

Minutes from MATC General Membership Meeting 9/17/2008

Board Members Present:

Hirak Parikh (President)
Aleric Soans (Vice President)
Solveig Heinz (Treasurer)
Anjali Purkayastha (Director of Operations)
Blake Charlebois (Registration Officer)
Andrew DeOrio (Webmaster)
Elizabeth Garcia (Secretary)

Club Members Present: Andreas S., Avik B., Barbara N., Bo S., Ciro S., Claire R., Dan R., Dennis L., Denzil B., Eric D., Gabriela C., Joe D., John L., Kate M., Lisa L., Maria R., Mehrnoosh V., Mical D., Michael R., Ramji V., Bob K., Roshan J., Tracey R., Friedemann H., Andrew I., Chandan B., Cho O., Dana B., Emine C., Ishani B., John B., Stanley D., Marco B.

7 Board Members present. 40 Club Members present. Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order at 9:36 pm.

Proposed Agenda:

1. Officer Introductions
2. Officer Reports
3. Presentation/discussion/vote for CC changes.

1. Officer Introductions

2. Officer Reports

a) Vice President's report: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered time to the Club! This is a volunteer organization and relies on the help of all of the people who help. There are opportunities for people who are interested in becoming teaching assistants and teaching coordinators. Please see a Board member if you would be interested in either of these.

b) Treasurer's report: Financial report presented in detail to the membership. The Club remains financially stable.

Question from Avik regarding financial report: Why does the financial report show that only one of the festivals this year has made a significant amount of money while the others have all lost money?

Response from Solveig: I am not in charge of the finances for the festivals and workshops you would have to ask the Event Organizers (EOs) for each of those festivals/workshops.

Response from Hirak: The Club is focused more on providing affordable dance and instruction opportunities for the Club as it is a non-profit student Club. Since the Club is financially stable, we are willing to lose some money on festivals and workshops in order to keep the prices low for those attending.

3. Presentation/discussion/vote for CC amendments.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution were read as written in the minutes of the last GMM and copies were provided to those in attendance.

Motion to accept both amendments to the constitution as written.

Proposed by: Bob K.

Seconded by: Joe D.

Discussion:

Maria R. suggested a friendly amendment in the form of adding the word "consecutive" to the proposed amendment regarding Board term limits, stating that the Club should use all of the resources available to it.

Gabriela C. agreed, stating that this is a democracy and the Club should "let democracy work."

Avik B. stated that with the amendment as it is, he is unable to run for future Boards due to his involvement with the old Board and that while he was on the Board he was able to bring in a significant amount of money to the Club.

John B. stated that since this is a student Club the 2 year term limit seems adequate given that 2 years is half of the time that an undergrad will spend at the University and 2 years could potentially be the entire time that a graduate student is with the University.

Joe D. agreed with John, stating that there should be opportunities for new students to have the chance to run for the Board and run the Club and that the Club should be promoting leadership skills in as many new people as possible.

Emine C. stated that the argument seemed to be irrelevant given that the proposed change does not have to do with consecutive terms, but rather with whether a person may run for another term after serving on and a partial term.

Avik disagreed with Emine, stating that it was relevant.

Hirak stated that there would be only one more comment and then the discussion would be brought to an end.

Dinesh agreed with Emine stating that the argument was about a point separate from the proposed changes.

Motion to bring the discussion to a vote.

Proposed by: Bob K.

Seconded by: Joe D.

Motion to continue the discussion.

Proposed by: Avik B.

Seconded by: Kate M.

Vote: 25 in favor of bringing the discussion to a vote out of 39 total members present.

Simple majority was met. Motion passed.

Vote to pass amendments to the CC: 26 in favor out of 39 total members.

Two-thirds majority was met. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Proposed by: Bob K.

Seconded by: Aleric S.

Vote: 28 in favor out of 39 total members present.

Simple majority was met. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.