



*Michigan Argentine Tango Club*  
General Membership Meeting

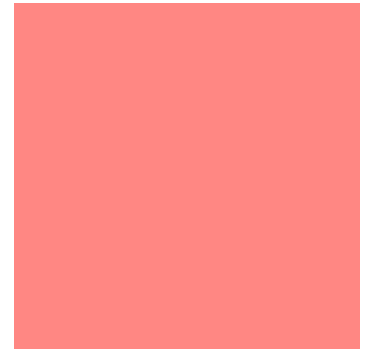
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Time: 9:30 pm

Board Members: Kate Mitroka (Pres), Elizabeth Garcia (VP), Tracey Rosen (Sec), Claire Ryan (Treasurer), Denzil Bernard (Director of Operations), Blake Charlebois (Registration Officer), Gloria Murillo (Web Master)

# WELCOME

- HI! “I’m Kate...” 😊
- Here’s how the meeting will go (please see your agenda), but basically:
  - If you have question and comments, please direct them to me.
  - Generally speaking, we will do discussion and questions at the end.



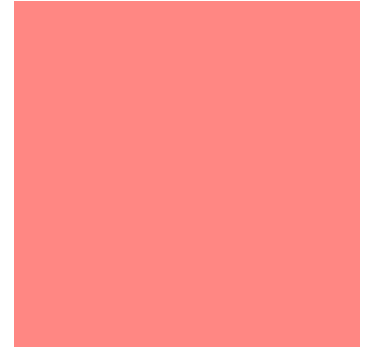
# What We Do & What We've Done: Officer Reports

*Please come talk to us...*



- President: Kate Mitroka – [kfbmitroka@gmail.com](mailto:kfbmitroka@gmail.com)
- Vice President: Liz Garcia – [elizabeth.irene@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.irene@gmail.com)
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- Secretary: Tracey Rosen – [trosen09@gmail.com](mailto:trosen09@gmail.com)
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- Registration Officer – [blake.charlebois@gmail.com](mailto:blake.charlebois@gmail.com)
- Web Master – Gloria Murillo – [gloriamaria@gmail.com](mailto:gloriamaria@gmail.com)
- **General feedback/To reach the whole Board:**  
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# THANK YOU!!



- A BIG THANKS TO ALL OUR FESTIVAL, WORKSHOP, AND EVENT EOS!!

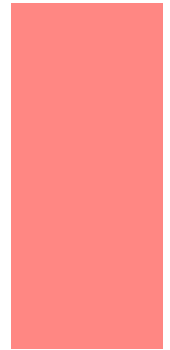
# At a Glance:

## Things We've Done:

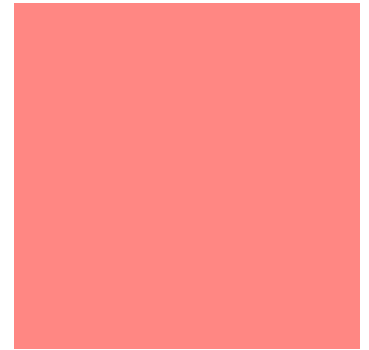
- Hosted successful! events and booked rooms for 2010 events
- Required budgets for events and started engaging EOs earlier
- Started offering free intro lessons
- Codified curriculum
- Collaborated on events and performances with: Rackham, the LGBT Community, other Campus Dance/Cultural Organizations, and the Art School
- Increased advertising (Buses, flyers, digital, Winterfest, newspapers, and Tango-A etc...)
- Expanded Monday night offerings
- Created Mission Statement

## Continued Efforts:

- Website improvement
- Budget and price structure management
- Better publicize
- Develop teacher/TA selection process and policies
- Clean up constitutional ambiguities
- Develop Monday night activities
- Plan successful festivals and workshops



Be on the look out for our:  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

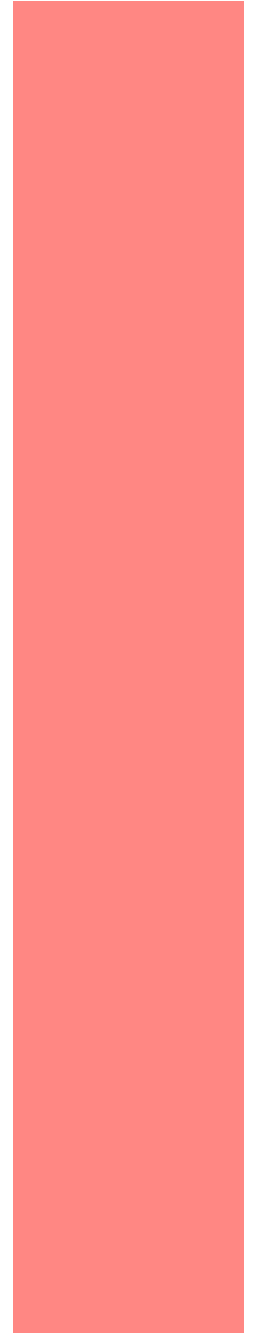


- MAY MADNESS (MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> -11<sup>TH</sup>)
- NEW SERIES (Begins: MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>)
- TEA MILONGA (APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>)

# Mission Statement

WE ARE...

A volunteer-based student organization dedicated to the philosophy and proposition that tango is not a commodity but rather an art form to be shared freely. It shall be cultivated in a community of Club participants, which fosters leadership and operates with a firm appreciation of the various talents, abilities, and motivations of those who give that community form.



## **As it Reads Now:**

### **VIII. Amendments to the Constitution**

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Amendments shall be ratified on the second General Membership Meeting following the request. A majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Club Members present at the General Membership Meeting shall be required to ratify an amendment to the Constitution.

### **Ambiguities and Other Concerns:**

- 1) Does not explicitly state that **all** amendments need to be sponsored by Board members nor that they have to be discussed at a GMM
- 2) Only the requirement of a 2/3 majority for ratification does not safeguard against the possibility of a small number of people changing the constitution.  
E.g.  
MSA registration requirement for a SO: at least 10 students  
Quorum for a GMM: 20% of the total membership(10) = 2  
Number of votes to ratify amendments: 2/3 of the attendees = 2

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## **Amendment:**

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*To be ratified, a proposed Constitutional amendment must be passed by a minimum of twenty-five (25) votes or a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the Club Members present at the General Membership Meeting, whichever is greater.*

## **As it Reads Now:**

### **V.1-e Limitations**

No Officer shall serve on the Board longer than two (2) consecutive years, irrespectively of the position they may have held on the Board.

### **Reasons for amending:**

- 1) *As a student club conscious of the high turn-over inherent to a university, MATC is committed to offering leadership opportunities to as many people as possible*
- 2) *As a VSO MATC recognizes the contributions, time, and effort of it's constituents and is committed not to place undue burden on any member*
- 3) *Promote influx of new ideas*
- 4) *Prevent stagnation in leadership*
- 5) *To ensure perpetuation of the club by identifying and encouraging new members to take up leadership positions and to avoid dependence on a few members*

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*Irrespective of when and which Board position he/she held, no person shall serve on the Board for more than two (2) full terms, or more than three (3) terms (in case of one or more partial terms). Service amounting to less than three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) the life of the Board on which the term was served, shall be considered a "partial term." Otherwise, the term shall be considered "full."*

**Effect:** It would be impossible for any person to serve on the Board for more than two (2) years and nine (9) months.



***As it Reads Now:***

V.1-f(iii) Candidatures

All candidates shall submit to the Election Committee an application for candidature which shall include their names and University of Michigan Student status. If candidates undertake any of the activities listed below, they shall disclose them to the Election Committee along with their application:

**Concerns:**

- 1) Does not require the person submitting an application to be a member
- 2) Does not require the person to be a member in good standing



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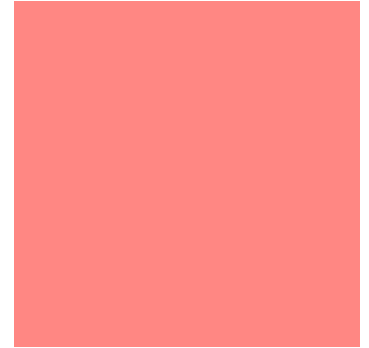
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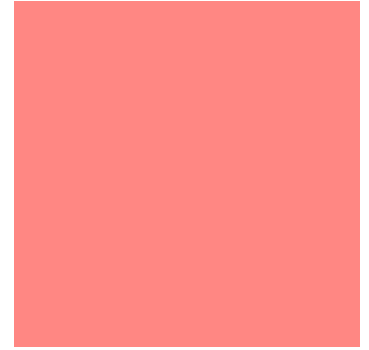
Any club member in good standing may submit to the Election Committee an application for candidature which shall include their name and University of Michigan Student status. If candidates undertake any of the activities listed below, they shall disclose them to the Election Committee along with their application:

# New Pricing Structure Explained



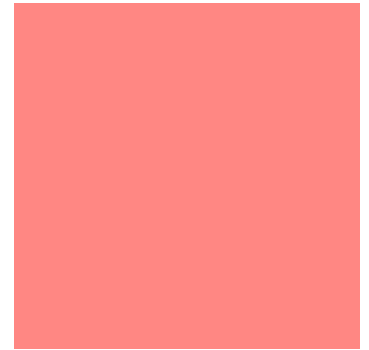
- **Purpose:** To correct a previously passed scheme which didn't take into account some of the costs associated with the club, and to accommodate increased operational costs.
- **The Situation:**
  - Budget: 24 K
  - Revenue: 17 K
  - Difference: 7K

# Pricing Structure Continued: What it Will Do...



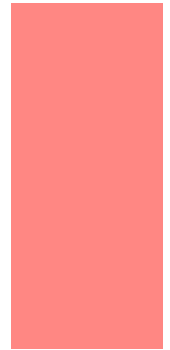
- Take effect *May* of this year
- By December we should have 20K (instead of 17K)
- This leaves us a difference of 4K [24K (budgeted) – 20K (from new pricing structure) = 4K]
- Therefore: BY END OF THIS YEAR: Deficit reduced from 7K to 4K.

# Pricing Structure Continued: What it Will Do...



- Being in place next year it should yield an additional 3K. This takes the difference to 1K (20K +3K = 23K. 24K-23K = 1K)
- Next year's budget will be 23K (Based on what costs we think we can cut)
- Therefore: BY END OF NEXT YEAR: Revenue (23K) and Budget (23K) will match.
- To make up residual loss from this past year: Rely on events over time. Note: At this point, it appears this year's festival and workshop have come out ahead.

# Old and New Pricing



## Old Pricing Structure

Category	Membership Dues (Yearly)	Drop In	User Series	Member Series	Semester Milonga	Half Year	Full Year
Student	10	5	15	10	10	25	45
Non-Student	20	10	25	20	20	50	90

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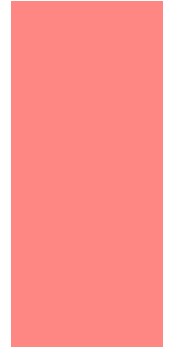
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# FINANCIAL REPORT

By: Claire Ryan (Treasurer)

# Questions? Comments?



- Order of Topics:
  - Financial Report
  - Constitution
  - Pricing Structure
- General Concerns...



Thanks Again!