Mathematics Graduate Student Association at The Ohio State University

Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1: Name

Mathematics Graduate Student Association at The Ohio State University, hereinafter MGSA or the organization.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the MGSA is to provide graduate students in the Department of Mathematics the opportunity to interact with each other and present their work to the members and other interested students as well as provide support and encouragement to all mathematics graduate students.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy

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.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and removal of members

Section 1: Qualifications

Every graduate student in the Department of Mathematics is eligible to be a member of the organization. Any graduate student, if not preiously removed from the MGSA, must be allowed to join the MGSA as a member if he / she communicates this desire to any officer of the organization. Any previously removed from the MGSA graduate student may request to rejoin the organization. Such a student will be allowed to rejoin the MGSA if the request is approved by a majority of the current officers.

Section 2: Removal of members

MGSA members who conduct themselves in a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of the organization or in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct can be removed from the organization through a majority vote of all MGSA members at a meeting (with one third of members constituting a quorum).

Article III   -   Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of leaders

Section 1: Titles

The organization will have the following officers: President, Treasurer, Vice-President.

Section 2: Terms of offices

All officers will serve for at least one academic year starting one week after the spring semester in which elected. Officers may remain in office if they so choose and no member of the MGSA challenges for the position.

Officers can be removed mid-term by their own choice or by majority vote of the members of the MGSA.

Section 3: Type of Selection

If election is required, a new officer will be elected by plurality vote of members no later than the last week of the spring semester. New officers, if any, will assume their new positions at the start of the summer semester.

In the event that an officer is removed mid-semester, a replacement will be appointed by the remaining officers and the faculty / staff advisor.

Section 4: Duties of Leaders

It is the duty of the officers of the MGSA is to find speakers to present their research or other results of mathematical interest. All but at most one speaker per semester must be currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate students at the Ohio State University.

President
    The President shall call, preside, and set the agenda for meetings.

Treasurer
    The Treasurer shall shall oversee all monetary issues for the organization.

Vice-President
    The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President or Treasurer in the case of either or both being absent.

Article IV   -   Advisor: Qualification Criteria and duties

The faculty / staff advisor will be selected by the current officers of the organization and may be any faculty or staff member of the Department of Mathematics. The role of the advisor is to act as an interpreter of departmental regulations and help the leadership with administrative tasks including finding rooms in which to hold meetings. The advisor is not a voting member of the MGSA or leadership.

Article V - Required Meetings

One meeting at the beginning of the fall semester is required to try to find speakers from among the mathematics graduate students for the upcoming fall and spring semesters. Members should attend this meeting.

A second meeting before the end of the spring semester is required in order to nominate and vote on the leaders for the subsequent academic year. Members should attend this meeting.

Article VI - Method of Amending Constitution

Proposed amendments to this Constitution should be submitted in writing to any officer of the MGSA. The proposed amendments will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting at which the presence of members is requested, and this meeting shall take place no earlier than one week after the amendments are proposed. Two thirds of members present at the meeting (with one quarter of members constituting a quorum) are required to approve the amendment.

Article VII - Method of Dissolution of Organization

The MGSA will dissolve if such a decision is approved unanimously by all officers, the faculty / staff advisor, and at least two thirds of all members at a meeting (with half of members constituting a quorum). Any remaining assets must be appropriately reassigned as determined by the treasurer and faculty / staff advisor at the time of successful vote for dissolution.

By-Laws

Article I - Parliamentary Authority

A simple majority vote of all members present at a meeting is sufficient to approve any proposal.

Article II - Membership

Any graduate student in good standing within the Department of Mathematics at The Ohio State Univeristy is eligible to be a member of the MGSA.

Article III - Election of Officers

Officers will be elected at the required meeting held before the end of the spring semester. Any member may nominate his / herself to one and only one officer position. Nominations must be submitted to the current officers before the meeting is held. If a position has no nominations and the current holder of the position so desires (and remains an eligible MGSA member), she / he will remain in office.

Article IV - Faculty / Staff Advisor

The faculty / staff advisor will meet with the officers of the organization at least once after the officers are elected in the spring and before the start of the fall semester.

Article V - Meeting Requirements

All meetings at which the presence of members is requested should be announced at least one week before the meeting is scheduled to take place. The announcement should include the time and location of the meeting.

Meetings at which mathematical work is being presented by a current graduate student are closed during the presentation of the work except to current graduate and undergraduate students at The Ohio State University. Non-members may attend, as long as they meet the above criteria.

Article VI - Method of Amending By-Laws

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws should be submitted in writing to any officer of the MGSA. The proposed amendments will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting at which the presence of members is requested, and this meeting shall take place no earlier than one week after the amendments are proposed. Two thirds of members present at the meeting (with one quarter of members constituting a quorum) are required to approve the amendment to the By-Laws.