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Argentine Tango Club

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Article 1: Mission Statement, Name and Purpose

This organization shall be called **Argentine Tango Club**.

The purpose of this club shall be to promote Argentine Tango as a social dance on NCSU campus and the surrounding communities. The club's events are oriented toward a wide, non-professional audience seeking to dance Argentine tango in a friendly social environment.

Article 2: Membership

2.1 Regular Membership

Regular membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled North Carolina State University students.

2.2 Honorary Membership

Honorary membership will be granted to alumni, faculty, staff, visiting scholars, and community members.

2.3 Transfer of Membership

Memberships are not transferable.

2.4 Suspensions or Termination of Membership

The Board, by an affirmative vote of 3/5 of the Board members present, may suspend or expel any member for good cause after a right to a hearing before the Board to which the member is given at least one week's written notice. Any member suspended or expelled from the club shall not be allowed to participate in any club-sponsored activities even as a non-member guest. The duration of suspension shall be clearly stated in the written notice of suspension. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, the following: improper or disruptive conduct.

2.5 Rights

Each member is entitled to vote in club elections and meetings of the general membership. Each member shall have access to the documents of the club upon written request. Members can petition the Board for the removal of any elected or appointed position. Members have a right to attend the Board meetings.

2.6 Responsibilities

All club members are expected to cooperate fully on matters of policy adopted by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the membership.

Article 3: Board of Officers

All officers will be elected in April and will start their term in the following academic year (in August). The board will be elected by a simple majority of the members present at the annual meeting. In the event an officer resigns, the officer's position will be elected by a simple majority in an electronic ballot/e-mail.

The Board of Officers of the **Argentine Tango Club** will consist of the following:

- 1 - President
- 2 - Vice-president
- 3 - Secretary
- 4 - Treasurer
- 5 - Social Committee Chair

3.1 President

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the club. He or she shall supervise, direct and administer all club functions and activities. The President, when present, shall preside at all meetings. The President shall have the sole authority to sign and execute in the name of the club all legal, Board-approved contracts. The President may delegate this authority in writing to another Board member or club member for specific contracts. He or she will also be responsible for re-registering the **Argentine Tango Club** with the Student Organization Resource Center in the beginning of the academic year. The President shall perform all duties pertaining to his or her office that may be imposed upon him or her by the Board.

3.2 Vice-President

The Vice president shall assume the duties of the President when the President is not available. The Vice president shall also serve as the Information Technology Officer, who designs and maintains the **Argentine Tango Club's** website. He or she shall be responsible for keeping the on-line information updated. The Vice President is responsible for creating and administering the club e-list.

3.3 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the club and shall act as Secretary to the Board. The Secretary shall maintain an up-to-date membership list. The Secretary shall take minutes as necessary. The Secretary shall perform any other duties required of him or her by the Board of Officers.

3.3 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate and correct financial records of the Club's properties and transactions. The financial records shall be open to inspection by any Board member at all reasonable times. The Treasurer shall help the Events Committee Chair coordinate any fund-raising events. He or she shall be responsible for all collection and disbursement of funds of the Club. The Treasurer shall approve invoices for payment and shall sign checks. At each meeting of the Board and at each annual meeting, the Treasurer shall make a report of the activities of his or her office. The Treasurer shall establish and maintain the club's checking account and any other transaction

mechanisms whenever applicable. The Treasurer shall perform any other duties required of him or her by the Board of Officers.

3.4 Social Committee Chair

The Social Committee Chair arranges the activities, materials, facilities and personnel required to conduct events and promote the Club. He or she shall collect and maintain all records related to the planning and execution of events and of publicity products. The Social Committee Chair shall plan and coordinate auxiliary activities to promote the success of each event. The Social Committee Chair shall perform any other duties required of him or her by the Board of Officers.

3.7 Responsibilities

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, the act of the majority of the Board members then present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board. Action taken by a majority of the directors without a meeting is nevertheless Board action.

3.8 Conflict of Interest

Whenever a conflict of interest arises due to the nature of an issue before the Board, the affected Board member or members will abstain from voting on that issue.

3.9 Termination of Board Membership by the Board

The Board can suspend or expel any board member with good cause if the Board determines that the Board Member is unwilling or unable to discharge the duties of office in a satisfactory manner for reasons including, but not limited to the following: improper or unsatisfactory performance of duty, malfeasance in office and/or deliberate and willful violation of the Constitution. Termination of Board membership has no effect on club membership.

Article 4: Dues

There are no annual membership dues for this club. Fees may be required for particular events. Voluntary donations shall be accepted.

Article 5: Amending the Constitution

Amendments to the constitution may be presented to the Board by any member of the club. The constitution is amended first by a 3/5 majority vote of the Board then a simple majority vote of the general members attending the annual meeting.

Article 6: Meetings

6.1 Open to members

All meetings shall be open to all members.

6.2 Frequency of Meetings

The Board of Officers will meet at least once in a semester and more frequently as deemed necessary by a simple majority of board members. In addition, the Board of Officers may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of additional meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Officers may be called by or at the request of the President or a simple majority of board members.

6.3 Annual Meeting and Election

A meeting of the general membership shall be held annually in the month of April. This meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting, which will be held for the purpose of delivering reports from the Board and holding elections of the Board for the coming year.

6.4 Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be ordered by resolution of the Board or by written petition of 25% of the members. Such petition shall be presented to any elected officer. The Board shall then call a special meeting within 30 days from receipt of the petition.

6.5 Quorum

For meetings of the board, 3 out of 5 or more of the members of the Board shall be present to constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, the act of the majority of the directors then present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Officers.

6.6 Agenda

The President sets the agenda for Board meetings. Any Board member or club member may propose items for the agenda to the President.

6.7 Room Reservation

Any Board members shall reserve a room for club activities. Club activities need to be approved by 3/5 of the Board members.

Article 7: Committees

7.1 Appointment

The President shall appoint committees, as the needs of the organization require. Examples of committees that may be formed in the **Argentine Tango Club** are Events Committee, Publicity Committee, and Nominating Committee. The Social Committee Chair will be the committee chair, unless the president or the Board decides by majority to appoint another Board member to this role.

The President shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees.