

Constitution

The Weather Vane

Eastern Mennonite University

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Weather Vane.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Weather Vane is to be the on-campus Eastern Mennonite University newspaper, by the students and primarily for the students. To inform the student body of campus happenings and news. To serve as a critique of campus life. To facilitate the sharing of stories and ideas among students, faculty, staff and administration. To act as the student voice, representing the opinion and conscience of the student body. To provide an arena for students to develop their writing and editing skills. To have a good time!

Article III: Membership

Any student interested in producing the Weather Vane can be involved and shall not be hindered from doing so. Duties range from committed co-editors to writers who contribute only once or twice a semester; the Weather Vane is open to all. Membership is unlimited, but those receiving semester credit or a work-study stipend will be held to a higher level of commitment.

Article IV: Staff

A. The Co-Editors oversee and manage the Weather Vane. They run the weekly meetings, introduce story ideas, work with page editors and writers, write editorials and do the final layout and page editing.

B. Page Editors contribute article ideas and assign articles to writers. They oversee their assigned page and make sure stories are in by the deadline. They attend all meetings and mini-manage their page.

C. The Photography Editor assigns photo assignments to staff photographers on Wednesday nights and edit the photos for the paper.

D. The Business/Ads Manager manages the billing and collection of ad and circulation revenue. They sell advertisements in the community and prepare the ads for placement in the paper. They also keep track of the budget and report the budget situation to the co-editors.

E. The Circulation Manager picks up the publication when it's dropped off at the Campus Center and distributes it in the boxes throughout campus. They also send the 'Vane out through the mail to subscribers.

F. Staff writers attend the weekly meetings and contribute story ideas. Expected to write a story for the majority of the issues and are expected to respect the deadlines.

G. Copy Editors edit copy for all correct style, punctuation, spelling and grammar/suggest changes for awkward/unclear writing. It is best if the copy editors are familiar with AP style, although anyone can be trained.

Article V: Meetings

A meeting will be held every Monday night with all present to determine story ideas for the next week and put the final pieces together for the current issue. Co-editors, page editors, writers, photographers and business/ads manager will work together to develop story ideas and assign them. The co-editors will run the meeting.

Article VI: Finances

The business manager will be in charge of the finances and report to the co-editors. Every year the Weather Vane will ask for a budgeted amount from SGA. They will also work to produce ad incomes to cover the difference. The co-editors may authorize payments for meals and other expenditures associated with the Weather Vane.

Article VII: Advisor

The faculty advisor's role is to work primarily as a teacher. He/she will conduct a weekly class on the various aspects of producing a newspaper. After every issue is printed the advisor will critique it and discuss issues with the co-editors for improvement. The advisor under any situation may not edit students writing or overly influence the students on staff. The Weather Vane is a student newspaper and in no way shall the advisor infringe upon that dynamic. They are expected to follow the College Media Advisor's Code of Ethics.

Article VIII: Amendments

Shall any member of the Weather Vane have Constitutional amendments, that member will first bring them forward to the Co-Editors. It is from this point on the Co-Editors' responsibility to bring the movement before the whole staff. A majority vote will be required to pass such amendments.