



Michigan Argentine Tango Club
General Membership Meeting

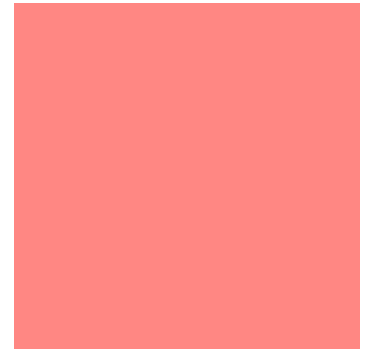
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Time: 9:30 pm

Board Members: Kate Mitroka (Pres), Elizabeth Garcia (VP), Tracey Rosen (Sec), Denzil Bernard (Director of Operations), Blake Charlebois (Registration Officer), Gloria Murillo (Web Master)

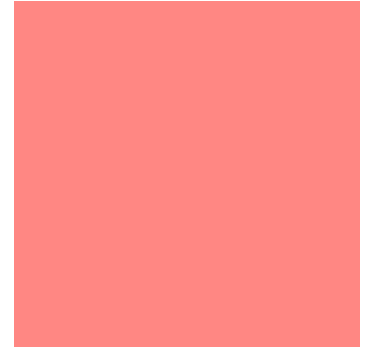
WELCOME

- HI! “I’m Kate...” 😊
- Here’s how the meeting will go (please see your agenda), but basically:
 - If you have question and comments, please direct them to me.
 - Generally speaking, we will do discussion and questions at the end.



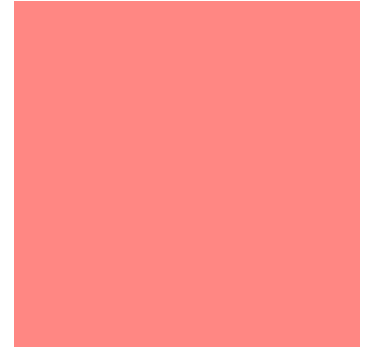
What We Do - Officer Reports

Please come talk to us...



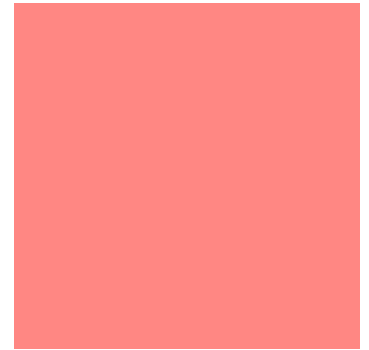
- President: Kate Mitroka – kfbmitroka@gmail.com
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- Director of Operations – bdenzil@gmail.com
- Registration Officer – blake.charlebois@gmail.com
- Web Master – Gloria Murillo – gloriamaria@gmail.com
- **General feedback/To reach the whole Board:**
umtango@umich.edu

THANK YOU!!



- A BIG THANKS TO ALL OUR FESTIVAL AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZERS, AND SPECIAL CLASS TEACHERS!!

Be on the look out for our:
UPCOMING EVENTS



- NOVEMBER ALUMNI WORKSHOP
(NOV 21ST-23RD)
 - TEA MILONGA (OCT 11TH)
- NEW SERIES (Begins: OCT 28TH)
 - ELECTIONS

At a Glance:

Things We've Done Since April:

- Successfully launched recruitment and advertising efforts, and registered MATC for new academic year.
- Developed an EO handbook
- Constructed constitutional amendments to remedy ambiguity and provide for more efficient Club operation
- Increased variety of Monday class opportunities and arranged for new Wednesday classrooms
- Created Monday ride-share list
- Created Club archives
- Institutionalized Tea Milongas

What We're Working On:

- Launch new website with array of new features (Nov.1)
- Make available new T-shirts (Nov.1)
- Continue outreach to campus communities (International Center, LGBT, Rackham, etc...)
- Continue to expand Monday options
- Continue to improve festival/workshop management
- Create and pass 2010 Operations Budget
- Improving book keeping procedures



As it Reads Now:

V.1-f(iii) Candidatures

All candidates shall submit to the Election Committee an application for candidature which shall include their names and University of Michigan Student status. If candidates undertake any of the activities listed below, they shall disclose them to the Election Committee along with their application:

Concerns:

- 1) Does not require the person submitting an application to be a member
- 2) Does not require the person to be a member in good standing



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Amendment:

V.1-f(iii) Candidatures

Any Club member in **good standing** may submit to the Election Committee an application for candidature which shall include their name and University of Michigan Student status. If candidates undertake any of the activities listed below, they shall disclose them to the Election Committee along with their application:

Definition of Good Standing



- The following definition of “Good Standing” was constructed from MATC member comments, and passed as an MATC policy by the Board.
- ***Members shall be considered “in good standing” if they are Club members against whom neither the Board nor the University of Michigan has taken disciplinary action for activities related to the Club. In the event someone has been subject to such action, three (3) years after such action was taken and at said Member’s request, the Board may review his/her case and, may elect to restore the Member to “good standing” if the Board deems it appropriate. In deciding whether said Member shall be considered “in good standing,” the Board may consider the Member’s demonstrated commitment to Club activities and philosophy.***



VOTE

On each constitutional amendment separately using index cards to indicate membership. Amendment 1 = Pink.

As it Reads Now:

V.1-e Limitations

No Officer shall serve on the Board longer than two (2) consecutive years, irrespectively of the position they may have held on the Board.

Reasons for amending:

- 1) *As a student Club conscious of the high turn-over inherent to a university, MATC is committed to offering leadership opportunities to as many people as possible*
- 2) *As a VSO MATC recognizes the contributions, time, and effort of it's constituents and is committed not to place undue burden on any member*
- 3) *Promote influx of new ideas*
- 4) *Prevent stagnation in leadership*
- 5) *To ensure perpetuation of the Club by identifying and encouraging new members to take up leadership positions and to avoid dependence on a few members*

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Amendment:

V.1-e Limitations

Irrespective of when and which Board position he/she held, no person shall serve on the Board for more than two (2) full terms, or more than three (3) terms (in case of one or more partial terms). Service amounting to less than three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) the life of the Board on which the term was served, shall be considered a "partial term." Otherwise, the term shall be considered "full."

Effect: It would be impossible for any person to serve on the Board for more than two (2) years and nine (9) months.



VOTE

On each constitutional amendment separately using index cards to indicate membership. Amendment 2 = Yellow.

As it Reads Now:

VIII. Amendments to the Constitution

Any Club Member may submit to the Board an amendment to the Constitution. If this amendment is sponsored by three (3) Board Members, this amendment shall be publicly discussed (and only discussed) at the first General Membership Meeting following the request. Then a ratification vote shall be sought during the second General Membership Meeting following the amendment request.

Amendments shall be ratified on the second General Membership Meeting following the request. A majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Club Members present at the General Membership Meeting shall be required to ratify an amendment to the Constitution.

Ambiguities and Other Concerns:

- 1) Does not explicitly state that **all** amendments need to be sponsored by Board members nor that they have to be discussed at a GMM
- 2) Only the requirement of a 2/3 majority for ratification does not safeguard against the possibility of a small number of people changing the constitution.
E.g.
MSA registration requirement for a SO: at least 10 students
Quorum for a GMM: 20% of the total membership(10) = 2
Number of votes to ratify amendments: 2/3 of the attendees = 2

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Amendment:

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Any Club Member may submit to the Board an amendment to the Constitution. Before it can be ratified, any proposed change to the constitution must have 1) gained the sponsorship of at least three (3) Board Members, and 2) been presented to and discussed with Club Membership at a General Membership Meeting. Ratification of any proposed change shall occur during a subsequent General Membership Meeting and in the same calendar year as the initial proposal. For the purposes of this provision, “sponsorship” means a Board member considers the suggested amendment suitable for discussion.

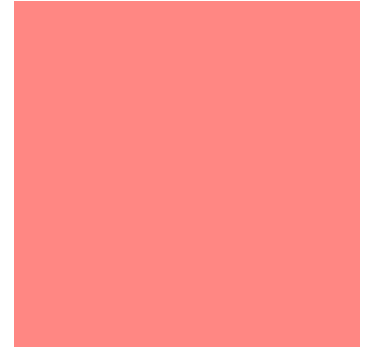
To be ratified, a proposed Constitutional amendment must be passed by a minimum of twenty-five (25) “yea” votes, or a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Club Members present at the General Membership Meeting, whichever is greater.



VOTE

On each constitutional amendment separately using index cards to indicate membership. Amendment 3 = Blue.

Final Constitutional Amendment



- **Purpose:** To remedy inefficient constitutionally-imposed way of operating regarding officer capabilities.
- **Procedural Posture:** This amendment is being formally presented to the membership today. It will be voted on at the final 2009 GMM on December 2nd.



As it Reads Now:

V.3 SOAS Representatives

The list of signers of the contract between the Club and the Student Organizations and Account Services Office shall be updated within one month of the new Board taking office. The University of Michigan Student Board Officers and the Faculty Advisor shall be the sole SOAS contract signers.

Amendment:

V.3 SOAS Representatives

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FINANCIAL REPORT

By: Tracey Rosen (Secretary)



Questions...



Thanks Again!