

SAKATA AFRIQUE (MIT African Dance Group): Constitution

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of ***Sakata Afrique (MIT African Dance Group)*** is to help MIT students of African origin preserve their cultural heritage through music and dance and to introduce African dance to the MIT community.

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 two officers:
 - a. President
 1. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
 2. The president will preside over all meetings.
 3. The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
 - b. Treasurer
 1. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the dance group.
 2. The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the dance group.
 - c. Manager
 1. The manager shall be the liaison between the dance group and contractors for performances.

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- d. Webmaster
 - 1. The webmaster shall be responsible for the maintenance and regular updating of the dance group's webpage
 - 2. The webmaster shall regularly monitor and update the mailing list
- e. Publicity Chair
 - 1. The Publicity Chair shall be responsible for the advertising of the group's events
- 2. All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and MIT students.
- 3. Elections:
 - a. Elections of officers shall occur annually, mid-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 April 1st till until April 1st of the next year.
- 4. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

Article IV: Meetings

- 1. Meetings shall be held at least once a week.
- 2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless she is absent, and in that case the vice president shall preside.
- 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.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

Sakata Afrique, MIT African Dance Group agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it,

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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.