

*Preamble: We, the undergraduate students of Case Western Reserve University (Case), recognizing the needs and interests of our student body, do hereby establish EKTA Dance Productions of Case Western Reserve University.*

Article I: Name and Purpose

1. The organization shall be called EKTA Dance Productions of Case Western Reserve University.
2. The purpose of EKTA is to produce teams and provide them with the resources to enter various competitions and performances as well as showcase Indian dancing on Case Western campus and in the Cleveland community.

Article II: Responsibilities and Powers of EKTA

1. EKTA shall promote and maintain interest in South Asian dance by producing a total of three dance teams (of the genres of Bhangra, Raas and Bollywood/Fusion) by organizing aspiring choreographers, dancers, and managers.
2. EKTA shall act as a liaison, when appropriate, between the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), student body, faculty and other appropriate organizations.
3. EKTA shall have the power to appropriate funds from the USG to administer those funds at the discretion of the EKTA officers.

Article III: Membership

1. The membership of EKTA shall consist of undergraduate students at Case who demonstrate interest in the purpose of EKTA as stated in Article I, Section 2.
2. Membership shall not be discriminated on the basis of race, creed, religion or handicap.
3. To be considered a member of EKTA, one must have either performed with one of the three competitive dance teams or have attended at least one general body meeting in addition to have had either tried-

out for a competitive dance team, attended an EKTA non-fundraising event or attended a competition through EKTA during that designated year (Fall/Spring semesters).

4. Probation such as disciplinary, scholastic, or temporary probation from Case shall incur probation of membership.
5. Members of EKTA shall abide by this Constitution and uphold the honor and integrity of the organization and its purpose.
6. Constitutional privileges of members include the right to vote at the elections of all officers and to challenge and override decisions made by the Executive Board. To override such a decision, a meeting must be called according to the Constitution and a majority vote of the attending membership is required.
7. An individual's membership may be decided by a majority vote of EKTA's board.

#### Article IV: General Body Meetings

1. The President of EKTA shall preside over meetings, provided said meeting's topic does not conflict with the interests of the President.
2. Notification of the time and place of a meeting must occur at least twenty-four hours in advance of said meeting.
3. A meeting can be petitioned for by any member with the support of one board member.

#### Article V: Senior Executive Board

1. President
  - a. Interprets the Constitution of EKTA
  - b. Enforces due observance of the Constitution and Case policies.
  - c. Serves as Chief executive officer for EKTA
  - d. Is responsible for overall management and direction of meetings and events
  - e. Serves as Chairman of the Board
2. Vice President

- a. Serves as next in chain of command after the President
  - b. Maintains good relationship between the board and the members.
  - c. Endorses EKTA through leadership and involvement
  - d. Oversees the management of Junior Executive officers and their tasks
3. Treasurer
- a. Is responsible for the financial management of the organization including creation of the semester's budget
  - b. Collects receipts and disburse funds as necessary for competitions
  - c. Retains appropriate financial files
  - d. Learns and complies with financial policies of USG and Case.
4. Secretary
- a. Is responsible for publicity of upcoming events and meetings
  - b. Informs members of updates through email and website
  - c. Takes attendance at general body meetings.
5. Student Advisor
- a. Is responsible for advising the board on decisions based on previous experiences.
  - b. Assists other board members in completing their tasks and duties.

Article VI: Junior Executive Officers

1. Chairs of Fundraising (2)
  - a. Is responsible for the planning and creation of EKTA fundraisers.
  - b. Seeks out and pursues contact with potential sponsors for EKTA dance teams and future events
  - c. Will have voting privileges on executive matters.
2. Chairs of Logistics (2)
  - a. Is responsible for the planning and creation of local non-fundraising events.
  - b. Assists choreographers in planning logistics of going to competitions
  - c. Will have voting privileges on executive matters

3. Choreographers
  - a. Is responsible for management of EKTA Dance teams
  - b. Acts as the captain of the dance team in organizing and directing practices, creating mixes, choreographing, selection of costumes and applying to selected competitions and performances.
  - c. Holds tryouts within the first thirty days after the start of classes in the fall semester.
  - d. Acts as the representative of the best interest of their dance team at EKTA board meetings.
  - e. Each dance team will have voting privileges on executive matters communicated by the choreographers.

Article VII: Election Procedures

1. Senior executive officer elections shall occur within the thirty days before the last day of classes of the spring semester.
2. Junior executive officers elections (except choreographers) shall occur within the first thirty days after the start of classes in the fall semester.
3. Senior executive elections shall be run by the outgoing president. If the president is running for any position again, then the highest ranking officer with no interest in the upcoming election shall be responsible.
4. The following are the minimum requirements for the candidates of the following senior executive positions.
  - a. President - 2 Semesters of EKTA Board participation, 1 Semester on an EKTA Dance Team
  - b. Vice President - 2 Semesters of EKTA Board participation, 1 Semester of an EKTA Dance Team
  - c. Student Advisor - 2 Semesters of EKTA Board participation, 1 Semester on an EKTA Dance Team
  - d. Treasurer - No minimum requirements
  - e. Secretary - No minimum requirements

5. There are no minimum requirements for the junior executive positions except that they have spent at least one year at a university (be of sophomore standing).
6. For the purpose of meeting these requirements, a performance is required in the designated semester for it to constitute as a semester served on a dance team.
7. All elections must be conducted by a ballot vote and the ballots will be kept for up to one week after the results have been posted. No absentee voting or voting by proxy is permitted.
8. The election of the President and Vice President
  - a. Shall be conducted together where the candidate grossing the most votes shall be appointed President and the candidate grossing the second most votes shall be appointed Vice President.
  - b. In the election of the President and Vice President, active members shall get two votes. The first vote will be worth one vote while the second vote will be worth one-half a vote. In the event of a tie, only those candidates involved in the tie will be subject to a new vote until the tie is decided.
9. Any member involved in the elections as a candidate may request to see the ballots and challenge the election up till one week after the elections.
10. Nominations for any position are open until the time specified by board.
11. A majority membership vote elects. All candidates have the right to object to an election based on non-membership votes only before voting begins.
12. The terms of election are for one year: one fall and one spring semester.
13. A vacancy in any office shall be filled promptly by election by means of letters of intent. In case of a vacancy in the presidency, the vice president shall preside until a new president is elected.

14. Those members running for office shall only campaign through their letter of intent or their speech and question answer period at the election meeting. Any nominee for office who is apprehended for campaigning shall be removed from the ballot. If a candidate is caught after elections, the individual shall be removed from their office and replaced by the runner-up. A new election may be held if necessary.
15. In the case of a tie, a new election for that office shall be held between the two candidates in question.
16. Choreographers are voted on and selected by the EKTA senior executive board.
  - a. Aspiring choreographers for the next fall/spring semesters must submit a letter of intent to the EKTA senior executive board within thirty days after the last day of classes of the spring semester.
  - b. If two or more people wish to coordinate efforts, only one letter is required for both of them provided both names are listed on the letter of intent.
  - c. If two or more people contend for the position of choreographer(s) of a designated dance team, tryouts for the choreographer position will occur within of the first 7 days after the first day of classes in the fall semester.

Article VIII: Officer Removal

1. Executive officers may be removed from office by a three-fourth vote of the complete EKTA Board.
2. Junior executive officers may be removed from office by a three-fourth vote of the complete EKTA Board.

Article IX: Amendments

1. The EKTA Executive Board has the right to amend any portion of the Constitution as long as the general body is notified within 24 hours of the amendment. An amendment must pass with a majority vote of the board.
  - a. If any member of EKTA wishes to file a complaint against the changed amendment, a petition must be submitted to the

- EKTA Board. The petition will then be voted upon at the next general body meeting.
- b. The petition must pass with a two-thirds majority of the members present at the general body meeting in order to reverse the amendment change.
2. If any member of EKTA proposes a change to the Constitution, a petition must be filed first to the EKTA Board.
- a. The Board can approve the amendment with a majority vote. If the majority is not met, the amendment is then vetoed.
  - b. In the event that the Board vetoes the amendment, the EKTA member has the right to request a general body meeting from the Board, where upon the amendment will be held to a vote. The amendment must pass with a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the general body meeting.