



CONSTITUTION
OF THE STUDENT CHAPTER OF
MEDIATORS BEYOND BORDERS

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA

Article I
(Title)

The name of this organization is “Mediators Beyond Borders at the University of Ljubljana” (SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana) (in continuation organization). Its members are students. SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana operates under the patronage of the international organization, which has its headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., United States of America, and is incorporated as Mediators Beyond Borders (MBB; <http://mediatorsbeyondborders.org/index.cfm>). SS MBM at the University of Ljubljana operates under the rules and the directions of the head organization MBB in the US.

The SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana Constitution is a social contract to which each member is committed when he or she joins the organization. It is submitted according to the rules of the Obligation Code, which is valid in Republic of Slovenia and in force for social contracts.

SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana is based on this social contract and joins and becomes a part of an international organization Mediators Beyond Borders, which has its headquarters in United States of America.

Article II
(Purpose and Activities)

The main purpose of SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana is to spread the idea of mediation among the general public and internationally as a method of alternative dispute resolution. The activities of the international organization are directed by a Board of Directors of MBB, whose intention is to diminish the number of current conflict situations in various communities around the world by using various ways and procedures. For this purpose, the organization will perform researches on the basis of which it will find out which groups are threatened in Slovenia and its neighboring countries and other countries in conflict in the world and which dispute resolutions are suitable for each individual situation. Organization's activities also include lectures from experts, exercising simulations of mediation, etc. SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana will cooperate with other student chapters of MBB in different universities and states, with the association of mediators in Slovenia named *Društvo mediatorjev Slovenije*, translated as Association of Mediators of Slovenia (DMS), and with different organizations on an international level.

Article III
(Membership)

1. The member of organization can be any student, regardless to his or her nationality, race, gender, language, religion, political or any other conviction, financial status, birth, education, social status or any other personal circumstance. Every member has his or her rights and obligations, which originate from this constitution and other acts that this organization will accept.
2. Every member has the right to participate actively in all organization's activities, to stand as the candidate for organization's functions, and the right to vote.
3. Every member is obliged to pay the annual membership fee of 15 euro, which must be paid once in a school year at the beginning of the school year/semester or at later affiliation, to the treasurer of the organization.
4. Other people that are not students can be also actively involved in every activity of organization. They can participate in all meetings, regular and others, and can become supporters. Supporters do not have the obligation to pay an annual membership fee, and they do not have the right to vote and to hold office in the organization.

Article IV (Change of the Constitution)

The change of the constitution can be suggested by any Officer of the Board of the organization, or by at least by three members. Proposition is accepted if two thirds of all members confirm.

Article V (Bodies of Organization)

1. The officers of the organization are:
 - Community council
 - 2 presidents (senior and junior president)
 - Vice-president
 - Treasurer
 - Public relations leader
 - Publication leader
 - Coordinator
2. Bodies are elected at the beginning of the school year for the period of one year, except for the presidents, who are elected for two-year period. A motion to be a candidate can be put for vote by any member himself or herself or for another member. To be elected, candidate must get votes from two thirds of all present members.

Article VI (Community Council)

Community Council is a meeting of all members and has the legislative power of organization. It is in session once in a school year. On five members' initiative, presidents can convene the extraordinary meeting of Community Council. The Community Council may conduct business if a quorum of at least 50% of all members are present.

If the requested majority of 50 % is not present in 15 minutes after the session begins there is a quorum at the general meeting if at least 20% of the members are present.

**Article VII
(Presidents)**

The organization shall have two presidents (senior and junior president). The first year of setting up the organization, only the senior president is acting as a chairman. The following year his or her co-president is elected. A term of office for the presidents is two (2) years. Presidents lead the organization and represent it.

**Article VIII
(Vice-President)**

The Vice-President assists presidents at their tasks and duties, and replaces them when it is necessary in case of extraordinary circumstances. The vice-president keeps a list of all members. The vice-president obtains information from the members from membership form, which has to be filled by every member at the affiliation.

**Article IX
(Treasurer)**

The Treasurer is in charge of financial funds of organization. His or her obligations are to make sure that members pay their annual fee, to search for the donators of organization and to keep the record of income and outcome of organizations financial funds.

**Article X
(Public Relations Officer)**

The Public Relations Officer promotes the organization, its ideas and organizes events according to the purpose of organization.

**Article XI
(Publication Officer)**

The Publication Officer takes care of publishing, issuing of articles and other writings from organization.

**Article XII
(Coordinator)**

The Coordinator is in charge of organizing meetings and the technical work of organization, including taking care for meetings and preparing and maintaining minutes or written records of the meetings, including providing all necessary equipment, making records of the meetings, setting up and refreshing the Internet site of organization.

**Article XIII
(Sections)**

Within the sphere of the organization's activities, members can set up sections for different working areas or projects. The Community Council has the power to decide upon the sections' activities, with ordinary majority.

**Article XIV
(Replacement of an Officer)**

An Officer may be replaced in any one of the following cases:

- The term of the office expires according to article 5 / 2
- Expiration of membership
- In the case of resignation
- In the case of dismissal
- If he/she is sentenced with enforceable court decision to sentence of imprisonment, longer than six months, without parole.

**Article XV
(Dismissal)**

When any one or more members of the organization, or an Officer of the organization discovers, that any Officer of the organization is not attending to his or her duties, that is in accordance with goals and intentions of organization, or is in any other way preventing activities of organization, then that Officer or any member can suggest to the Community Council of the organization the dismissal of an Officer. The motion is passed, if two thirds of present members vote for conformation.

**Article XVI
(Funding)**

SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana is a non-profitable organization. It will be funded with the donations by donators and funds from membership fees are also at its disposal. Because it is integrated in Student organization of the University of Ljubljana, the organization can be funded by it.

Any member can suggest his or her motion for expediture of funds by the organization. Any expenditure of funds must first be approved by treasurer and one of the presidents.

**Article XVII
(Counselors)**

SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana has its constant, professional, external counselors. Mentors of organization are mediators and other experts from the field of mediation. Home expert leadership, who will assist the members of organization, are from members of Association of Mediators of Slovenia (DMS).

Mediator Lynn Cole is a foreign expert, mentor, adviser and the contact person for head organization MBB.

Other counselors will appear as lecturers in addition to the constant mentors.

Article XVIII
(Constitution of the University of Ljubljana)

SS MBB at the University of Ljubljana is bound to respect the Constitution of the University of Ljubljana, act under the provisions of it and accept acts, which will not be in contradiction with the Constitution of the University of Ljubljana.

Article XIX
(Original in Slovenian Language)

The Slovenian original is substantially the same as the translation in English.

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