

ISU Mountaineering and Climbing Club: Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Iowa State University Mountaineering and Climbing Club (ISUMCC or MCC).

Article II: Purpose & Goals

Section One

The Iowa State University Mountaineering and Climbing Club is a student-run, non-profit organization designed to provide the ISU community with an affordable means to learn about and experience the outdoors, through class room and hands-on instruction in backpacking, rock climbing, ice climbing, and mountaineering. It is our goal to provide a safe learning environment for all those interested in learning these skills, and to help provide the equipment necessary.

Section Two

The Iowa State University Mountaineering and Climbing Club abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws.

Article III: Membership

Membership shall be open to all adults, including ISU students, faculty, and staff; as well as members of the community.

The Mountaineering and Climbing Club is open to registered students at Iowa State and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, marital status, disability or status as a U.S. Veteran.

Weekly meetings, seminars, and social events are open to the general public. Paid membership is required for full club benefits, as detailed in the bylaws.

Article IV: Officers/Cabinet

Election of Office

Election of officers will require a majority vote from the general membership. If a candidate fails to receive a majority of votes, a run off election will be held within the top two candidates that received the most votes.

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:

- a. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.
- b. Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.
- c. Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).

Club elections for all cabinet positions shall be held every April and are open to all paid members at the time of the elections.

If a seat becomes vacant during the rest of the year, the following shall be carried out:

1. The vacancy shall be announced at the next general meeting.
2. The vacancy shall be announced via the club email list.
3. A new officer shall be elected at the following general meeting.

Term of Office

The term of office will be one full year (from May 16 to May 15). All officers shall comprise the Executive Committee of the organization. The Executive Committee shall meet in addition to regular organization meetings. The Executive Committee shall appoint such committees that are needed to carry out organization goals.

Cabinet positions and duties

President

- Sets agenda for cabinet and general meeting
- Runs cabinet and general meeting
- Oversees functions of all cabinet members and committees
- Chairs External Promotions committee

Vice-President

- Completes duties as delegated by president
- Fulfills duties of president in his/her absent
- Chairs Seminars and Workshops committee

Legislative Representative

- Ensures club representation at Sports Club Council meetings
- Brings feedback to cabinet on current campus and SCC issues

Treasurer

- Collects and deposits dues and trip fees
- Monitors budget and use of funds in accordance with GSB criteria
- Accepts financial responsibility for monetary transactions
- Maintains current balance of accounts
- Provides approval signature for all expenditures
- Updates and maintains current membership list
- Heads Budget preparation

Secretary

- Records, posts, and archives all cabinet and general meeting minutes, club records, club bylaws, and operational calendar
- Chairs Internal Communications committee

Trip Coordinator

- Logistics and planning of all trips
- Determination of trip calendar
- Organization of trip leaders
- Chairs Trips committee

Gear Chair

- Purchases
- Inventory
- Maintenance
- Checkout Procedure

Social Chair (non-voting member)

- Organizes and facilitates social events
- Advertising and recruiting new members

Adviser (non-voting cabinet member)

- Advises and oversees operations of club and cabinet
- Ensures adherence to ISU requirements and club bylaws
- Provides approval signature for all expenditures

Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office by 2/3 vote of the other officers and 1/2 of the general membership if actions are deemed inappropriate by the membership. The officer is permitted to speak before the Executive Committee and the general membership about the charges made concerning his/her performance. The officer is not permitted to participate in the deliberation of the Executive Committee regarding the charges.

Article V: Finances

Collection of dues and expenditures are overseen by the Treasurer.

In the event of dissolution of the organization, dues shall be reimbursed to current paid members in full for the current and any remaining paid semesters. Remaining GSB funds shall be reimbursed to GSB. Other remaining club funds shall be donated to the Access Fund (a non-profit organization for promoting and advocating recreational climbing). Remaining club GSB equipment shall be returned to GSB, and is recommended to be donated to ISU Outdoor Recreation Program.

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 24 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

The organization may establish reasonable dues that must be paid by all members. The amount of the dues will be determined in the beginning of the academic year by the Executive Committee and presented to the general membership for a 1/2 vote. Dues must be paid before participating in certain club activities, in accordance with the bylaws. The treasurer shall maintain all financial records and shall countersign with the president for all organization transactions. General membership dues shall not exceed \$50/semester or \$100/year.

Article VI: Amendments & Ratification

Amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the organization. Said amendment(s) will be voted on at a subsequent meeting. In order to adopt the amendment, a vote of 1/2 plus one vote of the general membership is necessary. Amended constitution will be submitted within 10 days to Student Activities Center for approval.

This constitution shall become effective upon approval by a 2/3 vote of the membership. Ratified constitutions must be submitted to Student Activities Center with in 10 days for final approval.