**MANGA STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

**Article I: Name, Purpose, and Anti-discriminatory Statement**

Name: Manga Student Association

Purpose: Dedicated to fostering interest and knowledge of the Japanese art of manga. This organization will seek to provide for individuals in the Ohio State University community access to literature, activities and knowledge of all Japanese manga.

Non-discriminatory Statement: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

As required by the Ohio State University, our student organization agrees not to participate in hazing. Hazing, defined by the Ohio Revised Code, means “doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another.”

**Article II: Membership**

Membership is open to everyone interested in manga. All voting members must be currently enrolled at The Ohio State University and attend at least two (2) regular meeting for a given semester. Professors, alumni, and staff are encouraged to become members with a non-voting status.

Membership dues are at the discretion of the executive committee.

**Article III: Executive Committee**

The executive committee shall consist of a president, a vice-president, and a treasurer, all of whom are voting members of the club.

**Article IV: Organization Leadership**

The officers must be full time students at Ohio State University. The roles for the officer positions are as followed.

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| **President:** | The President is required to oversee the basic functions of the club, which includes organizing meetings, projects, and club activities. The President also provides assistance and advice to the other officers |
| **Vice President:** | The Vice President assists the President in his/her duties and performs the President’s duties in their absence. If for any reason the President must resign, the Vice President will assume office until the next election. |
| **Treasurer:** | The Treasurer keeps financial records for the club. Before spending any of the club funds, the Treasurer must approach the other officers and club members and a majority must agree with the proposed usage. |
| **Secretary:** | The Secretary is in charge of recording the occurrences of the meetings, including the manga discussed, the major points made, and the conclusions that the club comes to. |
| **Webmaster:** | The Webmaster will be in charge of maintaining the club’s website. The Webmaster will keep the information up to date and post news and events. |

**Article VI: Selection of Officers**

All leadership elections will take place in early April and take effect the following Autumn semester.

Any active club members can be nominated for an officer position to be approved by the executive committee. The floor for nominations will be open until voting begins each spring. Voting shall be done by secret ballot. Nominee must have a majority vote and ties are broken by the current executive committee.

**Article VII: Removal/Replacement of Executive Officers**

Any officer who is unable to fulfill his or her position is subject to replacement. Replacement will be appointed by executive committee until the next elections.

If an officer or member consistently fails to fulfill his or her responsibilities they may be removed from office by a 2/3-majority vote at a regularly scheduled meeting. Intent to remove an officer or member must be announced at least one meeting before the vote at which time the reasons for removal must be stated.

**Article VIII: Methods of Amending the Constitution**

Any member seeking to make an amendment to the club constitution must have this proposal written and read at the final three meetings before the end of a term (one year). The club members then vote, and should the amendment get 2/3 of the entire club membership, the amendment will be made.

**Article IX: Dismissal/ Removal of Members**

Members can be removed due to violation of Ohio State University Standards and for failure to attend any club meetings during a given semester without Presidential approval.