

The Meditation Community

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Article I:

Section 1: Name

The Meditation Community.

Section 2: Mission

The mission of the Meditation Community is to create a safe space where students can learn about meditation and breathing techniques that can improve their happiness and give them a tool for relaxation. We hope that we can battle the anxiety and stresses that come with college life and provide a place where students can come with their friends to escape and find their inner peace.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy

The Meditation Community and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Meditation Community expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here:

<https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>. If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate

resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II: Membership

Membership shall be available to any students who are currently enrolled at The Ohio State University. There are no requirements to be a member and member can come to as many or as few meetings as they want

Article III: Organizational Leadership

Section 1: Titles

The Association shall be structured with the President as the primary leader; followed by a Secondary Leader and a Treasurer. The leadership involves leading meditations or choosing the type of meditation and facilitating meetings.

Section 2: Terms of Office

The terms of office shall be for one school year (Beginning on August 1st and ending on April 30th of the calendar. The transfer of leadership will be chosen by the current leadership.

Section 3: Eligibility

Any member who has been a member for at least one (1) semester before the Officer Term starts and can reasonably expect to fulfill the entire term is eligible to become the next leader.

Section 4: Election Procedure

Officers will be elected Autumn Semester:

(1) Applications for Officer positions shall be submitted by a date to be determined by the President.

(2) Each applicant shall be interviewed by the Executive Board within seven (7) days following the application deadline.

(3) A majority vote of the Executive Board Members present at the Officer Selection meeting is required to elect each Officer candidate.

In the event of a tie, the President will make the final decision.

(4) The names of the newly elected Officers must be announced to all applicants within seven (7) days following interviews and to the General Assembly at the next scheduled meeting.

Section 5: Duties of the Officers

All Officers shall assist in setting goals and objectives to meet the purpose of the Community. The President is responsible for overseeing all activities of the organization and is responsible for organizing meetings, leading meditations, and managing any involved issues to facilitate smooth discourse.

Section 6: Officer Dismissal

Any current officer can be brought up on charges by fellow officers and/or by general membership. A 70% majority vote by the Executive Board is required for removal with the Advisor's approval. If the vote is unanimous, the advisor's approval is unnecessary.

Section 7: Vacancies

If a vacant position becomes available, the Executive Board will appoint a new officer by simple majority.

Article IV: The Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be composed of the Executive Officers of the Association. The Board shall be chaired by the President. Voting powers shall be held by each Vice-President.

Article V: Standing Committees

Section 1: Formation of Committees

As deemed necessary by the Executive Board, Committees shall be formed.

Committees are created by the Executive Board to fulfill a temporary role within the Association and will be chaired by the corresponding Vice President to which the committee relates. Examples of committee titles are academic affairs or based on a specific initiative or event. After a period of at least one (1) semester, if the committee is deemed pertinent to the Association then it may be added to the roster of Standing Committees through normal amending procedures, provided that these duties do not conflict with the roles of existing Standing Committees.

Article VI: Advisor

The Faculty Advisor must be a full-time University Faculty member, or part of the Administrative and Professional Staff. The Advisor will be elected by a 70% majority vote from the Executive Board. The Advisor shall hold his/her position until his/her resignation or an impeachment by a 70% majority vote by the Executive Board.

Article VII: Meetings of the Association

Section 1: General Assembly Meetings

Meetings for the General Assembly will be held weekly

Section 2: Executive Board Meetings

Meetings for the Executive Board will be held when required, determined by President.

Section 3: Standing Committee Meetings

Standing Committee meetings shall be held at least twice a semester with the recommendation that they be held prior to or after General Assembly meetings.

Article VIII: Records to be Kept by the Association

Section 1: Types

The Association shall keep the following records: financial statements, membership rosters, and all other records that the Executive Board deems necessary.

Section 2: Auditing of the Financial Ledger

All financial records shall be audited at year-end by the Treasurer and the President.

Article IX: Method of Amending the Constitution

Proposals to amend the Constitution shall be presented to the Executive Board. A 70% majority vote from the Executive Board is required to pass an Amendment.

Article X: Dissolution of the Association

If the Meditation Community at the Ohio State University suffers financial hardship and resources to recover are deemed unattainable, a proposal to dissolve the Community shall be made. A unanimous vote shall be required of the Executive Board for dissolution.

Bylaws

Article I: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the Constitution shall govern the organization in all courses to which they are applicable.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Procedure

An individual wishing to become a member of the Accounting Association must attend at least one meeting and join the GroupMe.

Section 2: Dues

There are no dues required at this time

Section 5: Membership Expectations

Members are encouraged to come to as many meetings as they can and conduct themselves in a proper manner

Article III: Election and Appointment of Officers

Section 1: Eligibility

Any Ohio State student or staff is eligible to join

Section 2: Resignment

Any officer choosing to resign must provide notice two (2) weeks in advance of departure. If the President resigns, the remaining Board members will anonymously vote who among them will become President. Once that person switches positions, the Board will select someone from the membership to fill the vacant position. If any other officer resigns, the President has the authority to

delegate the responsibilities associated with the vacant position or appoint a Vice-President to the position for the remainder of the term.

Section 4: Impeachment Procedure

If at any time the Executive Board deems an officer or committee director unproductive in fulfilling the responsibilities set forth, then a seven-tenths (7/10) vote from the Executive Board and approval of the advisor or a unanimous vote from the Executive Board is sufficient for removal from office. The procedure used for resignation shall be followed when filling the vacant position upon removal of an officer.

Article IV: The Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be responsible for defining a mission statement and setting goals and objectives to pursue the defined mission. The Board has authority to act on any proposals, regardless of the financial burdens of said proposals. Any proposals that take place in Board meetings are subject to approval by 60% majority vote. Any action by the Board must be reported to the General Assembly.

Article VI: Advisor's Responsibilities

The Advisor is responsible for guiding and adding insight to goals and objectives set to meet the Association's purpose. The Advisor is encouraged to attend Executive Board and General Assembly meetings. The Advisor shall have non-voting authority. The Advisor shall have no liability in the financial activity of the Association.

Article VII: Meeting Requirements

Section 1: Weekly Meetings

General Assembly Meetings will begin with announcements made by the President to the General Assembly to update them on all organization happenings. The announcements will be followed by meditation. Then there will be an optional period where members can discuss their experiences.

Section 2: Quorum for the Executive Board, Standing Committees, and Special Committees

The quorum for the Executive Board, Standing Committees, and Special Committees shall be seventy percent (70%) of the Board, excluding the advisor. No motions shall be passed without a quorum.

Article VIII: Removal of Members

If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or a unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

Article IX: Method of Amending the Bylaws

Proposals to amend the Bylaws shall be presented to the Executive Board. A 60% majority vote from the Executive Board is required for amendment.

Section 2: Bylaw Review

Each autumn, the President will review the bylaws and propose any amendments that they deem necessary. Any current member may also submit a proposal for amending the bylaws.