

Constitution for Modern Enigma Society

1. General

- 1.1. This Constitution applies to the organization of the Modern Enigma Society, taking precedence over the Membership Handbook and all other policy documents other than the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, which take precedence over this Constitution.
- 1.2. All regional and national property and assets of the organization are subject to the control of the organization as defined by the Bylaws and Constitution.
- 1.3. At times the organization shall act as a collecting agent, collecting items and/or money for the explicit purpose of combining donations prior to giving them to another non-profit organization.
 - 1.3.1. In these instances, the organization does not take title to the donation, and the individual or firm who originally donated the items or money retain any and all tax benefits.

2. Membership

- 2.1. Holding an office within the organization does not alter the benefits or duties of being a general member.
- 2.2. Non-members may not represent the organization in any way at any time, nor shall a non-member be put into a position of responsibility or authority where membership or representation of the organization can be implied. This does not apply for purposes of obtaining outside legal, financial, or other professional counsel or representation.
- 2.3. The Board of Directors may designate a means by which cards or certificates may be issued on behalf of the organization formally evidencing membership in the organization.
 - 2.3.1. In the event such cards or certificates are issued, members may be required at any time while participating in an organization event to show proof of membership by providing the card or other proof of membership.
- 2.4. Being a member of the organization in good standing entitles one to the following benefits in addition to those outlined in the Bylaws:
 - 2.4.1. A membership number;
 - 2.4.2. Access to any and all club policy documents that outline the member's rights or responsibilities, including but not limited to the Bylaws, Constitution, and Membership Handbook;
 - 2.4.3. Membership in a domain;
 - 2.4.4. Participation in organization events, including the ability to create and portray characters in sanctioned games, subject to whatever rules may apply;
 - 2.4.5. Right to vote in elections, referenda, and other matters defined by this Constitution.
 - 2.4.6. Ability to apply for any elected or appointed office, subject to any minimum qualifications established by policy.
- 2.5. Becoming a member of the organization requires that a person assume the following responsibilities in addition to any outlined in the Bylaws:
 - 2.5.1. To abide by the policies contained in the Bylaws, this Constitution, and Membership Handbook, including adherence to membership standards such as the Code of Conduct.

- 2.5.2. To disclose only true and accurate information (to the best of one's knowledge) to members and officers when dealing with official organization business.
- 2.5.3. Violation of the responsibilities of membership may result in the temporary or permanent removal of any or all benefits of membership, in proportion to the offense.
- 2.6. The act of filing suit in a court of law against the organization or its partners shall constitute notice of plaintiff member(s)' voluntary withdrawal from all organization activities until the matter is completely adjudicated in a court of law.
- 2.7. The Bylaws outline a method by which a member may request, in writing, that his membership be terminated.
 - 2.7.1. A member may send this request via postal mail to a mailing address published by the organization for this purpose, including the member's name, membership number, and signature.
 - 2.7.2. A member may send this request via electronic mail to the national coordinator, regional coordinator, domain coordinator (if applicable), including the member's name and membership number.
 - 2.7.3. Members who withdraw in this way voluntarily relinquish any and all accrued membership benefits. Should such a person later rejoin the organization, these benefits may be reinstated in whole or in part at the discretion of the national coordinator.
- 2.8. Members who are expelled from the organization lose all accrued membership benefits.
- 2.9. Should a person cease to be a member, whether due to voluntary termination, expulsion, or failure to renew, this does not relieve that member from any monetary or legal obligations made while a member.
 - 2.9.1. Any investigations into conduct taken while a member should continue even if the person ceases to be a member, the results noted, and any disciplinary action recorded.
 - 2.9.2. Any temporary loss of membership benefits, such as suspension from play, shall apply only during a person's membership. Should they cease to be a member and later rejoin, whatever portion of that temporary loss remained upon the termination of membership shall continue upon rejoining.

3. Structure

- 3.1. The organization has four primary administrative levels: Venues, Domains, Regions, and National. At each level other than National, multiple distinct organizational units may exist at that level.
- 3.2. Chapters, Domains, Regions, and the Nation have administrative functions managed by a single Primary Coordinator who organizes and oversees the administration of organization functions within that organizational unit.
 - 3.2.1. Each Primary Coordinator is supervised by the Primary Coordinator of the smallest organizational unit that contains their own organizational unit. The National Coordinator is supervised by the Board of Directors.
- 3.3. Venues, Domains, Regions, and the Nation have sanctioned games and stories managed by a single Primary Storyteller who organizes and oversees storytelling activities within that organizational unit.
 - 3.3.1. Each Primary Storyteller is supervised by the Primary Storyteller of the smallest organizational unit that contains their own organizational unit. The National Storyteller is supervised by the Board of Directors.

3.4. Neither the Primary Coordinator nor Primary Storyteller within each organizational unit are subordinate to each other, but should work together to promote the welfare of the membership.

3.5. Venues

3.5.1. A Venue is an administrative and gaming unit with distinct geographical boundaries that exists entirely within a Domain.

3.5.2. A member may join a Venue by creating a sanctioned character appropriate for the Venue and assigning it to the Venue according to the procedures outlined in the Membership Handbook.

3.5.3. The Primary Storyteller of a Venue is a Venue Storyteller elected for a term of one year by all members of the Venue, with each member casting a single vote.

3.6. Domains

3.6.1. A Domain is an administrative and social unit with distinct geographical boundaries within a single Region:

3.6.2. The Primary Coordinator of a Domain is a Domain Coordinator elected for a term of one year by all members of the Domain, with each member casting a single vote.

3.6.3. The Primary Storyteller of a Domain is a Domain Storyteller elected for a term of one year by all members of the Domain, with each member casting a single vote.

3.7. Regions

3.7.1. A Region is an administrative unit with distinct geographical boundaries, containing any number of Domains.

3.7.2. The Primary Coordinator of a Region is a Regional Coordinator elected for a term of two years by the Primary Coordinators of all Domains within the Region, with each Primary Coordinator casting one vote for each 10 members or portion thereof within their organizational unit.

3.7.3. The Primary Storyteller of a Region is a Regional Storyteller elected for a term of two years by the Primary Storytellers of all Domains within the Region, with each Primary Storyteller casting one vote for each 10 members or portion thereof within their organizational unit.

3.8. Nation

3.8.1. The Nation is an administrative unit containing all Regions within the organization.

3.8.2. The Primary Coordinator of the Nation is the National Coordinator elected for a term of two years by a nomination of candidates by the Regional Coordinators of each Region and final selection by the Board of Directors from that slate of candidates.

3.8.3. The Primary Storyteller of the Nation is the National Storyteller elected for a term of two years by a nomination of candidates by the Regional Storytellers of each Region, and final selection by the Board of Directors from that slate of candidates.

3.9. Board of Directors

3.9.1. The Board of Directors is the overall governing body for the organization, establishing the rules and administrative requirements for all organizational units and officers at all levels of the club. These rules and requirements are contained in the Membership Handbook as established and amended by the Board of Directors.

3.9.2. The Board of Directors may intervene in any situation where it deems there is any threat to the integrity, legal standing, or financial stability of the organization; or violations of the Bylaws or Constitution; or damage to any agreement between the organization and any third party.

3.9.2.1. To resolve such a situation, the Board of Directors may assume, alter, limit, grant, remove, or suspend any status or authority, or otherwise take any organizational action that does not

conflict with the Bylaws or Constitution, but shall limit this action as much as possible to address only the specific situation.

- 3.9.3. The Board of Directors shall be the final arbiter of the interpretation of any organizational documents, including but not limited to the Bylaws, Constitution, or Membership Handbook.

4. Offices and Elections

- 4.1. Offices within the organization serve only to reflect a member's authority and responsibility as relates to organization affairs. At no time does an officer hold any authority over another member beyond what is appropriate to execute the duties of that office, and may not modify or remove any benefits of membership except through proper execution of the disciplinary action process.
- 4.2. Policy may prohibit a member from holding certain offices simultaneously. Should a member hold two or more such offices, the member must immediately withdraw from one or more such that this policy is upheld.
- 4.3. Elections shall be held to replace any Primary Coordinator or Primary Storyteller position that becomes vacant. Such an office becomes vacant if:
 - 4.3.1. The term of office ends;
 - 4.3.2. The person holding the office ceases to be a member;
 - 4.3.3. The person holding the office resigns from office or is removed from office.
- 4.4. Elections for Primary Coordinators or Primary Storytellers shall be conducted in a timely manner by the supervisor of the office being filled.
 - 4.4.1. While an office is vacant, the officer conducting the election may permit the former office holder to continue acting in that office, or may select another member to temporarily act in that office.
- 4.5. Elections are conducted by secret ballot submitted to two or more election proctors selected by the officer administering the election.
 - 4.5.1. Individuals may waive their right to a secret ballot by publishing their own vote, or by written statement to the officer administering the election.
 - 4.5.2. Votes cast by officers in elections for regional or national officers shall be made available to members of the officer's own organizational unit.
 - 4.5.3. Ballot submission may be by written ballot, email, online form, or any other method or combination of methods that allow all election proctors equal and unlimited access to ballots.
- 4.6. Election of officers is done using an instant run-off system.
 - 4.6.1. Final numerical results of an election shall be made available, including the number of rounds of tabulation and the number of votes for each candidate in the final round.

5. Referenda

- 5.1. A referendum is a formal vote of the membership or some subset thereof.
 - 5.1.1. A referendum of the full membership of the organization may amend this constitution.
 - 5.1.2. A referendum of the members within an organizational unit may call for a new election for any elected officer of that organizational unit. If adopted, a new election shall be held as if the officer's term of office had ended.

- 5.1.2.1. Such a referendum shall be administered by the supervisor of the officer named in the referendum.
- 5.1.3. The Constitution or Membership Handbook may specify other circumstances under which a Referendum is possible or necessary.
- 5.2. Unless otherwise specified, each member voting in a referendum may cast a single vote, and the referendum is successful with a simple majority of votes cast in favor of the referendum.
- 5.3. Referenda are administered by the Primary Coordinator for the organizational unit to which the referendum applies unless otherwise specified. Referenda affecting the organization as a whole are administered by the National Coordinator.

6. Investigations and Disciplinary Actions

- 6.1. Officers may be empowered by the Membership Handbook to conduct an investigation and/or to issue a disciplinary action in response to a member who may have violated club rules or policies.
- 6.2. The outcome of any investigation shall be made available to all involved parties and appropriate officers, including the status of any appeals.
 - 6.2.1. For investigations into actions taken by elected officers at a minimum all electors for that office are considered involved parties.

7. Appeals

- 7.1. A member has the right to appeal any decision made by a single officer, including appeals decisions, to that officer's supervisor. Notices of Guidance and decisions made by the Board of Directors may not be appealed.
- 7.2. Upon appeal, the reviewing officer may uphold the original decision, reverse it, modify it in any way, and/or require the decision to be re-evaluated and re-issued by either the original officer or another officer appointed to do so.