

MIT Beekeeping Club Constitution

Article I: Purpose Statement

We intend to foster community awareness and understanding of the honeybee (*apis mellifera*), a remarkable living model of social organization. We adhere to mens et manus: the MIT Beekeeping Club strives for practical, hands-on interaction with honeybees through the upkeep of hives, coupled with intellectual enrichment by viewing honeybees as a lens for doing science.

Article II: Membership

- Any member of the MIT student community is eligible for membership.
- Any MIT faculty member is eligible for membership.
- Non-MIT community members are eligible per consensus approval of the club.
- The organization's membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.

The organization shall not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in the MIT Nondiscrimination Policy for membership, officer position, or in any other aspect.

Article III: Club Officers

Elections will be held three times a year: the week after the start of each semester, and the week before finals to clarify summer plans. We will meet in person, but actual votes will be tallied via online submission. Members need not be present to vote.

Consensus (with a stated time limit) is necessary to elect an officer. Votes will be continually re-tallied until consensus is achieved.

At any time, an officer can be voted out of their position, again via consensus. In this case, a new officer must be elected.

Titled duties are flexible and subject to change. The initial set of duties is as follows:

- **President:** responsible for communication with the ASA and first emergency contact if there are issues with the hives. Assists the club in organizing meetings and planning, but is certainly not "in charge."
- **Treasurer:** manages club funds and the purchase of equipment.

These are the only initial duties. Other roles will emerge organically as the club sees fit. Suggestions for initial roles are:

- **Social chair:** responsible for advertising events to campus and on-boarding/recruiting new members. Also responsible for redirecting people who have questions to the relevant contact person or resources.
- **Hive overseer:** day-to-day contact person for hive upkeep.

Article IV: Meetings

Meetings will be held every week. Two or three distinct rounds of meetings may exist (held on different days) if scheduling proves to be an issue. They will be outdoors midday when the weather allows. Meetings are an opportunity to check on the hives, talk, and coordinate/plan events. The president coordinates meetings, but does not run them. Another official duty may be **meeting chair**. Decisions deemed *major* by those present must be made by consensus.

Article V: Amendment Process

Amendments to the constitution may be suggested during any meeting or online. Either way, consensus must be achieved.

Article VI: Voting

All mentions of voting in this document involve consensus votes. Individuals who wish to be members of the club but who cannot be bothered to vote on every issue which demands consensus may designate a *proxy* to vote on their behalf. This is comparable to representative-democracy, except consensus still must be achieved for all major decisions.

Since voting continuously can quickly become cumbersome, we trust members of the club to act autonomously and make day-to-day decisions as they see fit.

Article VII: Governance Clause

The MIT Beekeeping 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 ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.