

# **The MIT Crime Club Constitution**

## **Article I: Purpose**

The purpose of the MIT Crime Club is to improve general safety on and round MIT's campus.

The founders of the MIT Crime Club are dedicated to improving general safety for MIT students, both on and off campus. We believe that on-campus safety (including the security within undergraduate and graduate dormitories) can be further improved and maintained by increasing student awareness of the crimes that occur on campus and by promoting safety precautions. The MIT Crime Club seeks to be the liaison between the administration and the student body in the improvement of campus safety.

## **Article II: Membership**

### **Section 1**

Members shall be defined as:

- (a) Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member. One is considered a member in a given academic term if she or he has attended at least one club activity and one meeting in the preceding or current term.
- (b) The membership shall at all times contain at least five MIT students and be more than half MIT students.

### **Section 2**

This organization shall not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.

### **Section 3**

If this organization charges monetary dues, exceptions shall be made for students who cannot afford them.

## **Article III: Officers**

### **Section 1**

All elected officers shall be members in good standing.

All officers of this organization must be distinct MIT students.

### **Section 2**

The elected offices of the MIT Crime Club Executive Board are:

- (a) The Head Vigilante (President)

(b) The Deputy Vigilante (Vice President)

(c) The Bondsman (Treasurer)

(d) The Stenographer (Secretary)

(e) The Informant (Publicity Chair)

### **Section 3**

The duties of the elected officers are:

(a) The Head Vigilante:

- i. Shall be the official representative of the MIT Crime Club.
- ii. Shall preside over meetings.
- iii. Shall appoint members of standing committees, including special committees, with the majority consent of the Executive Board.

(b) The Deputy Vigilante:

- i. Shall preside in the absence of the President.
- ii. Shall oversee the activities of special committees.

(c) The Stenographer:

- i. Shall serve notices from the MIT Crime Club.
- ii. Shall record the minutes of the Executive Board and General Body meetings. The minutes shall be available upon request.
- iii. Shall require from special committees a record of their activities.

(d) The Bondsman:

- i. Shall keep accounts and sign all checks and vouchers.
- ii. Shall require approval from the Executive Board before expenditures are made.

(e) The Informant:

- i. Shall be responsible for the creation and distribution of materials publicizing MIT Crime Club activities and events.
- ii. Shall oversee activities designed to promote the group.

### **Section 4**

Removal of officers may occur by two-thirds vote of the members.

## **Article IV: Elections**

### **Section 1**

New officers shall be elected in April of each academic year.

**Section 2**

Special elections shall be held in cases of impeachment, resignation, or ineligibility.

**Section 3**

The term of each elected officer shall be one year.

**Section 4**

Elected officers shall be eligible for reelection.

**Section 5**

If the President resigns, the Vice President shall automatically become the President and a new Vice President shall be elected during a special election.

**Section 6**

Quorum for elections shall be two-thirds of the group.

**Article V: Meetings**

**Section 1**

Meetings shall be held a minimum of once a week.

**Section 2**

Meetings shall be presided over by the President. In cases of her or his absence, the Vice President shall preside.

**Section 3**

Majority vote of the members present shall be required to make all decisions.

**Section 4**

Quorum for meetings shall be one-fourth of the membership.

**Article VI: Amendments**

**Section 1**

Proposed amendments by members shall be in written form, signed by three-fourths of the members, and presented at the general body meeting.

**Section 2**

Amendments shall be passed by two-thirds vote of the members present.

**Article VI: ASA Governance Clause**

The MIT Crime Club agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities and its executive board. The constitution and amendments and bylaws shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with its rules and regulations.