

Constitution of The Mountaineers at The Ohio State University

Article I: Purpose

The purposes of The Mountaineers at The Ohio State University are:

- 1.1 To provide all levels of outdoor enthusiasts the opportunity to meet and pool their combined knowledge, experience, and camaraderie for every one to enjoy.
- 1.2 To educate members about a variety of outdoor sports, including safe and proper techniques and methods.
- 1.3 To promote outdoor and environmental education through workshops and organized outings.
- 1.4 To encourage members to lead trips and introduce new activities.
- 1.5 To encourage members to incorporate risk-management practices into every club activity.

Article II: Non-Discrimination

- 2.1 This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individuals for reasons of race, color, gender identity, socio-economic class, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, or veteran status.
- 2.2 This organization will incorporate educational dialogue and be a platform of discussion on how to recognize and deconstruct the types of discrimination aforementioned.
- 2.3 This organization will not partake, condone or tolerate hazing practices.
- 2.4 Any violation of aforementioned commitments—especially when *privacy* of a member is of concern—will be addressed by the Executive Board. When privacy is a concern, the Executive Board may choose to deal with the situation as is deemed appropriate—bypassing the general vote mentioned in Article 3.5.

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Article III: Membership

3.1 Membership is limited to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate members at The Ohio State University

3.2 All other members of the OSU community may become non-voting members.

3.3 To become a member someone must fill out a membership form, waiver, and pay dues.

3.4 Members who have not attended the last eight meetings may have their membership status revoked by the secretary.

3.5 Any member whose actions are in violation of the purpose of the group may have their membership status suspended by a majority vote of the executive committee until the next general meeting. At the next general meeting, status will be reviewed and a general vote will be taken to revoke the membership status.

3.5.1 To begin the membership revoking process, any general member or officer may propose such a revoking.

3.5.2 The proposal will be proposed to all members of the executive board at any officer meeting.

3.5.2.1 Proposals must include reasons for revoking membership and plausible evidence to said reasons.

3.5.3 If the proposal is approved by a quorum of at least three officers, the proposal to remove membership from a general member will then be proposed at the next general meeting.

3.5.4 Quorum for revoking membership status will be one half of all voting members present at the general meeting.

3.6 A removal from the club, or violation of the Article II Non-Discrimination clause—and subsequent removal from club—will apply to a banning from all organization events.

Article IV: Officers

4.1 This organization shall have the following officers:

4.1.1 President

4.1.1.1 The president shall be the official representative of the organization to any other organization, to The Ohio State University, and the surrounding community.

4.1.1.2 The president shall preside over all general meetings.

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4.1.1.3 The president shall be responsible for ensuring that general meetings are scheduled regularly.

4.1.1.4 The president shall be responsible for organizing and running all executive meetings.

4.1.2 Vice President

4.1.2.1 The vice president shall help preside over all general meetings and will run meetings in the absence of the president.

4.1.2.2 The vice president shall assist the president with his or her assigned duties.

4.1.3 Publicist

4.1.3.1 The publicist shall keep a log of minutes during all general and executive meetings.

4.1.3.2 The publicist shall take attendance at all meetings.

4.1.3.3 The publicist shall be responsible for publicizing meetings.

4.1.4 Treasurer

4.1.4.1 The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.

4.1.4.2 The treasurer shall be required to sign all checks and vouchers for the group.

4.1.5 Gear Manager

4.1.5.1 The gear manager shall be responsible for the purchase, maintenance, and inventory of all the outdoor equipment owned by The Mountaineers.

4.1.8 Historian

4.1.8.1 The historian shall be responsible for maintaining the library of The Mountaineers.

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4.1.9 Any member of the executive staff may delegate his or her duties to a willing member of The Mountaineers, but the executive officer shall always be ultimately responsible for his or her duties.

4.2 Elections and Removal

4.2.1 Elections of officers shall occur during or before the second to last general meeting of Spring Semester.

4.2.2 All OSU student members of this organization who have attended at least three of the last six general meetings are eligible for office.

4.2.3 Quorum for the elections and impeachment of officers is two-thirds of the group.

4.2.3.1 Impeachment of officers requires a two-thirds vote of the group.

4.2.3.2 Any general member or officer may propose the impeachment of an officer. He or she making the proposal will begin by making a formal complaint to ANY member of the executive board, and will present their claim at the next scheduled general member meeting.

4.2.3.3 In order for an impeachment to be considered, the proposal must include: appropriate reasons for impeachment, evidence to said reasons, and a plan of action post-impeachment.

4.2.3.4 If the impeachment is passed by two-thirds majority vote, a new officer will be voted upon on the following general meeting.

4.2.4 Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting member votes.

4.2.5 If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.

4.2.6 The term of office runs from the first meeting after the election until the end of the spring quarter the following year.

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4.2.7 Incumbent officers and newly elected officers shall run the last meeting of the spring quarter jointly.

4.3 Executive Decisions

4.3.1 Executive decisions shall be made through non-secret voting of the executive officers.

4.3.2 In the case of a draw, the President's vote shall be the deciding one.

Article V: Committees

5.1 The formation of a committee may be proposed by any member.

5.2 The officers shall decide by majority if a committee is to be formed. The president's vote will decide if the vote is a draw.

5.3 A committee head shall be elected for each committee by a majority vote at any general meeting.

5.4 Each committee shall submit a monthly statement report detailing the committee's completed activities, work in progress, and proposed projects.

5.5 Each committee shall hold regular meetings.

Article VI: Amendments to this Constitution

6.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be presented by any member or group of members of the organization having attended at least two meetings.

6.2 Process of Amendments.

6.2.1 Amendments must be presented at least two meetings before the meeting in which they are voted upon.

6.2.2 Time must be allowed at these meetings to read and discuss the amendment.

6.2.3 The individual or group who proposed the amendment are thereafter responsible for the reading of the amendment until the amendment is voted upon.

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6.2.4 Amendments must be available in writing to all members at least four weeks before the meeting in which they are voted upon, both by request and at the meetings. This written form must be provided by those who propose the amendment.

6.3 Voting on Amendments

6.3.1 Amendments shall be passed by three-fourths majority vote.

6.3.2 Quorum at meetings where amending this constitution is voted on shall be one-half of all members of the organization.

6.3.3 In the event that a quorum is not present, the amendment may be voted upon at the following meeting. At this meeting the amendment shall be read as outlined in 6.2.1-6.2.3

6.4 Withdrawing of Amendment Proposals

6.4.1 At any point in this process, the proposed amendment may be withdrawn by those who proposed it.

6.4.2 Those who propose the amendment must reach consensus on this issue, and publicly state their consensus.

Article VII: Meetings

7.1 Ideally, meetings shall be held every two weeks in term (including Summer).

7.2 All decisions, except where otherwise provided for, shall be made by majority vote of all members present.

7.3 All general voting shall be done by secret ballot.

7.4 The officers shall hold an executive meeting prior to each general meeting for planning purposes.

Article VIII: Faculty Advisor

8.1 The faculty advisor of this organization must be a full-time member of the OSU faculty or administrative/professional staff.

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8.2 The role of the faculty advisor is to aid the survival and growth of The Mountaineers and its members, and in the advancement of the purpose laid out above. How this role is manifested is left up to the faculty advisor.

8.3 The faculty advisor may be changed via executive decision.

8.3.1 In such an instance, the current executive board must unanimously approve of the appointment.

Article IX: By-Laws

9.1 By-laws may be created to provide more detail about the proper procedures of The Mountaineers.

9.2 The by-laws shall be voted upon by a quorum of at least one-third of members.

9.3 The by-laws shall be passed by a majority.

9.4 Proposal of by-laws

9.4.1 A proposed by-law shall be read and discussed at the meeting before it is voted upon.

9.4.2 The proposer(s) of a by-law must provide a written copy to any member upon request at any time between the proposal and the vote.

9.4.3 At the meeting following the proposal, the by-law shall be read, discussed, and then voted upon.

Article X: Dissolution

10.1 The organization may be dissolved upon a unanimous vote of members present where the vote is taken.

10.2 Quorum for dissolution is all members who have attended at least one of the last four meetings.

10.3 The organization may not be dissolved while in debt.

10.4 All remaining assets will be dispersed to Columbus Outdoor Pursuits.