices. The organization will cooperate fully with SOLE in the implementation of any recommendations by MIT, resulting from such reporting.

Article IV - Organization

Section 1: Structure

MITOC shall consist of an Executive Board, an Advisory Board, standing committees as delineated in the Bylaws, and special committees as created by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Officers

A. The Executive Board shall consist solely of MIT student members for all officer positions listed below and otherwise comprise all Executive Board positions:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Bursar
5. Five members at-large

B. The Advisory Board shall consist of any positions deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

C. Committee activities shall be managed by a chairperson as appointed by the Executive Board.

Section 3: Elections, Appointments, and Vacancies

A. Elections

1. All nominations and elections shall be executed in accordance with the Bylaws.
2. The outgoing and incoming officers shall transition in an orderly fashion to avoid disruption to the organization. Newly elected officers assume their role at the conclusion of the election meeting.
3. At the time of election, candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Bursar must be currently enrolled MIT students. If an individual serving in one of these positions departs from MIT and no longer maintains regular student status, the position is to be considered vacant. Should the President or Treasurer position become vacant, elections will be held immediately to fill them.
4. If an individual serving as a member at-large departs from MIT and no longer has regular student status, the position may continue to be held provided that a majority of the executive board still remains composed of MIT students with regular student status.

B. Appointments

1. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the Executive Board in accordance with the Bylaws.
2. Newly elected officers assume their roles at the conclusion of the annual elections in the spring.

C. Vacancies

1. A vacancy in the position of the President shall be filled by the Vice President.
2. Vacancies in the position of Vice President, Treasurer, Bursar, member at-large, or a position on the Advisory Board shall be filled by an appointment by the Executive Board, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, to be approved by the general membership at the next meeting.
3. Vacancies in a committee chairpersonship shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board.

Section 4: Powers

All officers of MITOC shall act in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 5: Quorum

- A. A quorum for general meetings shall consist of a majority of the Executive Board in attendance.
- B. For in-person votes, once a quorum is established, a simple majority of the Executive Board present is required for a decision.
- C. For asynchronous email votes, a simple majority of officers who actively participate (i.e., do not abstain) is required for a decision. Upon receiving a call to votes, a 24-hour waiting period will begin before officers will have 48 hours to vote.

Article V - Meetings

A. The general membership of MITOC shall meet, with the Executive and Advisory Boards, on a monthly basis.

B. Special meetings of the Executive Board or of the general membership may be called by the President or any three members of the Executive Board who have regular student status by giving written notice and justification to the general membership.

C. Meetings shall be presided over by the President unless they are absent, and in that case the Vice President shall preside.

Article VI - Founding Documents

A. The Constitution and Bylaws shall be treated as the sole charter and guiding documents from which MITOC derives its authority. The Constitution and Bylaws will supersede any other decisions or policies within the Club.

B. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board or by two-thirds of the votes cast by the general membership, in attendance at the time of voting, provided a simple majority of members casting votes are MIT students with regular student status. In the case that the Executive Board and the general membership disagree, the general membership shall take precedence.

C. If the Constitution and Bylaws are to be amended, the proposed amendments and the date of their consideration must be delivered in writing to the general

membership at least two weeks in advance of the meeting at which they are to be ratified or rejected. In no event shall any proposed amendment conflict with ASA guidelines, policies or other MIT policies.

D. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted by an MIT student with regular student status.

E. Ratified amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be delivered, in writing, to the general membership of MITOC.

F. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall take effect immediately following the adjournment of the meeting at which they were ratified, unless otherwise specified.

Article VII - ASA Governance Clause

The MIT Outing Club agrees to abide by the policies and guidelines of the Association of Student Activities, its Executive Board, as well as the MIT Mind and Hand Book and the MIT Student Organization Handbook, all as may be subject to change from time to time. This Constitution, amendments to it, and the Bylaws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board, to ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned policies and guidelines.