

# CHARTER

# THE MIT CLUB/GROUP OF

# **ARTICLE I. NAME, PRINCIPAL OFFICE & TERRITORIAL LIMITS**

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as the MIT Club/Group of
- 1.2 The Principal Office of the Club/Group shall be in the area of The Club/focus of Group will hold its meetings and conduct its activities in or elsewhere as its Board of Directors may select.
- 1.3 Territorial Limits of this Club/area of focus for the Group shall be coincidental with the area/focus as defined by the MIT Alumni Association in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and may be adjusted from time to time by said Association.

# **ARTICLE II. NATURE, OBJECTS & PURPOSES**

## 2.1 The MIT Club/Group of

shall be a nonprofit, educational organization, and no parts of its funds or property shall ever be used, expended or conveyed for the personal or individual benefit of any member; nor shall any member ever have any right, title, claim or interest to any such funds or property by virtue of their membership.

- 2.2 The purposes for which the Club/Group is organized are to:
  - 2.2.1 Develop and sponsor activities for the alumni/ae of Massachusetts Institute of Technology who work or reside in the Club area/self-select to be a part of the Group.
  - 2.2.2 Offer stimulating programs and activities to MIT alumni/ae, their families, friends, parents of students and members of the MIT community.
  - 2.2.3 Provide a communications link between alumni/ae and MIT for a maximum flow of ideas, information and services; Inform alumni/ae about MIT's changing academic programs, residential environment, and extracurricular activities.
  - 2.2.4 Encourage alumni/ae in financial support of MIT, broad participation in MIT programs and serve as MIT volunteers.



- 2.2.5 Cooperate with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in recruiting students and promoting its reputation.
- 2.2.6 Conduct all its activities exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as the same may be amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE III. DUES MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership may include Alumni/ae, Associate, Affiliate Members and Friends of the MIT Alumni Association.
- 3.2 Members of the MIT Club/Group of are those people who work or reside within the territorial limits of the Club/those who self-select as a constituent of a Group and who pay the annual dues.
- 3.3 Any member may resign their membership by notifying the Secretary in writing but will be expected to make all contributions due prior to such resignation. Whole or pro rata rebates of dues shall not be given in the cases of such resignations or removal.

#### ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 4.1 The business, property, and affairs of the Club/Group shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors (the Board).
- 4.2 The Board shall consist of up to , of which at least will form the Executive Committee (the Committee).
- 4.3 The Committee shall consist of at least the President, President-Elect, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 4.4 The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as designated by the President. members of the Committee shall make a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting, except in the case described in Section 4.5. Decisions shall be made by a majority of those present, except in the case described in Section 4.5.
- 4.5 Any member of the Board may be removed by majority vote of the entire Executive Committee when in their judgment the best interests of the Club/Group would be served thereby.



- 4.6 Any member of the Board may resign their position by submitting a written resignation to the Secretary of the Club/Group. Such resignation shall be effective as of the date received by the Secretary of the Club/Group and shall automatically terminate their membership on the Board.
- 4.7 The Board shall elect officers in accordance with Article VI.

#### ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 5.1 The President shall preside over all meetings, select all committees, except as herein provided, shall be ex-officio Chairperson of the Committee, and shall have such further duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of the President, including but not limited to:
  - 5.1.1 Providing an agenda for the meetings;
  - 5.1.2 Acting as official liaison with the MIT Alumni Association;
  - 5.1.3 Appointing new Directors if needed to fill a vacancy resulting from the resignation or removal of a member;
  - 5.1.4 Except as otherwise provided by the Board, the President in consultation with the MIT Alumni Association may with the Treasurer, sign any written contracts and other instruments made or entered into by or on behalf of the Club/Group that have been approved by the Committee.
- 5.2 The President-Elect shall preside and take over the duties of the President in their absence.
- 5.3 The Vice President of Programs shall work closely with the Vice President of Communications, the Vice President of Membership, and the Treasurer in planning advertising and funding requirements for programs. They shall be in charge of all programs presented and shall have the power to create and supervise the work of a Program Committee, a standing committee of the Club/Group. They may also create sub-committees as needed.
- 5.4 The Vice President of Communications shall recommend communications strategy and shall be responsible for maintaining contacts and exchanging information with other alumni/ae groups. They shall work closely with the Vice President of Programs, the Vice President of Membership, and the Treasurer in planning advertising and funding requirements for communications efforts. In addition, they shall have the power to create and supervise the work of a Communications Committee, a standing committee of the Club/Group.
- 5.5 The Vice President of Membership shall recommend membership strategy and shall be responsible for maintaining contacts and exchanging information with other area alumni/ae



groups. They shall work closely with the Vice President of Programs, the Vice President of Communications, and the Treasurer in planning advertising and funding requirements for membership. In addition, they shall have the power to create and supervise the work of the Membership Committee, a standing committee of the Club/Group.

5.6 The Secretary shall keep the records of the Club/Group and shall record all meetings of the Executive Committee, including attendance, and actions of the Club/Group.

5.7 The Treasurer shall collect all contributions, keep the books and accounts of the Club/Group and shall have custody of all funds of the Club/Group; render periodic reports of the financial condition of the Club/Group as directed by the President; attend to the payment of bills and obligations; and shall have such further duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Treasurer.

All funds of the Club/Group shall be deposited in the account of the MIT Club/Group of in a bank designated by the Board of Directors in consultation with the MIT Alumni Association. In addition, they shall have the power to create and supervise the work of a Finance Committee, a standing committee of the Club/Group.

#### ARTICLE VI. NOMINATION & ELECTION OF BOARD & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6.1 All Executive Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year, and Board members to a term of two years. Elections are to be held at the annual meeting of the Board before June of each year. The term of office of each officer shall begin on the first day of July of each year and shall end on the last day of June of the succeeding year.

6.2 Nomination for elections shall be made by a nominating committee appointed by the President at least two months prior to the election. This committee shall consist of three Active members and shall present its report at the Board meeting prior to the Board meeting at which the election is to take place. It shall nominate one candidate for each of the offices. Further nominations may be made from the floor at any Club/Group meeting or by letter to the Secretary in the two months prior to the election.

6.3 The Committee shall fill any vacancies in office at a meeting of the Board called upon with at least one week's notice, which notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. Any member elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

# ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF ADVISORS (OPTIONAL)

7.1 The Board of Advisors shall consist of distinguished alumni/ae or friends of MIT in the Club/Group area who have shown a commitment to the Institute.



7.2 Its purpose will be to supply advice to the Board of Directors regarding Club/Group activities, and to provide contacts that will enable the Club/Group to effectively utilize the resources of local institutions.

7.3 The Board of Advisors shall be comprised of not less than five members.

7.4 Members of the Board of Advisors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve by mutual consent with the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES & CHARTER**

8.1 The power to alter, amend, or restate the Charter shall be vested in the Board. Such action may be taken by vote of the majority of a duly constituted quorum of the Board present at any regular or special meeting.

8.2 Notice of intent to alter, amend, or restate the Charter must be given by the Board to the dues paying membership at least two weeks prior to any vote by the Board regarding such alteration, amendment, or restating. Such notice shall also state the date, time, and location of the Board meeting at which such matters will be discussed and voted upon.

#### **ARTICLE IX. REVENUES**

9.1 The annual dues rate shall be set from time to time by the Board.

9.2 Dues membership in the Group shall begin on an annual basis and be valued for one year after payment.

## **ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 No member or officer of the Club/Group shall be personally liable for any contract entered into by the Club/Group or because of any act or thing done or omitted to be done on behalf of or in the name of the Club/Group.

10.2 In the event of dissolution of the Club/Group, any and all of the assets of the Club/Group shall be turned over to the MIT Alumni Association in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This Charter has been approved by the Board of Directors of the MIT Club/Group of

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