

CONSTITUTION OF THE MIT CAVING CLUB

I. ARTICLE: NAME & PURPOSE

The name of this organization shall be the MIT Caving Club. The former name of the organization, the MIT Spelunkers' Club, may still be used where appropriate, but the MIT Caving Club is the preferred name.

The purpose of this organization is to promote exploration and generation of caves, tunnels, nooks, crannies, and other confined spaces within and without the Institute.

II. ARTICLE: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to all members of the MIT community, including students, faculty, and staff members. Attendance at one (1) meeting (see below) is the only prerequisite to becoming a member. A person stops being a member if the last meeting they attended was more than two years ago, or if they get removed (see below). Once a person becomes a member they shall be a member for two years since the last meeting they attended, and enjoy all privileges of membership, unless stripped of these privileges as an outcome of their removal.

2. MIT Caving Club shall not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in the MIT Nondiscrimination Policy for membership, officer position, or in any other aspect.

3. The membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.

4. Members may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the members present at a general body meeting announced at least one week in advance. A member can also be removed by their own choice with a written declaration to the executive board.

III. ARTICLE: MEETINGS

A meeting is any activity sponsored by the MIT Caving Club that is open to all its members. Meetings include, but are not limited to, club meetings, caving trips, and vertical practices. Notification of meetings shall be by email to the general membership mailing list. Meetings will occur at least once a year. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless they are absent, and in that case the vice-president, treasurer, and then secretary, shall preside. Quorum for meetings is 6 members of the club.

IV. ARTICLE: OFFICERS

1. The officers shall be elected annually by a majority of those members present at the election meeting to be held on the fifteenth (Ides) of March, or as close to this date as is practicable. Quorum for elections is 6 members of the club. The following are the Caving Club Officer positions and their respective responsibilities:
 - a. PRESIDENT: acts as chief representative of the organization and is responsible for keeping the club operational by ensuring the completion of all actionables.
 - b. VICE-PRESIDENT: helps the president with their duties.
 - c. TREASURER: is responsible for managing the club's finances and acts as a liaison with the Finboard.
 - d. GEAR MANAGER: keeps track of the club's gear, acquires new gear, and replaces old or unsafe gear in a timely manner
 - e. SECRETARY: writes meeting minutes, ensures the proper processing of waivers, and completes any other necessary administrative tasks.
 - f. POSTER CHILD: is responsible for publicity, including recruiting new members.
 - g. WEBMASTER: updates the website and keeps any other electronic records (including the Google Drive and the Athena locker) ordered.
2. In the event of the loss of an officer, the president (or the treasurer in the event of the loss of both president and secretary) shall assume the duties of said office, and shall call an election meeting as soon as possible to elect a replacement.
3. Other roles that also have access to officer resources:
 - a. VERTICAL GOD: is a vertically competent member who is trained in overseeing vertical practices
 - b. TRIPLEADER: leads caving trips to horizontal caves
 - c. VERTICAL TRIPLEADER: leads caving trips to both horizontal and vertical caves
4. At least half of the individuals who are officers of this organization must be current MIT students.
5. The president and treasurer must be distinct current MIT students.
6. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

V. ARTICLE: THE MIT CAVING CLUB'S RELATION TO THE ASA

The MIT Caving Club agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this

organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.

VI. ARTICLE: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
3. Quorum for amendments is 6 members of the club.

The above is the constitution of the MIT Caving Club, chartered February 29, 1980 and revised on March 22, 1987. This final revision was approved on May 20, 2022.