Constitution

- **Purpose:**
  - The MIT Waste Alliance will work to connect members of the MIT community who have interest in waste management and to provide members of the MIT community with thought provoking presentations, discussions and activities that encourage responsible waste management by the MIT community and that give members of the MIT community the chance to see the opportunities that lie within waste management.

- **Membership:**
  - The Waste Alliance will consist of both members and executives
    - Membership will be given to anyone within the MIT community (students, alumni, faculty, and staff) who wishes to be a member. Membership will be recognized as anyone who signs up for the mailing list, and chooses to remain on the list. Members may also lose their membership if a majority of the executive officers believe that the member is obstructing the role of the Waste Alliance and vote during an executive meeting to remove said individual;
    - Members have no formal responsibilities, but are encouraged to attend as many waste alliance events as they can.
  - Executives will be chosen from the members but the current executive committee and as long as a majority of the members do not express disagreement with executive appointments. The original executives are the founders of the initiative: Kevin Kung, Spencer Wenck, and Abigail Halim. Any executive may lose their executive status if a majority of the executive officers believe that the member is not meeting their expected contributions to the Waste Alliance and vote during an executive meeting to remove said individual, or if the individual misses more than 25% of the executive meetings in a semester.
    - Executives are expected to fulfill the requirements of their role, as defined in the Officer section of the constitution, as well as any role they volunteer or are elected to fill. They are also expected to attend executive meetings and a majority of the events officially hosted by the Waste Alliance.
    - **Waste Alliance membership and/or executive status will not be given or redacted on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, ancestry, or national or ethnic origin**

- **Officers of the MIT Waste Alliance:**
  - Officers will be elected by a majority of the executive board and will be taken from current members of the Waste Alliance. A quorum of executives will be any amount greater than 50% of the current officers, but over 50% of the total
number of officers must vote in favor of electing the member to become an officer (thus, if only the quorum is met, all must vote in favor of election). Should a majority (over 50%) of the members of the waste alliance members oppose this appointment, they may create a petition and upon 50% participation in the petition, the appointed officer may be removed from office.

- All officers must be distinct individuals and must be current MIT students
- The Executive Board of the MIT Waste Alliance must consist of at least one president (or co-presidents), and one treasurer
  - The President / Co-presidents
    - The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
    - The president will preside over all meetings.
    - The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
  - The Treasurer
    - The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
    - The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.
    - All officers of this organization must be distinct current MIT students.
- Removal of an officer may be accomplished by a majority vote of the executive committee (over 50%). Removal of an officer may also occur if the officer does not attend 75% of the executive meetings in a semester.

- Meetings:
  - There will be an annual general body meeting in the beginning of every fall semester.
    - The president (or the vice president in the absence of the president) of the MIT Waste Alliance will run the General Body Meeting.
    - The action items of the general body meetings will be to: Inform the members of the current state of the MIT Waste Alliance and any upcoming events, inform the members of upcoming elections to the executive board, and allow the members to initiate any activities to which they have the right to initiate as mentioned in this constitution. Any initiatives may be passed by the means mentioned in the constitution where these individual initiatives are found.
  - Executive meetings will occur twice every month, at least two weeks apart, and at the discretion of the executive board.
    - The executive board meetings will be run by the president (or the vice president in the absence of the president).
    - Any action item must be proposed by a member of the executive board and must be approved by a majority (over 50%) of the total executive board. There is no quorum for a decision to be made during an
executive meeting, but over 50% of the total executive board must vote in favor of the action.

- Amendment Procedures
  - Amendments may be presented by any member of the organization
  - The amendment may be passed by ⅔ of the executive board or ⅔ of the members present
  - The quorum for amendment by the executive board is ⅔ of the executive board (but ⅔ of the entire executive board must still vote in favor). The quorum for amendment by members is ¾ of the total number of members in the organization.

- The ASA Governance Clause:
The MIT Waste Alliance 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.