

# **Constitution**

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## **ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose**

### ***Section 1***

A. The name of this organization is the Stevens Dramatic Society, and is herein referred to as the Society.

### ***Section 2***

A. The purpose of this organization is to:

- promote interest in the performing arts, and
- produce plays in the Stevens Theater.

## **ARTICLE II: Membership and Participation Requirements**

### ***Section 1: Eligibility***

A. Any undergraduate or graduate student of Stevens Institute of Technology may participate in the activities of the Society and is eligible to become a member. Members reserve the right to vote on societal matters as denoted by the constitution.

### ***Section 2: Requirements***

A. A member of the Society is defined as any eligible student who has met the following requirements:

- The student has been present at least two (2) of the previous four (4) general body meetings. Excusals from meetings will not count towards this tally.
- The student has participated in the at least one (1) of the previous three (3) main-stage productions as defined in the following section.

### ***Section 3: Show Participation***

A. A student is defined as having participated in a production if they have contributed ten (10) hours to the production in one or more of the following categories:

- Crew calls
- Rehearsals

- Production meetings
- Publicity events

## **ARTICLE III: Executive Board and Officers**

### ***Section 1***

- A. The elected Officers of the Executive Board of the Society shall consist of the following numbers, listed in order:
- President
  - Vice President
  - Business Manager
  - Publicity Manager
  - (2) Member-At-Large

## **ARTICLE IV: Meetings**

### ***Section 1***

- A. One General Body Meeting is to be held per full month of the spring and fall semesters of the academic year.

### ***Section 2***

- A. Each member must be personally notified in writing at least seventy-two hours before a scheduled meeting. Notification must be given one week prior to a nomination or election meeting. Notification regarding other types of meetings will be at the discretion of the President.

### ***Section 3***

- A. The President must call an Executive Board meeting within one week after being requested by two members of the Executive Board.

### ***Section 4***

- A. A quorum is defined as one half of Society members.

### ***Section 5***

- A. During a general body meeting, any member may call a vote for the meeting to be run using Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. If seconded, the vote will proceed by show of hands.

## **ARTICLE V: Bylaws**

### ***Section 1***

- A. The Bylaws of the Constitution of the Society are valid for all intents and purposes as part of this Constitution, save that they require only a majority membership vote to pass, suspend, or negate.

### ***Section 2***

- A. No Bylaw can supersede, or be inconsistent with this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE VI: Amendments**

### ***Section 1***

- A. Amendments to this Constitution must be presented in writing by any voting member to the Executive Board not less than one week before being presented at a meeting.

### ***Section 2***

- A. Constitutional amendments become effective upon a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members.

## **ARTICLE VII: Adoption**

### ***Section 1***

- A. This Constitution becomes effective upon the approval of:
- two-thirds of the voting members of the Society
  - the Student Government Association of Stevens Institute of Technology

### ***Section 2***

- A. The establishment of this, the Constitution of the Stevens Dramatic Society, abolishes all previously existing Constitutions for the governance of the Society.