

– Constitution of *Voo Doo Magazine* –

ARTICLE I : Name

The name of this organization shall be Voo Doo Magazine. This is a funny name. “VooDoo” is 1920’s slang for “hubbub”, “excitement”, “pranks”, and “funny stuff”. The spellings “Voo Doo” and “VooDoo” are equally correct.

ARTICLE II : Purpose

The explicit purpose of VooDoo Magazine is to publish humor from MIT, in particular, the tome “VooDoo, MIT Journal of Humour”, the only intentionally humorous publication on the MIT campus. The implicit purpose is to encourage humor of all kinds on the MIT campus.

ARTICLE III : Membership

Membership is open to any past-or-present MIT affiliate (student, alumni, faculty, staff, former student, former staff, etc.) regardless of homeland, species, race, creed, sex or religion. Members must be funny, however.

Associate membership is open to any life form that declares itself to be an associate member and is capable of pronouncing the name of this organization correctly at least two out of three times. The requirement will be waived if proof is obtained that such pronunciation is biologically impossible.

Staff members must contribute to production and be appointed by the Editor-in-Chief. Staff membership is limited to current students, faculty and staff of MIT. They must be really funny.

In other words, we follow MIT’s non-discrimination policy. Note that as of 3/12/13, the policy does not condemn discrimination on the basis of sense of humor.

ARTICLE IV : Meetings

The “VooDoo Smoker” shall be held each year in the last week of April.

Regular Meetings shall be called by the Editor-in-Chief, when he deems it necessary to the production of the magazine. Meetings shall be held no less often than twice a term, one week before the publication of the magazine. Official business of the group to be acted on at the meeting will be posted on the office door one week prior to the meeting.

A quorum shall consist of the Editor-in-Chief, the Business Manager, and five members. Decisions will be made by a simple majority of the voting members present. If the need arises, *Robert’s Rules of Order* will be used.

The Editor-in-Chief will at all times try to be a nice guy about this.

ARTICLE V : Officers and Duties

The Editor-in-Chief shall be the sole executive officer, responsible for the successful publication of the magazine. He shall also lead the meetings of the membership, be the contact and official representative of the group, and appoint as many staff members as he deems necessary.

The Business Manager shall be responsible for securing the necessary funding to pay for the quarterly publication of the magazine. This includes, but is not limited to, selling advertisements, representing the group to the UA and GSC finance boards, collecting alumni gifts and grants, and selling subscriptions. He shall be responsible for paying bills and collecting debts and shall answer to the Editor-in-Chief.

The offices of Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager may only be held by current MIT students.

ARTICLE VI

There is no Article Six.

ARTICLE VII : Elections

Elections shall be held at the “VooDoo Smoker” meeting each year for the positions of Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager, and whenever there is a vacancy to fill. A two-thirds quorum and a simple majority is necessary for a valid election. Any MIT student who has been a member of the magazine for one year can run for office.

Voting will be done in a regular preferential system as provided in *Robert’s Rules of Order*.

This organization will never hold an election in Denmark.

ARTICLE VIII : This Constitution

This constitution can be amended by the vote of a simple majority of the membership. Amendments can only be introduced by the Editor-in-Chief.

This constitution is not to be taken more seriously than necessary.

ARTICLE IX : ASA God Clause

VooDoo Magazine agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive committee. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Committee to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.

ARTICLE X : Previous Clause

They made us put that in our constitution.