

# Motion to modify the Pole Dance Constitution

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## The society notes

- 1 In previous years, the society has failed to find members to fill committee roles.
- 2 The society's activity has increased over the past year.
  - 2.1 The society's activity has expanded to include a new weekly activity (Aerial) at a location other than South Kensington campus.
  - 2.2 The society expects to compete twice within the next year, and is hosting a competition in February.
  - 2.3 The society has been collaborating with other dance groups at Imperial, participating in a full scale dance show before the end of the year.
  - 2.4 The Secretary's role involves engagement with a large number of casual members across a variety of platforms.
  - 2.5 The Constitution was lost last year and has been reconstructed.
- 3 The society has run elections for the proposed new positions and filled all but one of the roles.

## The society believes

- 1 There is a need to modify the name of the society to reflect the increased activity.
- 2 There is no need for a dedicated publicity officer or webmaster.
  - 2.1 The society's website is rarely used, with social media our main information outlet.
  - 2.2 The society rarely uses print media.
- 3 There is a need for a committee member to manage our aerial activity.
- 4 There is a need for a committee member to manage collaboration and fusion events.
- 5 There is a need for a committee member to manage our competition participation.

## The society resolves

- 1 to change the name of the society to "RCC Pole & Aerial".
- 2 to modify the committee:
  - 2.1 Remove the role of Publicity Officer.
  - 2.2 Remove the role of Webmaster.
  - 2.3 Add the role of Competition Officer.
  - 2.4 Add the role of Aerial Officer.
  - 2.5 Add the role of Collaboration Officer
- 3 Add Aerial to the Aims and Objectives of the Society.
- 4 Clarify voting privileges of joint held committee positions.

## The society proposes

- 1 To amend the Constitution to reflect these resolves as detailed in Appendix A.

## Appendix A

### Constitution for RCC Pole & Aerial

#### 1 Name

- 1.1 The society shall be a member of the Recreational Clubs Committee.
- 1.2 The name of the society shall be RCC Pole & Aerial, hereafter referred to as “the society”.
- 1.3 The society may receive grant from Imperial College Union and shall administer this and any self-generated income in accordance with the Imperial College Union Financial Regulations.

#### 2 Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 The society shall hold the following as its aims and objectives. The society shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in each academic year.
- 2.2 *The society shall strive to provide access to pole dance and aerial arts classes to its members at affordable prices.*
- 2.3 *The society shall compete in pole dance competitions with other universities.*
- 2.4 *The society shall provide assistance and advice to its members with regards to individual competitions and training in other aerial arts.*

#### 3 Statement of Intent

- 3.1 The constitution, regulations, management, and conduct of the society shall abide by all Imperial College Union Policy, and shall be bound by the Imperial College Union Constitution and Bye-Laws.
- 3.2 The society stresses that it abides by the Imperial College Union Equal Opportunities Policy, and that club regulations pertaining to membership of the society and election to management of the society shall not contravene this policy.
- 3.3 The society shall also be governed by the Recreational Clubs Committee Standing Orders.

#### 4 Membership

- 4.1 The following shall be eligible to become members of the society:
  - 4.1.1 ICU Members
  - 4.1.2 ICU Associate Members
- 4.2 Any society member who is a Member of the Union shall be a full member of the society. All other members shall be associate members of the society.
- 4.3 All members shall join the society. The membership fee shall be decided by the Committee but shall not be less than that specified by the ICU Clubs & Societies Board.

#### 5 Committee

- 5.1 Chair
- 5.2 Treasurer
- 5.3 Secretary
- 5.4 Social Secretary
- 5.5 *Collaboration Officer*
- 5.6 *Aerial Officer*
- 5.7 *Competitions Officer*

#### 6 Management & Committee Responsibilities

## 6.1 All committee members

6.1.1 shall attend sessions to help set up and take down poles, as co-ordinated by the Chair.

## 6.2 The Chair

6.2.1 shall represent the society on the Recreational Clubs Committee.

6.2.2 shall ensure that the club is run in accordance with the Constitution and Imperial College Union's Code of Conduct for Clubs, Societies and Projects.

6.2.3 shall be responsible for ensuring that pole dance sessions take place in a safe and prompt manner.

6.2.4 shall sign an ICU Financial Responsibility Form, and shall be aware of the ICU Financial Regulations.

## 6.3 The Treasurer

6.3.1 shall carry out the day to day financial duties of the society.

6.3.2 shall provide the Recreational Clubs Committee Treasurer with a detailed budget for the following academic year during the first half of the second term of the academic year.

6.3.3 shall liaise with partners and suppliers to arrange payments.

6.3.4 shall sign an ICU Financial Responsibility Form, and shall be aware of the ICU Financial Regulations.

## 6.4 The Secretary

6.4.1 shall be responsible for daily correspondence with society members.

6.4.2 shall book rooms for committee and general meetings.

6.4.3 shall take and distribute minutes at committee and general meetings.

6.4.4 ~~shall assist the Publicity Officer in the production and distribution of online and printed publicity material.~~

6.4.5 *shall be responsible for the society's social media presence.*

## 6.5 The Social Secretary

6.5.1 shall be responsible for organising society socials.

## 6.6 The Collaboration Officer

6.6.1 *shall attend meetings regarding potential and ongoing collaboration with other societies and external partners.*

## 6.7 The Aerial Officer

6.7.1 *shall be responsible for managing the delivery of Aerial classes, including taking registers and liaising with instructors.*

## 6.8 The Competitions Officer

6.8.1 *shall be responsible for co-ordinating the society's participation in competitions.*

6.8.2 *shall be responsible for organising any competitions hosted by the society.*

## 7 Committee Meetings

7.1 Committee meetings shall be called by the Chair of the society.

7.2 At least five College days notice of a committee meeting must be given to the committee.

7.3 Only the Committee may vote at a committee meeting, but full and associate members may be invited and speak. In the event that a committee position is held by more than one person, they shall hold one vote between them.

7.4 Quorum of the Committee shall be two thirds of the committee present.

7.5 Decision shall be reached by simple majority of those committee present.

## 8 General Meetings

8.1 A general meeting may be called by the Chair of the society, Quorum of the Committee or by ten full members of the club; this must be submitted to the Chair in writing. The general meeting must be held within ten College days of receipt of the request.

8.2 A general meeting may only be held during undergraduate term time.

8.3 At least five College days notice of a general meeting must be given to the society membership.

- 8.4 Only full members of the society may vote at general meetings.
- 8.5 Quorum of the meeting shall be half of the full club members.
- 8.6 Decision shall be reached by a simple majority of the full members present.
- 8.7 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- 8.7.1 The AGM shall be held during the second term of the academic year, unless permission is obtained from the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies).
- 8.7.2 The AGM shall have as its main business the presentation of the report of activities and finance, and the election of the committee for the next academic year.
- 8.7.3 An agenda giving notice of the AGM must be circulated to all club members at least ten College days in advance.
- 8.7.4 Elections shall comply with Section 9.

## 9 Elections

- 9.1 Elections for society positions shall be considered a Minor Election as defined by the Union Bye-Laws, and shall take place at a General Meeting of the Society.
- 9.2 Nominations for society officers must be posted at least ten days in advance of the meeting and closed before the meeting.
  - 9.2.1 Each nomination shall require one proposer and normally 4 seconders, who shall be full members of the club.
  - 9.2.2 In the event of there being no nominations for a post prior to the meeting, nominations may be accepted from the floor at the meeting.
  - 9.2.3 In the event that an elected position is left unfilled, the Chair shall undertake their duties until such time as the position is filled.
  - 9.2.4 Further Guidance on elections can be found in the Imperial College Union Byelaws under the section Minor Elections.

## 10 Health & Safety

- 10.1 The society acknowledges its duty of care to its members and shall abide by Imperial College Union's Health & Safety Policy, and Imperial College Union's Code of Conduct for Clubs, Societies & Projects.
- 10.2 The society shall submit an annual Risk Assessment to the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) for its activities.

## 11 Additional Activities

## 12 Constitution

- 12.1 The Constitution shall only be altered by consent of two thirds majority of the full members present at a general meeting.
- 12.2 All changes to the Constitution must be approved by the Recreational Clubs Committee.
- 12.3 This Constitution shall be binding on the club officers and members, and all other constitutions are hereby revoked.
- 12.4 This Constitution has been approved in accordance with Clause 12.1 and accepted as the Constitution for RCC Pole Dancing on 11 December 2014 by Robin de Meyere, the society Chair and Richard Cameron, Recreational Clubs Committee Chair.