The Constitution of TBS Dance Collective

Article I: Purpose
TBS Dance Collective is a group with a focus on personalized dance growth through workshops of various styles, open to all levels within the MIT community. Members of TBS, regardless of experience level or style, can practice creating and teaching their own original choreography at our weekly workshops. Those who attend these workshops are able to build class-taking skills and find their own style in the provided choreography.

TBS is unique because no other choreography dance group at MIT is workshop-based. We are the only choreography dance group at MIT that is not stratified based on level or style; every workshop is open to every member of any style. Since TBS will not have auditions, performances or showcases, the focus is on each person coming together to help everyone grow a dancer, whether it’s through choreography retention or honing in a specific style. Emphasis for TBS members will be placed on developing effective teaching skills, communicating the intent of choreography, improving learning speed, increasing dance ability and finding a personal style.

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 he or she has attended at least three club activities or if they have been a member in a previous term.
2. In order to officially become an “active member,” members must agree at the beginning of the term to:
   a. Teach at least one workshop during the term.
   b. Support the other active members by attending their workshops, providing feedback, and promoting discussion about pieces that have been taught and topics related to learning dance.
   c. Remain inclusive to non-active members by encouraging workshop and bonding event attendance.
3. The organization’s membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
4. This organization will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT’s Nondiscrimination Statement.
Article III: Officers

1. This organization will have the following officers:
   a. President
      i. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
      ii. The president will preside over all meetings.
      iii. The president shall be responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
      iv. The president shall reserve rooms for sessions.
   b. Treasurer
      i. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
      ii. The treasurer must approve all disbursements from the group’s accounts, including reimbursements to members.
   c. Secretary
      i. The secretary shall be responsible for managing and executing a critique system.
   d. Social Chair
      i. The social chair is responsible for organizing bonding events, or encouraging others to organize and attend bonding events.
      ii. The social chair shall be responsible for obtaining food and snacks when appropriate.
   e. Internal Relations
      i. The internal relations chair is responsible for creating, updating, and announcing the weekly TBS teaching schedule.
         1. This includes finding choreographers and warm-up leaders for each main TBS session.
   f. External Relations
      i. The external relations chair shall be responsible for sharing and updating a Boston dance class schedule with members of TBS every week.
         1. The external relations chair shall be responsible for encouraging members to attend these classes.
      ii. The external relations chair shall record and upload videos onto a centralized TBS youtube channel.
   g. Publicity
      i. The publicity chair shall be responsible for corresponding with TBS about apparel and logo designs.
      ii. The publicity chair shall place orders on apparel.

2. All officers of this organization must be distinct, current MIT students.
3. Elections:
   a. Elections of officers shall occur the last week of April of each year.
   b. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for any 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 one election to the subsequent election.
4. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.
   a. An election should follow as soon as possible to fill in or redistribute empty positions.

Article IV: Meetings

1. TBS general body meetings shall be held at least once every week.
   i. Choreographers share their pieces to the group and receive critiques during TBS main session. Choreographers must review choreography with other active members of the group before sharing at a TBS main session.
   ii. Dancers trained in fundamentals of certain styles will be invited to teach foundation workshops.
   iii. Supplementary sessions may be held when there is no choreographer to learn or practice choreography from a professional dancer.
      1. An example of a supplementary session is taking a class from [https://www.steezystud.io/pick-class](https://www.steezystud.io/pick-class).
   iv. Additional meetings shall be open practice sessions where any TBS member can practice anything he or she wants.
2. Officer meetings shall be held at least once per term, or more as needed.
3. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless he or she is absent, and in that case the treasurer shall preside.
4. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
5. 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 vote of the members present.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be two-thirds of all members of the organization.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

*TBS Dance Collective* 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 ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.