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# ARABESQUE CONSTITUTION

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## **Article I**

*Name:* The organization shall be named Arabesque: The Arab Heritage Club of Middlebury College.

## **Article II**

*Mission:* The purpose of Arabesque is to create a medium for all those interested in learning about the Arab World, its rich history and culture, through sponsoring and organizing various activities. Simultaneously, Arabesque will foster a conducive environment for Arabic language speakers and those interested in learning it, and will support an undergraduate Arabic language program at Middlebury College.

## **Article III**

*Membership:* The membership is open to all students, faculty, staff and community members who are interested in the Arabic culture and language.

## **Article IV**

*Officers:* The office holders of the society will be as follows:

*President:* Will call, preside and adjourn all meetings. The President is in charge of establishing committees and overseeing their work, and thus is responsible for all the activities organized by Arabesque. The president will also serve as a liaison between faculty, staff, administration and Arabesque. This position shall be open to a maximum of two members.

*Vice President:* Will officiate in the absence of the President, keep records and minutes of meetings, and oversee the work of the committees and lead projects on behalf of Arabesque.

*Treasurer:* Will be responsible for maintaining financial records and appearing before the Finance Committee. The treasurer will also be responsible for seeking co-sponsorships of events with other groups on campus.

*Secretary:* Will perform general administrative tasks as well as lead and/or participate in committees and project.

In the event that there is limited interest in the governance of Arabesque, the Secretary position shall be merged with one either the Vice President or Treasurer positions. Together, the position holders will be termed the Executive Board of Arabesque.

## **Article V**

*Elections* All the office holders will be nominated for one year by the general consensus of its members attending at least one event. In the event of an election, the vote will be decided by a simple majority. The Elections will take place by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the event that a member of the Executive Board fails to perform his/her duties, the other members shall discharge the officer from his/her position with a unanimous vote. Elections to fill the position shall be held as soon as possible.

In the event that a member of the Executive Board resigns, either a direct appointment or elections should be held immediately for those interested in filling the position.

## **Article VI**

*Meetings:* Arabesque will have bi-weekly Executive Board meetings and other frequent general meetings at the discretion of the Board.

## **Article VII**

*Committees:* The President will appoint special temporary committees to oversee the implementation of specific activities undertaken by Arabesque. Such committees can include members of the Executive Board, Arabesque members and others from the community.

## **Article VIII**

*Advisers:* If a faculty member shows sufficient interest in the Society, as deemed by the Executive Board, he/she shall be made the Adviser of Arabesque.

**Article IX**

*Affiliation:* Arabesque will not be affiliated with any national organization.

**Article X**

*Discrimination Policy:* This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the Middlebury College Handbook concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by Arabesque.

**Article XI**

*Ratification:*

- A. This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. This constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

**Article XII**

*Amendment:*

- A. Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. Amendments to this constitution must be approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

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