

The Dance Connection at The Ohio State University

Article I: Name & Purpose

The organization's purpose is to promote dance in the community and provide opportunities outside of the classroom to choreograph and perform pieces created solely by the members. An additional purpose of Dance Connection is to spread dance in the outer community by teaching free workshops and after school programs for elementary students in inner city schools. Furthermore, the organization will sponsor dance workshops available to the entire Ohio State community.

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 categories of membership

Membership qualifications include enrollment as an Ohio State student and the organization is student run and student led.

Article III: Non-Discrimination Policy:

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.

Article IV: Organization Leadership: titles, terms of selection, type of selection, duties of leaders

The organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and the general members and the executive positions are appointed through popular vote of the members.

Article V: Executive Committee

- President: run meetings, oversee the organization's activities and progress, promotion of the organization, reserves space for performances and meetings, stage manager at performances
- Performance Chair: report on progress of members' projects, choreograph performance pieces, coordinate performance opportunities
- Education Chair: contacts teachers for workshops, communicates with local school/after school centers
- Treasurer: keeps track of financial spending, manages the organization's budget, applies for any applicable funds the university offers, coordinates fund-raising
- Marketing Chair: manages Facebook/Instagram/Twitter accounts, designs merchandise
- Membership Chair: keeps recruitment up, contacts potential new members, runs the involvement fair booth, helps run info sessions, plan social events, keeps track of members' points
- Outreach Chair: communicates with local nonprofits, creates events and drives, arranges donations and classes at Huckleberry House
- Production Chair: choose show theme, plan space for and choreograph the production piece
- Multimedia Chair: develop all marketing materials for recruitment and events, ensures performances are documented through photographs and videos, ensures all materials align with the brand of the organization

Article VI: Advisor: Qualification Criteria

The advisor of the Dance Connection must be a full-time member of Ohio State faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. The advisor will aid the executive committee in finding performance and practice space, as well as oversee the organization's finances.

Article VII: Meetings of the Organization: required meetings and their frequency

General meetings will be held once a month and Outreach meetings will meet every other week, based on the Executive Committee's discretion. The Executive Committee will meet before general meetings every two weeks. Members will meet outside of the general meeting to develop choreography.

Article VIII: Method of Amending Constitution: proposals, notice, and voting Requirements

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at at least one of the subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-thirds majority of voting members.

Article IX: Method of Dissolution of Organization

In the case of dissolution of this organization, any debts should be paid back to Ohio State University by the executive board members and any assets will be left to the President.

By Laws:

Article I: Parliamentary Authority

"The rules contained in [specify the source for parliamentary practice] shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization."

Article II: Membership

Anyone interested in dance and serving the community through dance is welcome to join and all levels of dance ability are allowed. If a member exhibits discrimination, inappropriate behavior, or breaks any laws during organization activities they will be terminated from the organization. Re-election will occur every year beginning in spring of 2010.

Article III: Election/Appointment of Government Leadership

To be eligible for the Executive Committee, a member must attend the majority of meetings and receive the vote of other members based on their leadership abilities. If an Executive member resigns or is impeached for going against the organization's policies, then an election will be held to fill that position.

Article IV: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will lead all meetings and update the organization on upcoming events as well as organize practice space and performance space. The Vice President of Education will provide information on upcoming workshops and classes the organization is involved in.

Article V: Methods for Removing Members and Executive Committee

V.a. 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.

V.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor.

V.c. Members may choose to be inactive for a semester without forfeiting their membership. But, members may not choose to be inactive for two consecutive semesters. In the event that occurs, said member will be forced to forfeit their membership. This does not apply to those on the Executive Committee: once they sign their contract, they are required to serve for the entire academic year.

Article VI: Advisor Responsibilities

The advisor will act as the second signer on checks to supervise our organization's spending and will attend important information meetings but will not be required to attend all of the organization's meetings.

Article VII: Meeting Requirements

Members are required to attend at least 75% of all meetings and at least 50% of voting members are required in order to make a decision about elections and changing bylaws or the constitution.

Article VIII: Method of Amending By-Laws

To amend the by-laws, it should be proposed in writing and reading out loud the change at a general meeting and then the proposed change will be brought up for a vote with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present.