

Constitution- EMU Explore Eastern Mennonite University

Article I: Purpose

Provide an outdoors outlet for the EMU community by offering and facilitating off campus trips, social opportunities and muscle-powered recreation as well as teaching outdoors skills, activity skills, and environmental care and knowledge.

Article II: Program

- A. Outdoors experiences to include, but not limited to off campus adventures in camping, hiking, paddling, rock climbing, bouldering, caving and exploring nature.
- B. Provide information on local and regional areas of interest in addition to leading trips in these areas.
- C. Provide opportunities for guests in the field to speak at EMU on all topics outdoors related.
- D. Provide an active outlet for the EMU community to enjoy the outdoors.

Article III: Membership

- A. All members of the EMU community (students, faculty, staff and their immediate family) are welcome to join EMU Explore.
- B. Concerning trips, members may bring one guest. All trips may require a small fee to be paid to cover traveling and/or food costs.
- C. Consistent attendance at meetings and/or trips constitutes membership. Consistent attendance assumes the individual has participated in one half of the club meetings with participation in some planning/participation in the actual event planned, or any combination.
- D. EMU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or any legally protected status in any of its school administered programs.

Article IV: Officers, Elections and Meetings

An executive committee comprises the officers of the club in addition to a faculty advisor. The positions currently held are President and Vice President. As the club expands, the executive committee should expand to include positions for a Secretary, Treasurer, and possibly a Historian to aid the Secretary.

A. Advisor's Role

1. Aid the President and group with knowledge and guidance concerning all outdoors activities and events.
2. Will be expected to participate in meetings, events, and outings as needed.
3. May be asked to lead or head up trips the President cannot attend.
4. Will be consulted on all financial decisions as well as specific events to be planned.
5. May be asked for assistance with transportation, i.e. van driver.

6. Will maintain a presence with the group as an addition to the executive committee.

B. President's Role

1. Guide the club, lead club meetings and initiate trips and planned activities, though this should not be the sole responsibility of the President when the other positions on the executive committee are fulfilled.
2. Directly consult with the advisor on approval of trips in addition to acting as the financial officer until a Treasurer is elected.
3. Meet with other officers, if the positions are fulfilled, in order to best accommodate the club with planning trips and activities.
4. Lead trips and activities when no one else is able, in addition to making an effort to find others to aid in this role.
5. Supervise the activity of the EMU Explore Facebook fan page. Sole responsibility for correct information falls on the President, and in the event of no Secretary, is the person in charge of the page with the aid of the VP.

C. Vice-President's Role

1. Assist President with all tasks that cannot be completed by the President alone
2. Aid in leading or co-leading trips and activities with the President
3. When there are no other positions of the executive committee fulfilled, it is important for the VP to participate in trip and activity planning
4. Help with running the EMU Explore Facebook fan page with the President or assisting the Secretary when one is elected.

D. Secretary's Role

1. When this position is filled, the Secretary will keep notes at meetings
2. Record dates and times of proposed trips and activities
3. Advertise club events, including but not limited to fliers, emails, and assisting the VP and President with the Facebook fan page.

E. Treasurer's Role

1. When this position is filled, the Treasurer will keep all financial records
2. Will manage the budget and aid the President in trip decisions regarding the funds allocated.
3. Meet with appropriate persons to receive allocated funds.
4. Possibly coordinate fundraisers for the club when necessary.

F. Historian's Role

1. When this position is filled, the Historian will keep record of all trips and activities that are completed, regardless of participation.
2. Keep detailed account of any incidents encountered on trips and activities.
3. Will be aware and keep account of appropriate times during the year for particular activities, what has worked in the past, what is possible in the future.

G. Elections and Meetings

1. Elections will be held during a Spring meeting to determine the executive committee for the following year by nomination and then majority vote. Should there be no contention for a position, group will be asked to agree by consensus on a nominated individual.
2. Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. unless a change is voted upon during the first meeting of the Fall semester.
3. In order to vote in elections, those who are considered consistent participants **MUST** attend the meeting in which voting will occur. Anyone not present will be assumed to agree with any and all decisions made at this meeting. In addition, this meeting will also address the current constitution. Amendments or revisions to amendments may be presented and voted on at this time. In order to change or amend the constitution, a two-thirds vote is required.