

## FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

**Q: How can I suggest a class or presenter or offer to teach a class?**

A: Please contact the Education Chair directly or at [education@theboemi.com](mailto:education@theboemi.com)

**Q: Are there any paid BOE positions?**

A: No, the BOE is run entirely by volunteers.

**Q: What are the dates of annual membership?**

A: Membership runs from April 1st through March 31st.

**Q: Is membership pro-rated if I join mid-year?**

A: There is no pro-rating of membership.

**Q: How can I find out the dates for BOE parties? How do I sign up for one?**

A: Dates are listed on the back of this brochure, and posted in a sticky in the FetLife BOE Group. To attend, contact the Party & Events Committee contact (see party sticky on FetLife).

**Q: Are guests allowed at BOE parties?\***

A: Members can bring two guests. Guests MUST be sponsored and the sponsor must be present.

**Q: Do I need to be a BOE Member to join a committee?**

A: No, membership is *not required for committee members*. Membership is required for Committee Chairpersons.

**Q: Can I attend board meetings?**

A: Board meetings are open to all members. Telephone conferencing is the only option at this time due to a lack of physical space.

## Party Schedule

- Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Updated January 27, 2016 to reflect the most current and updated party schedule. Please check [theboemi.com](http://theboemi.com) or the Party Schedule sticky in the FetLife BOE group as these dates may change and more parties may be added.



**B.O.E.**

**Board of Education**

*Educating the BDSM Community*

## What is the BOE?

The BOE a non-profit social club created to promote BDSM and provide quality education on BDSM (bondage & discipline, dominance & submission, sadism & masochism) related subjects. The BOE was founded in 2010 as a democratic, member driven, education focused organization. Our goal is to provide a comfortable, safe, and discrete environment to share, learn, and belong that is open to all orientations.

The BOE is a run by volunteers and is managed by an elected Board of Directors. Operations are maintained via committees and appointed Committee Chairpersons.

## Board of Education

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## Weekly Classes

*Classes are held weekly every Tuesday\* evening.*

- Dinner / social.....6:00 PM -7:30 PM
- Class (2 hours) .....7:30 PM -9:30 PM
- Social in bar area .....9:30 PM till close

**Cost:** \$10 non-members / \$5 for members\*\*

\*Classes may be cancelled due to weather, etc.

\*\*Classes are free for lifetime members.

Please see [www.theboemi.com](http://www.theboemi.com) for class listings.

## Community Rules

The BDSM community has minimal rules. However, these rules are universal in the BDSM community:

- Use common courtesy. Always treat others the way you expect to be treated.
- Do NOT touch without permission. This includes people and things.
- Affirmatively consent (permission) of all parties is required.
- Do not play with people under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Know and follow event and venue rules. Rules, permitted behavior and types of play allowed varies with location and event.

## Board of Directors

The BOE is run by a board of 7 volunteer directors who are elected by the BOE members. Each director serves a term of two years. Their primary task is to allocate and utilize the resources of the organization.

BOE members may take questions, suggestions, and or concerns to the chairperson of the appropriate committee or to one of the directors who serves as a Member At Large. The best way to have your voice heard is to volunteer for one of our committees!

## Standing Committees

This is a complete list and brief description of the current BOE standing committees. Each committee has a Chairperson that reports to the board of directors. Committee chairs are elected by the members of each committee and approved by the board of directors. BOE Membership is not required to join a committee.

### Membership Committee

Membership is responsible for taking and processing memberships, membership cards, etc. They also support and are part of the annual election process.

### Education Committee

Education seeks presenters, schedules classes, places class announcements, cross posts events, sets up classrooms and covers anything education related.

### Community Relations Committee

This committee acts as a liaison to other organizations in our community, conduct outreach to health and emergency services in the area, and partner with area events to bring appropriate information to people who may be seeking out like minded individuals.

### Building Committee

The BOE continues to seek a more permanent home. This committee is constantly looking for potential properties to purchase or lease and presents their findings.

### Welcoming Committee

This committee focuses on making everyone that attends to feel welcome, connected and well informed.

### Website & IT Committee

This team maintains the BOE website. They also handle all IT related issues (domain hosting, etc.).

## Standing Committees (Cont'd)

### Mentorship Committee

This is a program driven committee that teaches BDSM skills through extensive training and direct mentorship from experienced people. Attendees learn from hands on an intense one on one training.

### Party & Events Committee

This group is responsible for scheduling and planning all BOE parties. These include both scheduled and special interest parties. Duties include party set up and tear down to equipment & furniture maintenance. See back of brochure for party schedule.

## Membership

Please see a Membership Committee member to join, or contact [membership@theboemi.com](mailto:membership@theboemi.com). Annual membership is April 1st to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Membership Benefits (Cost)	Annual (\$45)	Lifetime (\$500)
Discounted Weekly Classes	\$5	Free
2 Free Class Vouchers annually	Included	Included
BOE Parties (with maximum of two guests per member @ \$20 per person for guests)	\$15 per person for members	\$15 per person for members
Weekly BOE Newsletter	Included	Included
Members Only Website	Included	Included
Select Vendor Discounts	Included	Included