

Constitution for the Masters of Flying Objects

Carnegie Mellon University

ARTICLE I.

Name

This organization shall henceforth be known as The Masters of Flying Objects

ARTICLE II.

Purpose

The purpose of the Masters of Flying Objects is to provide and foster an environment for those interested in the art of juggling and other circus related arts (hereafter referred to as juggling) in which they can meet, share and develop talents, teach skills, and share equipment. The club will promote and teach the art of juggling, contribute to the available recreational activities on campus, represent Carnegie Mellon University in the greater juggling community, and provide juggling-related opportunities to the campus and local community.

ARTICLE III.

Membership

Membership in the Masters of Flying Objects is open to all members of the Carnegie Mellon and Pittsburgh communities. An active member of the Masters Of Flying Objects shall be defined as any person who has attended a club meeting or participated in a club function in the last eight (8) weeks and wishes to be considered an active member of the club. The Masters of Flying Objects will support and abide by the the Carnegie Mellon University Statement of Assurance

ARTICLE IV.

Officers

Section 1.

The president will be the official head of the organization. The president will be responsible for administrative duties and will be the representative of the club to all other organizations.

Section 2.

The vice-president will perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president and will assist the president with their duties.

Section 3.

The secretary will be responsible for maintaining the list of active members of the club and coordinating publicity for meetings and any additional club sponsored events. The secretary will keep minutes for all administrative meetings and make them available to the general body of the club.

Section 4.

The treasurer will be responsible for all financial matters of the club. The treasurer will maintain the financial records and be in charge of ordering any equipment. All appropriations must be approved in advance in an administrative meeting.

Section 5.

The equipment manager will be responsible for any club-owned equipment. It is the equipment manager's duty to transport the club's equipment to all club functions or designate another club member to do so. The equipment manager will ensure that all equipment is returned after club functions. Under no circumstances will anyone be allowed to borrow equipment owned by the club.

Section 6.

In addition to all other duties officers are required to attend all administrative meetings unless they have prior permission from the president.

Section 7.

All officers must be active members of the club for the entirety of their term and may be removed from office by a 2/3 majority vote at any administrative meeting. Impeachment proceedings will be run by the president or vice president in the case that the president is being impeached. Upon removal of an officer, the open seat must be advertised and a new officer must be elected to fill the vacant position within three weeks. The election procedure for replacing an impeached officer will follow the exact procedure of normal elections.

ARTICLE V.

Elections

Section 1.

Elections for officers will be held during Mini-3 of each academic year.

Section 2.

With the exception of the presidential office, any active member may run for office. Only student-activity fee paying members of the Carnegie Mellon University community may run for president. Candidates must be willing and able to serve an entire term of office.

Section 3.

The date of elections will be determined by the officers and advertised to all active members no less than 14 days before the election date. Candidates must announce their intent to run between the declaration of the election date and 7 days before the election date.

Section 4.

On the election date all candidates will give a short speech followed by a secret ballot to be counted by the advisor or a third party as designated by the officers of the ending term. The winning candidates will be determined by plurality and the new officers will assume duty immediately. In the case of a tie vote a revote between the candidates involved in the tie. In the case that a tie cannot be resolved using this process, the president of ending term will cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings

Section 1.

There will be meetings at least once a week for any interested member to attend and juggle with the group.

Section 2.

The club will hold a minimum of one administrative meeting per mini session (1 – 4).

Administrative meetings must be advertised no less than seven days before the meeting date. These meetings are open to all active members of the club. Voting will occur for all appropriations, decisions on club functions, officer removal, amendments to the constitution and any other cause deemed necessary by the officers. The president will preside over all administrative meetings.

ARTICLE VII.

Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may engender abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments

Any member of the club may propose a constitutional amendment to be voted on at the following administrative meeting. A constitutional amendment must be passed by a 2/3 majority vote of all members present at an administrative meeting.