

Constitution of the MIT Solar Electric Vehicle Team

1 PURPOSE

We, the workers of the Solar Electric Vehicle Team, in order to form a more perfect means of transportation, establish blueprints, ensure continuity of knowledge, provide for common masochism, promote the general Well-Being, and secure the blessings of fast Solar Cars to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Solar Electric Vehicle Team of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (henceforth “TFP”).

2 MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member of the community of TFP is eligible to become a member of this organization.
2. The organization’s membership (henceforth the “Congress”) will at all times consist of at least 5 currently-enrolled students of TFP and be more than half students currently enrolled in TFP.
3. All engineering powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the Solar Electric Vehicle Team (henceforth “SEVT”), which shall consist of a GoSolar and House of Active.
4. Participation in said divisions of Congress is defined as membership in the Moira lists `gosolar` and `sevt-active` respectively.
5. Participation in the Congress establishes an individual or Moira list as a member of the SEVT. There are no other criteria for membership.
6. An individual may resign from the Congress at any time. They are required to carry out their removal from Moira lists themselves.
7. The SEVT will not discriminate based on any enumerable characteristic, including those listed in MIT’s Nondiscrimination Statement.

3 OFFICERS AND MINISTERS

1. The SEVT will have two officers: the President (henceforth “Captain”) and Treasurer (henceforth “Vice Captain”). The Captain shall maintain the integrity of the team and shall ensure all paperwork is

completed for all and any races with submission deadlines during their term.

The Vice Captain shall be responsible for the finances and indiscretions of the group. The Vice Captain is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group emanating from ASA-administered accounts of TFP. The Vice Captain is prohibited from causing the deposit of any money intended for the SEVT to any ASA-administered account of TFP.

The Captain may at any time delegate any and all responsibilities to the Vice Captain on a temporary basis.

2. Elections of officers shall occur on the closest Tuesday to Registration Day of the fall semester, or on the voluntary resignation of any officer. Any member of the Congress is eligible for office. A member may be self-nominated for election or may be nominated by any other member. Any member may run for any position or number of positions. A member is elected to be an officer by a unanimous vote of those present at a specially-designated meeting declared one week in advance. No quorum is required and the specially-designated meeting is not required to hold an election.
3. Officers are considered removed upon the election of their successor.
4. Ministers may be elected simultaneously and by the same process as officers in order to fulfill any technical, organizational, or other responsibilities (e.g. "Design Lead"). In this case, the name of the ministry is created by the nomination of a member to it. Multiple members of the Congress may be permitted to the same ministership. In such a position they will be responsible for the enumerated task, delegation of sub-tasks, and management of people, supplies, and materials related to their discipline.
5. Ministers are not to be considered officers for any ASA-related purpose, but have full consideration as officers for any other purpose.

4 MEETINGS

1. Meetings shall be held at the request of any member or to a regular schedule established on the day of officer elections.

2. The Captain is responsible for determining the date and time of all meetings and for notifying the Congress of such meetings more than 24 hours prior to their start, unless the Congress contains any member of any claimed student government of TFP.
3. Meetings shall be presided over by the Captain or a member designated by the Captain.
4. Any decision may be made on any basis, at the discretion of the Captain and Vice Captain.
5. In the case that the Captain may subject a decision to a vote, the only acceptable type of voting is preferential voting (ranked list or Borda count) or unanimous voting. The Captain may designate any quorum for any vote.

5 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this document are to be made in the same way as the election of ministers.

6 ASA GOVERNANCE CLAUSE

The SEVT 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 insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations. This section, and the use therein of the word “insure” shall not be subject to the common distinction of “insure” from “ensure.”