

Constitution of the Belly Dance Club

Preamble

The aim of the Belly Dance Club is to create a network of students, faculty, staff, and the Bloomington community who are interested in belly dance and give them a chance to get to know each other, share stories and information, work on costuming, attend events together, and network with the larger belly dance community. Members of this club will have the opportunity to work on belly dance technique and share their knowledge with others.

Article 1: Membership

A. Members are required to attend 50% or more of the meetings per semester.

B. Missing three meetings in a row will result in all performance privileges revoked for that specific performance (the upcoming performance).

C. All members present at meetings will conduct themselves with propriety; if a member fails to act accordingly, which includes but is not limited to: making disparaging comments, showing verbal disrespect, displaying aggressive behavior, etc. toward fellow club members, the removal process from the club may be initiated. The member in question will have the opportunity to discuss the situation with the President and club members during a designated time, after which the President and club members will convene to determine whether the member should continue as part of the club. Once the decision (which takes effect upon its making) is made, the member will be notified in person or via email.

D. Dues of \$5 are to be paid to the club each semester to ensure membership.

Article 2: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article 3: Executive Officers

The following are the executive positions in the Belly Dance Club along with corresponding descriptions:

President: Is point of contact for performance opportunities along with other events; does choreography; tells performance/event information to all club members; handles miscellaneous club duties and collaborates with vice president to take care of tasks as they both see fit

Vice President: Contacts campus organizations for funding; reserves practice spaces; does choreography; runs practice in president's absence; works together with president to handle club tasks

Choreographer: Does choreography with president and vice president

Treasurer: Keeps track of and collects club dues; fills out paperwork to deposit money into club account

Social Media: Creates content for Instagram and Facebook posts to promote club and events/performances

Should an executive need to be removed from their position, the executive in question will have the opportunity to discuss the situation with the rest of the club members during a designated time, after which the club members will convene to determine whether the executive should continue to hold their position. Once the decision (which takes effect upon its making) is made, the executive will be notified in person or via email. If the decision is that the executive be removed, then the duties he or she formerly was responsible for will be delegated among the remaining executives for the remainder of the semester.

Article 4: Advisor

The Belly Dance Club advisor ideally is a person with experience in the world of belly dance. He or she can provide help with administrative duties as well as serve as a contact for performance opportunities. The advisor will serve willingly for the duration seen fit by the individual. There is no maximum term for the club's advisor. Should the advisor need to be removed from their position, the individual will be made known in person or in writing of the club's intent and will be offered an opportunity to discuss the situation with the club members, who will convene immediately after to determine whether the advisor should continue to hold their position. Once the decision (which takes effect upon its making) is made, the advisor will be notified in person or via email.

If the decision is that the advisor be removed, then the process for searching for and approving a new advisor will begin. Any club member can bring forth suggestions for a new club advisor. During a designated club meeting, all suggestions for potential club advisors will be heard by the members and ordered based on preference. After this meeting, the person with first preference will be approached in person or via email with the opportunity to serve as club advisor. If the individual accepts, they will immediately assume advisor duties. If not, then the next person listed will be contacted and so on until an advisor is found.

Article 5: Meetings

Meetings will be held at least once a week and are called by the President. They take the form of practicing technique. Attendance will be recorded with the use of a sign-in sheet.

Article 6: Elections

Elections will be held once per academic year and members will be notified periodically beginning in March of the upcoming election at the end of April. The procedure is as follows: each member will sit in a circle and the current President will name off each position. If a present member

wishes to run for the position, they will stand up and give an explanation of why they would be successful in fulfilling the duties of the position. If there are multiple people nominating themselves for the same position, there will be a vote amongst the other members of the club. If only one person runs for the position, that person will be named to that position. At least 50 percent of total club members must be present for a valid vote. The winner of any position will be decided based on a simple majority.

Article 7: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article 8: Dues & Budgets

Dues are \$5 per semester and are determined by expenses needed to be covered during the semester, such as club merchandise or performances that the club puts on, which could include hosting a professional dancer from out of town. Dues are collected by the Treasurer and are to be recorded on a balance sheet and kept in a designated club wallet. The club President will also maintain copies of the balance sheets and will count dues after they are collected, along with the Treasurer. Club members who have not paid dues in a timely manner will be addressed on an individual basis. The club's budget will be maintained and revised by the Treasurer according to expenses assumed each year, which will be decided as a whole by the club.

Article 9: Finances

Club finances will be handled in accordance with the Student Organization Accounts office policies and procedures. The Treasurer will assume the duty of applying for or maintaining a Student Organization Account. In the event that the club dissolves, club funds will be returned to members who contributed.

Article 10: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article 11: Amendments

Eligible voting members will be notified of proposed amendments via announcements at meetings and by email. To ratify an amendment, 50 percent of the present members must be in agreement.