



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Outing Club

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Outing Club of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in penalties or revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal is to provide the resources and contacts for students enabling them to organize and lead trips in the outdoors while enjoying themselves and meeting new people. Our trips have included the following: Backpacking, Cabin Camping, Canoeing/Portaging, Rock Climbing (indoor and out), Downhill and X-Country Skiing, White Water Rafting, Winter Camping, Pumpkin and Apple Picking, Maize Maze, High Ropes Course, Orienteering, Snowshoeing, Picnics, Ultimate, and the Banff Outdoor Film Festival.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Eligibility - All Students' Association (SA) members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.
- B. Definition of active member - Active members are those who have paid dues, either in the yearly or semesterly amount, or those who hold an Executive Board position. Members who receive any and all offered club discounts or subsidies on trips and have full use of the club's shared equipment. Members are eligible to vote in elections and are capable of being elected to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 1/3 of the active membership plus 1 or more officers. A meeting shall also be valid if all executive board members are present.

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. President - must have previously been on the executive board for at least one semester, unless no one else is qualified.
- B. Vice President
- C. Business Manager
- D. Secretary
- E. Events Chair
- F. Gear Manager
- G. Media Chair

SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
- F. The Vice President shall step in for any Presidential duties delegated by the President, as well as stepping in for the president as trip manager when the president is absent.
- G. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- H. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association.
- I. The Secretary shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- J. The Events Chair shall be responsible for planning all club programming outside of standard outing trips, like fundraising, co-sponsorships, overnight trips, etc. The Events Chair is also responsible for any duties delegated by the President.
- K. The Gear Manager shall provide a list of club equipment once a year. He or she shall manage borrowed and rented equipment and ensure that it is

returned. Also, the Manager shall keep the equipment room clean and free from fire hazards. At the end of the year, the Equipment Manager shall purchase needed equipment and update the inventory list.

- L. The Media Chair shall update and run the Outing Club's website and social media platforms. Updates shall include a list of the officers and contact information, club information, event information, and pictures from other events.
- M. All executive board officers will be jointly responsible for planning outing events. All executive board members will plan at least one outing per semester and the President will plan the rest. If outing trips are not possible in a given semester, then this requirement will be void for that semester.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Active members are eligible to nominate themselves or another member for positions at the designated time. Proxy nominations may also be accepted. Nominated individuals may accept or decline their nomination. Members may be nominated for more than one position. Nominees must give a short platform discussing why they wish to hold the position and their qualifications. All members can vote, except for the President who shall only vote in the case of a tie.
- B. Term of Office - The term of office for all executive board members will be one academic year. Newly elected officers will transition during the month of April and then take office in May.
- C. Timing of Elections - Nominations shall occur in the third week of March with elections occurring in the following week. This timing is subject to change with the timing of Spring Break or other unavoidable incidents (i.e. a Pandemic), but must occur at least 2 weeks before the last day of classes.

SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

- A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in *Article V, Section Three*.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the entire active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, they must be notified one week in advance.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES

- A. The Outing Club of the University of Rochester will abide their Resource Agreement.

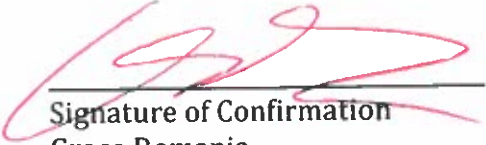
ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Outing Club. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to

distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

ARTICLE VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Outing Club abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation
Grace Romania
President, Outing Club

4/28/21
Date



Signature of Approval
Eden-Lyn Thomas
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

5/5/2021
Date