

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORDIC SKI CLUB

AS AMENDED OCTOBER 2015

- Article I Nordic Ski Club
- A. The official name of the organization will be the Nordic Ski Club, hereafter called the Club
- Article II Objectives
- A. To promote a cross-country skiing community at Michigan Technological University
 1. To organize outings and ski activities
 2. To encourage participation in cross-country skiing on campus
- Article III Membership
- A. Qualifications
 1. Voting membership shall be granted to those persons who are regular members
 2. In compliance with Michigan Technological University's Board of Control Equal Opportunity Policy effective February 24, 2011, the Nordic Ski Club will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, height, weight, genetic information or marital status. In addition, Nordic Ski Club is committed to the policy of not discriminating against disabled individuals or veterans.
 - B. Class of membership
 1. Regular membership shall be granted to any currently enrolled Michigan Tech student who indicates an interest and pays the dues.
 2. Associate membership shall be granted to non-students who are committed to cross-country skiing and have paid their dues.
 - C. Removal of members
 1. A member may be disassociated from the organization on the grounds of abusive behavior or behaviors destructive to the organization and/or its purpose.
 2. Removal will require a 2/3-majority vote of regular members, at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
 - D. Only regular members have the right to vote and hold office.

Article IV

Officers

A. Offices:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

B. Officer Qualifications:

1. All officers must be registered and enrolled Michigan Tech students.
2. All officers must have 2.25 GPA or higher at the time of election or appointment.

C. Term of office

1. Elections will take place at the final regular meeting of spring semester.
2. The officers will begin their term in office immediately following the election and will serve through the election at the final meeting of spring semester the following year.

D. Elections

1. Voting will be by a show of hands with eyes closed. Candidates will step out of the room during voting for their position. An officer not running for that position will count votes.
2. A simple plurality vote of a quorum of the regular members shall determine the outcome.
3. Elections must be advertised to the Club membership email list two weeks prior to elections.
4. Any member can nominate themselves or another member.

E. Officer Duties

1. President: the president shall preside over meetings and organize committees.
2. Vice President: the vice president shall preside over the office of president when the president is absent.
3. Secretary: the secretary is responsible for meeting minutes.
4. Treasurer: the treasurer shall keep records of all income, expenditures, and other financial matters. He/she will prepare a budget before the end of spring semester. The treasurer also chairs the Finance Committee.

F. Executive Board

1. The executive board is comprised of the officers and advisor(s) of the Club.
2. They will prepare an agenda before each meeting.
3. Executive Board will also function as the Finance Committee for the Club.

G. Filling vacancies

1. Vacancies are filled in the same manner as regular elections.
2. Vacancies must be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. The president can appoint an interim to an office, until such time as the special-election takes place.

H. Impeachment

1. An officer may be removed from office on the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of their duties by a 2/3-majority vote of the quorum, at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
2. An Impeachment notice signed by ten members of the Club must be presented at a meeting and announced to the membership at least 2 weeks prior to the impeachment vote.

Article V Advisor(s)

- A. An advisor shall be a member of the faculty or staff of the University. He/she maintains continuity, offers guidance, helps cut through red tape, serves as a sounding board, assists officers, and is an all-around resource person.
- B. An advisor is elected in the same manner as the officers (Article IV, D). The name of the desired advisor is forwarded to Student Activities for approval.
- C. The term of office for the advisor(s) is one year, renewable indefinitely.

Article VI Committees

- A. Standing Committees:
 1. The Finance Committee assists the Treasurer in preparing a budget and makes recommendations for fund-raisers.
 - a. Fund-raisers and membership dues will generate monies.
 - b. The Undergraduate Student Government Allocation Committee will be approached each spring for funding.
 - c. The Finance Committee is the Executive Board.
- B. Special committees will be formed as needed
 1. The president with majority approval of the executive board appoints special committees.
 2. Special committees exist as long as the president deems them necessary; however, they may not exist longer than one year without being re-approved by the executive board.

Article VII Dues

- A. Payment of dues is a requirement of membership.
 1. The Treasurer will recommend to the Executive Board dues for the upcoming year.

2. The executive board will make a recommendation to the general membership for dues for the upcoming year.
 3. Dues will be set at the time of the annual officer elections.
- B. Dues are paid to the treasurer.
- C. Dues are good for 1 school year.

Article VIII Meetings

- A. Types of meetings:
1. Regular meetings will be held as the Executive Board finds necessary during the academic year.
 2. Special meetings are defined as those meetings that take place outside of the regularly scheduled meetings.
- B. Who may call meetings:
1. Regular meetings are called by the Executive Board.
 2. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at the request of regular members.
- C. The regular members present at the meeting constitute a quorum.
- D. Any meeting involving a vote must be advertised to the Club email list two weeks prior to the meeting.
- E. Parliamentary authority of the Club shall be *Robert's Rules of Order - Newly Revised*.

Article IX Constitution

- A. Adoption
1. This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the charter membership.
 2. It will take effect when approved by Student Activities.
- B. Amendments
1. Any regular member may propose an amendment. This proposed amendment must be in writing and presented at a regular meeting.
 2. Members must be notified that a vote will take place on an amendment at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote is to occur.
 3. A vote on said amendment will be taken at the next meeting to allow the membership to discuss and/or debate the pros and cons of the amendment. A two-thirds majority of the quorum is required for passage.
 4. The amendment will take effect when approved by Student Activities.