The Constitution of Connect Cuba

Article I: Purpose
To educate the MIT community about Cuban culture and the current state of internet accessibility in Cuba, and to empower Cuban civil society with the ability to communicate freely with each other and the world through open, uncensored access to the Internet.

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 one has attended at least a single club activity and 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. If this organization charges any monetary dues, there will be exceptions made for students that cannot afford these dues.

Article III: Officers
1. This organization will have at a minimum (three) officers:
   1. President
      i. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
      ii. The president will preside over all meetings.
      iii. The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and informing the social chair, who will then publicize this to the group.
      iv. The president shall maintain the club organized and focused should their vision drift from the majority’s.
   2. Vice President
      i. The vice president shall take the president’s role should the president be absent for the meeting.
      ii. The vice president shall assist the president as required by the current projects and goals.
      iii. The vice president shall make sure that attendance is taken at the start of every meeting.
      iv. The vice president shall help, if not coordinate, the arrangements of club related events.
   3. Treasurer
      i. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
      ii. The treasurer shall sign all checks and vouchers for the group.
      iii. The treasurer shall take charge of the finances involved with fundraising events.
iv. The treasurer shall submit a monthly report to the president detailing all financial transactions. This report should include the amount of each transaction, the starting and ending balance, and the purpose for each expense.
v. The treasurer shall file for grants, follow deadlines, and keep the president and vice president informed of the progress of each.

4. Secretary
   i. The secretary shall take minutes at every meeting and distribute them electronically to all members after the meeting is held.
   ii. The secretary shall take attendance at the start of every meeting.
   iii. The secretary shall keep track of the events and aid in their establishment.
   iv. The secretary shall maintain the group alert of deadlines.

5. Publicity Chair
   i. The publicity chair shall help advertise any events the group decides to host.
   ii. The publicity chair shall coordinate any means of advertising such said information or event.
   iii. The publicity chair shall be responsible of informing club members about current news on Cuba.
   iv. The publicity chair shall coordinate the writing of articles relating to Cuba in the local media.

2. All officers of this organization must be distinct current MIT students.
3. Elections:
   1. Elections of officers shall occur during the last officer meeting in April.
   2. New officers will be elected by the incumbent board of officers.
   3. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for any office.
   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.
   4. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the other officers.
   5. All officers’ duties are subject to change depending on current work requirements, deadlines and events, as well as dynamic goals.
   6. The board of officers reserves the power to approve/veto all events using the club name.

Article IV: Meetings
1. Member meetings shall be held at least biweekly.
2. Officer meetings shall be held at least biweekly, the weeks when member meetings are not being held.
3. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless he/she is absent, and in that case, the Vice President shall preside.
4. All decisions shall be made by the board of officers.
5. Quorum for a member 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 vote of the board of officers.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be every member of the board of officers.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

Connect Cuba 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.