The Constitution of Rite

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of Rite, the MIT Creative Writing Club, is to provide the MIT community with a place to exercise their creativity through the written word, explore different genres and styles of writing, and gain writing critique and feedback from their peers.

Article II: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of this organization. One is considered a member of this organization in any given academic term if she has attended at least one club activity and one meeting in the preceding or current term.
2. The organization’s membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
3. This organization will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.
4. If this organization charges any monetary dues, there will be exceptions made for students that cannot afford these dues.

Article III: Officers

1. This organization will have at a minimum two officers.
   a. Duties of the Officers:
      i. At least one officer will be present at every meeting.
      ii. Officers will collectively determine when meetings are and publicize this to the group.
      iii. Officers are responsible for taking all comments and requests from club members into consideration, including:
         1. Determining meeting schedule in order to accommodate members
         2. Requests for activities on certain writing genres, styles, etc.

   2. Officer Descriptions:
      a. President
         i. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
         ii. The president shall head publicizing events to the general MIT community.
      b. Treasurer
         i. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
         ii. The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.

3. Officers will be added and modified as necessary based on the needs of the organization, as determined by members.
4. All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and MIT students.
5. Elections:
   a. Elections of officers shall occur at the final meeting of each Spring semester.
   b. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for office.
c. Quorum for elections is two thirds of the group.
d. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.
e. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.
f. The term of office runs from the beginning of Spring term until the beginning of the following Spring term.
g. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at least every two weeks.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by at least one officer.
3. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
4. Quorum for a meeting shall be one quarter of the members of the organization.

Article V: Amendments

1. Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds voted of the members present.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be two-thirds of all members of the organization.
4. The Board of Officers shall have the authority to veto an amendment, given a two-thirds majority vote within the board.
   a. In order to veto an amendment, the board must consist of a minimum of two group members in leadership positions, as elected by the organization.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

The creative writing club 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.