

The Constitution of the MIT Cost-effective Healthcare Initiative (MIT CHI)

Article I: Purpose

The MIT Cost-effective Healthcare Initiative (CHI) aims to bring together MIT students and faculty across different disciplines to foster cost-effective healthcare innovation through an annual workshop on global health at MIT, a speaker series on successful cost-effective healthcare innovation stories, and a prize competition to allow ideas to be developed and implemented. We see a need for a group that will not only focus on developing countries but will use the technology and expertise at MIT to improve health for people around the world with clever and cutting-edge solutions, whether in the developing or developed world. In order to do this, we hope to bring together people who know the gaps in healthcare delivery with people who can develop tools to bridge these gaps.

Article II: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of this organization. One is considered a member of this organization in any given academic term if she has attended at least one club activity and one meeting in the preceding or current term.
2. The organization's membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
3. This organization will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.
4. This organization will not charge any monetary dues.

Article III: Officers

1. This organization will have at a minimum two officers:
 1. President
 1. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
 2. The president will preside over all meetings.
 3. The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
 1. Treasurer
 1. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
 2. The treasurer must approve all disbursements from the group's accounts, including reimbursements to members.
1. All officers of this organization must be distinct current MIT students.
2. Elections:
 1. Elections of officers shall occur two weeks before the end of the spring semester.
 2. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for any office.
 3. Quorum for elections is two-thirds of the group.
 4. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.

5. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.
 6. The term of office runs from one election to the subsequent election.
3. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at least every two weeks.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless she is absent, and in that case the treasurer shall preside.
3. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
4. Quorum for a meeting shall be one-quarter of the members of the organization.

Article V: Amendments

1. Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds voted of the members present.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be two-thirds of all members of the organization.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

The MIT Cost-effective Healthcare Initiative 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.