Perfected Praise Liturgical Dance Ministry

Article I- Name and Purpose

Perfected Praise Liturgical Dance Ministry has been established for the purpose of using Liturgical dance to creatively express God’s Love and Word to others. Liturgical dance is prayer through the movement of dance using the body, mind, and spirit. We are called to worship and praise God with the gifts and talents that He has given us. We also strive to uplift and encourage those around us.

Article II- Scope

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

Article III- Membership

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by:

- Attending at least 5 meetings
- Completing a membership form
- To join Perfected Praise Dance Ministry, no dance experience or try-outs are required. Membership is open to both men and women. All techniques will be taught in practices. Because we are a Christian ministry, it is expected that members are also Christian and respect the meaning of ministry behind liturgical dance. Anyone is welcome to join Perfected Praise, knowing that our organization operates under Biblical principles.

Membership in this organization is open to any UMBC undergraduate student (without restriction of GPA requirement, try-outs, etc.)

Article IV- Officers and Elections

a. Officers

The officers of Perfected Praise Liturgical Dance Ministry shall be the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The duties of the President shall include:

- chairing a committee
- managing member recruitment/retention
- overseeing all committees
- managing fundraising
- managing communication within the group
- managing public relations
- developing and managing events
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• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• serving as the organization's official representative for communicating with SGA and UMBC staff

The duties of the Vice-president shall include:

• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing public relations
• developing and managing projects
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• assuming the role of President in the event of the President's absence or incapacity

The duties of the Treasurer shall include:

• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing fundraising
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• managing the organization's funds and ensuring compliance with all financial rules and guidelines

The duties of the Secretary shall include:

• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing communication within the group
• managing public relations
• recording and archiving information from meetings and activities

b. Elections

All officers shall be elected to a term of one year starting and ending on May 1st.

Elections will be held between April 15th and April 30th. In addition, in the case that a vacancy occurs in any of the elected positions identified in this Article, an election will be held to fill the position.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to all members before the annual election meeting.

Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot where the person receiving the majority of votes wins, but if no one receives a majority a runoff occurs between the two candidates with the most votes.

Officers may be removed throughout the year by a majority vote of the other members present at a meeting.

Before the vote, the individual(s) proposing to remove the officer will explain the specific reasons for the proposed action, which must involve misconduct or failure to fulfill officer responsibilities, and the officer will have the opportunity to respond.

Article V- Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of all members present at the meeting. All amendments must be approved in accordance with Student Government Association policy before becoming legally binding.