**Begonia Dance Society Constitution**

1st edition by Roy Wang

**Article 1: General Provision**

1. Name of the Organization:

·Begonia Dance Society (BegoniaS)

1. Purpose Statement:

The inception of our organization stems from a profound desire to rejuvenate and celebrate the rich tapestry of Chinese cultural heritage through the universal language of dance. Recognizing the immense depth and philosophical underpinnings of traditional Chinese aesthetics, we are dedicated to crafting a unique Neo-Chinese narrative that harmoniously blends ancient wisdom with contemporary vibrancy. Our mission transcends mere performance; it is about breathing life into the stories that have shaped Chinese civilization, using dance as a medium to weave these timeless tales into the fabric of modern society. This endeavor not only pays homage to our roots but also aims to foster a deeper, global appreciation for the nuances of Chinese culture.

1. Non-discrimination Policy:

Begonia Dance Society is committed to create a non-discriminative society that provides everyone a chance to learn, perform, and lead dance practice and lecture based on Chinese culture.

This organization does not discriminate on the basis 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 bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

1. Concept:

* **Attitude:**

**Theory:** Dance is the art of soul. A person with or without skill can do good dance if he has passion inside and want to express it to the world. The first priority is our journey of the heart when we are dancing. It does not matter that we have no skill and no experience before. What matters is that we will begin from now on to learn and create.

**Application:**

1. Evaluate the performance of a group member not based on her or his skill of dancing but how he is passionate and devoted to our training.

2. We should offer and participate in training for basic dancing skills regularly.

* **Leading role:**

**Theory:** Everybody should have and grasp the chance to be a hero or heroine. We need to find the field which we are most interested in and best at. We all are the leaders in our fields and learn from each other to make the world a better place.

**Application:** Every week, someone should be in charge of a project.

* **Culture:**

**Theory:** Dance is more culture-based than the movement of the body. When we know the story behind dancing, we can enjoy the emotional journey which we may or may not ever experience in reality.

1. Explore the beauty of Chinese dance and the culture behind it
2. Explore the similarities and differences between Chinese dance and other dances and the cultural reasons behind them.
3. Participate in activities with different culture exhibition.
4. Hold culture events for Traditional and Model China every year.

**Application:** Every time we learn some dance, we should not only learn the movement, but also the culture and story behind it. We need a dance discussion workshop.

* **Creativity:**

**Theory:** We always believe that communicating between two different things will create the spark of truth. Diversity is like different colors of flowers in the spring and various shapes of leaves in the summer.

1. Create new kinds of dance out of diverse Chinese dances.
2. Create cross-cultural dance.

**Application:**

1. Create some dance drama.
2. Should have project to communicate with other dance club.

* **Happy family**

**Application:**

Birthday party

Speak something good about someone (game)

Unexpected post card

**Article 2: Membership**

1. Membership in Begonia Dance Society shall be open to any student, according to the non-discrimination policy, at all times by application.
2. General Membership:

* Any person who submits an application to our society and attends our regular practice (Attendance should be more than 80% of the practice for the whole semester) is considered as a formal general member in BegoniaS.
* Privileges and Rights includes, but not limited to, voting and standing for election, participation in any organization activities, suggestion and supervision of organization work, and initiation and quitting voluntary.
* Obligation includes, but is not limited to, implementation of organization accords and active participation in organization activities.

C. Official members

Official Member Benefit:

(membership fee:15$ once and for all)

1. Opportunities for dance performances and special events.

2. Opportunities to apply for a new leadership position

3. Opportunities to apply for a new project

4. Costume use (refer to constitutions for detail)

5. Special gift for outstanding member

D. Creative Team

A dance audition is needed to be a member of our creative team. Our creative team will deal with choreography, create history-based dance and perform in dance competitions and other important events.

1. Leading Group

Council Meeting System: Regular meetings, held by the council every week, include summarizing department work, preparing for the next phase, and putting forward personnel changes.

* President: (Roy Wang):
* Complete and manage registration for the organization
* Coordinate meetings and events
* Public face and external representative
* Primary contact for, and correspond on behalf of, student organization
* Communicate with organization members, officers, and advisor
* Provide vision and set goals for the organization
* Help manage conflicts
* Identify and prepare future leaders
* Ensure good morale and teambuilding
* Provide organizational leadership
* Be responsible in the cooperation project with other clubs and social organizations
* Co President: (Michele He)
* Assist the President and deal with the relationship between the president and other members
* Hold regular meeting
* Be responsible in the management of social media
* Advisor: (Courtney McCrary)
* Primary resource for the organization
* Provide continuity, perspective, suggestions, and advice
* Meet with officers
* Approve the organization’s registration, funding requests, and goals
* Treasurer and Marketing Director: (Dexin Wang)
* “Treasurer” = I know stuff about money
* Set an example with how organization funds are managed, used, and reconciled
* Steward student money
* Promote financial wellness
* Request all funds
* Keep detailed records
* Collect dues (if applicable)
* Participate on the Executive Board

**Article 3: System of appointment and removal**

1. Election:
   1. The election of the organization will be completed by the end of the third month of the spring semester. The main content is the election of the leading group.
2. Applications:
   1. Applicants are required to report their work plan for the future in the general conference of election. All members have the right to vote and the current leading group votes weight 60% of the total outcome. One month after the general conference of election, the former council begins to evaluate the abilities of the new council or individuals. If there is no problem with the new council or individuals, the organization will announce the establishment of the new leading group and report the name list to Ohio State University.
3. Membership removal:
   1. If members in the leading group have serious problems during their tenure, including absence from regular meetings without excuse, inoperative attitude, and bad repercussions by members, they will be removed from the leading group after a vote by the leading group.
   2. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor.
   3. If the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

**Article 4: Assets Management, and Using Principles**

1. Source of Funding

* Operating Funds

All organizations is eligible for the same level of Operating Funds ($200each year)

* Programming Funds

Your Active status determines your available levels of Programming Funds ($2000 for New/Re-established or $3000 for Established each year)

* Fundraising & Sponsorship
* Donations for Charity Activities

1. This organization’s funds must be used for the activity related to the development of this organization.
2. This organization establishes a strict financial management system and ensures the legitimacy, authenticity, accuracy, and integrity of the fiscal materials.
3. Treasurer should submit a financial report to the leading group every semester and when personnel changes.
4. No units or individual shall encroach, embezzle, and misappropriate the organization’s assets.