

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 age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines.
- 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.

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.
- 3.5 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.
 - 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.

3.5.4 Quorum for revoking membership status will be seventy-five percent of the executive board.

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 shall be the official representative of the organization to any other organization, to The Ohio State University, and the surrounding community, and responsible for organizing and presiding over all general and executive meetings.

4.1.2 Vice President shall preside over meetings in absence of the president and assist other officers in their (un)assigned duties. The Vice President shall also be responsible for reserving meeting spaces for club events.

4.1.3 Treasurer shall be responsible for the group's finances and required to sign all the group's financial documents.

4.1.4 Clinics Coordinator shall be responsible for managing clinics to promote education in the outdoors and both hard and soft skills.

X.X.X The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Officer shall promote a community of respect and acceptance by upholding Article 2 of this Constitution and ensuring equal opportunity of all members of the club.

4.1.5 Gear Manager shall be responsible for the purchase, maintenance, and inventory of all the outdoor equipment owned by The Mountaineers.

4.1.6 Publicist shall be responsible for publicizing general meetings and other club-sponsored events.

4.1.6 Safety Coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the safety of club trips and events. They shall conduct thorough safety checks for any club-sponsored trips and the associated leaders.

4.1.7 Secretary shall send biweekly emails, respond to any emails, and sort and organize member waiver.

4.1.8 Trips Coordinator shall be responsible for the oversight of club-sponsored trips and trip planning. They shall meet with each trip leader to guarantee the success of the trip and its leaders.

4.1.9 Volunteer Coordinator shall be responsible for organizing events and maintaining positive relationships with other clubs at Ohio State. They shall also work with the DEIJ Officer to promote positive relationships within Mountaineers.

4.1.10 Archivist shall be responsible for organizing trip recaps and maintaining a consistent source of records for future leaders and members.

4.1.11 Any member of the executive staff may delegate their duties to a willing member of The Mountaineers, but the executive officer shall always be ultimately responsible for their 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 are eligible for office.

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4.2.3.1 Any general member or officer may propose the impeachment of an officer. The member 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 executive board meeting.

4.2.3.2 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.

4.2.3.3 If the impeachment is passed by unanimous vote, a new officer will be voted upon during the following general meeting.

4.2.4 Any member is elected if they win 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 last officer meeting of the spring semester for one year.

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

X.X.X If an officer resigns from their position, a special election shall be held at the next general body meeting, provided that ample time and advanced notice has been provided.

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 VII: Meetings

7.1 Ideally, meetings shall be held every two weeks in fall and spring semesters.

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.

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 given or auctioned to existing members.