

The Constitution of MIT TechFair

Article I: Purpose

1. The purpose of the MIT TechFair student organization is to promote knowledge of technology and of the tech industry.

Article II: Organization

1. MIT TechFair will consist of the Executive Board and several committees.
2. The Executive Board will comprise the officers of MIT TechFair. Every committee head will be a member of the Executive Board.

Article III: Officers

1. MIT TechFair will have a Managing Director, who will serve as an officer, and who must be an MIT student, and will serve as the president of the club. The Managing Director shall be responsible for coordination of the entire organization, and shall chair the Executive Board.
2. Additionally, the Executive Board will comprise several committee heads, which must include, but are not limited to,
 1. The Head of the Finance Committee, otherwise known as the treasurer, who must be an MIT student, and will be responsible for finances.
 2. The Head of Corporate Relations, responsible for dealing with outside corporations.
 3. The Head of Logistics, responsible for planning logistics, dealing with contractors and MIT administration.
 4. The Head of Marketing, responsible for the promotion and branding of MIT TechFair and events that it organizes or hosts.
3. Additional officer positions may be created at the discretion of the Executive Board, in accordance with the election and decision procedures.
4. Each officer shall serve for a one year term, except that no term shall end later than the end of MIT's scheduled finals period.
5. The outgoing executive board must hold elections for officers' positions before the end of their terms, in a manner as they so choose, except as prohibited elsewhere in this document.
6. Elections must be held with at least one weeks' notice, and in such a manner so as not to discriminate against any persons, inasmuch as scheduling allows.
7. Any member is eligible to run for any office, except as prohibited elsewhere in this document.
8. The positions up for election are at the discretion of the outgoing executive board, and are not limited to the positions listed above. Additionally, committees may have more than one head, except that exactly one head of the Finance Committee shall serve as Treasurer.
9. The Managing Director may, at any point, with the support of a majority of the Executive Board, appoint new members to the Executive Board, or create new committees, or assign the duty of an otherwise leaderless committee to a member of the Executive Board.
10. Impeachment of elected officers shall occur only with the unanimous vote of all elected officers excluding the officer in question and the Managing Director, while impeachment of appointed officers shall occur only with a two-thirds majority of the same eligible officers as above.

Article IV: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible for membership in MIT TechFair
2. MIT TechFair's membership shall at all times consist of at least 5 MIT Students, and be at least half MIT Students
3. Members will be chosen, and serve at, the discretion of the Executive Board, in accordance with this constitution.

4. The Executive Board may add or remove a member from MIT TechFair with a two-thirds majority.
5. The Executive Board shall put out a call for members, and interview or otherwise select candidates at least once each year.
6. Membership shall last no longer than the next call for members, unless renewed by the executive board.
7. The Executive Board shall maintain a list of members.

Article V: Discrimination

1. MIT TechFair will not exercise prejudice in any way, particularly not against characteristics listed in the MIT Nondiscrimination Statement, and not in the selection and retention of members and officers.
2. MIT TechFair shall not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in the MIT Nondiscrimination Statement for membership, officer position, or in any other aspect, except as below.
3. MIT TechFair membership is limited by the available duties, and shall be chosen by the Executive Board, as detailed above.
4. Likewise, officer positions are limited, and will be chosen by election, or as described above.

Article VI: Meetings

1. Meetings of the Executive Board will be held at the discretion of, and run by, the Managing Director, and must be of sufficient frequency to plan the Technology Fair.
2. Meetings of Committees will be at the discretion of, and run by, the Committee Head(s), and must be of sufficient frequency to plan the Technology Fair.
3. A quorum of the executive board consists of the managing director, and at least one other elected officer, while committee meetings require only one committee head.
4. The committee head(s) have the authority to make any decisions pertaining to their duties, by unanimous agreement when there is more than one.
5. The Managing Director shall have the authority to overrule the decision of any committee head(s).
6. The committee head may ask that a vote be taken on the issue, in accordance with below.
7. Additionally, the Managing Director may make any decision they like, provided that the decision is not governed by any other clauses in this constitution, and that they notify the Executive Board, and then any member may demand a vote, in accordance with below.
8. When a vote is taken, a majority of the executive board (not limited to those present at any meeting) is required to reach a decision, unless the power for that decision is proscribed elsewhere in this constitution.
9. If any monetary dues are required for any reason by members of MIT TechFair, exception shall be made for those without the reasonable means, and MIT Deans will have final say in any disputes.
10. If an officer is not able to be present at a meeting, they may delegate their duties to any member or officer of MIT TechFair.

Article VII: Amendments

1. Any amendment may be made to this constitution with the unanimous consent of the Executive Board, regardless of their respective presences, and provided the amended constitution meets all standards proscribed by any relevant bodies with authority, including but not limited to, the ASA, MIT, local, state, and federal authorities.

Article VIII: ASA Governance Clause

MIT TechFair 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.

Article IX: MIT Technology for Humanity guided by Innovation, Networking, and Knowledge (THINK)

1. MIT THINK shall be an annual science and technology competition for high school students held by TechFair.
2. The head of THINK will report directly to the Managing Director.
3. THINK shall be responsible for its own recruiting, and be organized by the THINK head at his or her discretion.
4. THINK finances will be joint with that of TechFair.
5. Integration between THINK and the fair itself shall be negotiated between the head of THINK and the executive board.
6. THINK shall be responsible for the THINK company sponsors.