

Appalachian Mountain Club

Connecticut Chapter By-Laws

As of December 2, 2006

ARTICLE I - NAME AND RELATION TO CLUB

The name of this organization is the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter. The Chapter is an administrative subdivision of The Appalachian Mountain Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club, which is a corporation existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Chapter are to cooperate with, and to further the mission and objectives of, the Club in general, and in particular as they encompass the State of Connecticut and adjacent regions.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The classification of members, the requirements for membership, the establishment of dues, the rights and privileges of members, the termination or severance of membership, shall be governed by the By-Laws and the Standing Rules of the Club.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The management and direction of the business and affairs of the Chapter shall be vested in an Executive Committee of not less than eight members. It shall be composed of the Chapter Chair, the Chapter Vice-Chair, the Chapter Secretary, the Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Members-At-Large, the Newsletter Editor, the AMC Outdoors Liaison, the Chapter Web Master, the Chair of the Northwest Camp Committee, and the Chair of each Standing Committee. Standing Committees shall be those so designated in the Standing Rules of the Chapter.

Section 2. The Chapter Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Committee and shall be the executive and administrative officer of the Chapter. In the event of the absence or disability of the Chapter Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. In the event of the absence or disability of both the Chapter Chair and Vice-Chair, the Executive Committee shall elect one of their members to perform the duties of the Chair. The Chapter Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing and other Committees.

Section 3. The Chapter Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Chapter and of the Executive Committee, shall give notice to the membership of the date, time and place of all meetings of the Chapter and a similar notice of the meetings of the Executive Committee to the members thereof and shall conduct the official correspondence of the Chapter, keeping proper records and files of the same.

Section 4. The Chapter Treasurer shall: 1) collect, hold and, under the direction of the Chapter or the Executive Committee, disburse Chapter funds; 2) keep account of all Chapter property; and 3) present a report of the financial condition of the Chapter at the annual meeting and at such other times as requested by the Chapter Chair or the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be the same as the fiscal year of the Club. Committee Bank balances and petty cash shall be returned to the Chapter Treasurer on demand.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION AND TERMS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

Section 1. All nominees to the Executive Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting. Provided, however, that should there be only one nominee for an office, election may be by voice vote. A majority of votes cast shall elect. Upon request of any Chapter member, a mail ballot shall be provided to that member. Those elected shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are chosen except that the Executive committee may fill any vacancy by appointment, such appointment to terminate at the next annual meeting. The Chapter Chair shall not be eligible to be nominated and elected for more than two consecutive terms of one year each, except that in the absence of someone to be nominated and elected to the Chapter Chair position, a seated Chapter Chair may be nominated and elected for up to one additional one-year term. The Chapter Vice-Chair shall not be eligible to be nominated and elected for more than two consecutive terms of one year each. Committee Chairs and all Chapter officers, except the Chapter Chair and the Chapter Vice- Chair, may serve consecutive terms without limitation.

In order to spread the responsibilities and honor of Chapter positions over a wide cross section of the Chapter membership, the nominating committee shall be encouraged to periodically select persons to serve who have not previously done so.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee of five members of the Chapter shall be appointed by the Chapter Chair, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, not later than April 1st of each year. No member of the Executive Committee may serve on this committee

The Nominating Committee shall select a nominee for each Chapter Executive Committee position indicated in the Chapter Standing Rules (except the chair of the Northwest Camp Committee, who will be approved in accordance with the Northwest Camp committee bylaws and accordingly become a member of the Chapter Executive Committee). The names of the Nominating Committee members and a list of the offices to be filled shall be made known to the membership by July 1st of each year. The committee's nominee for those offices shall be made known to the membership not later than thirty days prior to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may, with the written consent of each nominee, be made in writing by any fifty members of the Chapter, who shall specify the name of their candidate and the office for which they nominate. Such nominations shall be placed in the hands of the Chair of the Nominating Committee or the Chapter Secretary not later than, or be mailed to either bearing a postmark not later than, twenty days prior to the annual meeting. No person shall be eligible for office unless nominated in accordance with one of the foregoing procedures. The notice of the annual meeting shall contain a complete list of the elective offices and the names of all then known nominees for each office.

Section 3. The term of office of any elected member of the Executive Committee may be terminated for cause by a three-fourths vote of said committee, provided the member has received at least two weeks written notice of the intention to so terminate.

An Executive Committee member whose term has been terminated for cause may appeal his termination to an Appeals Board composed of five Chapter Members by making a written request, within two weeks of such termination, to the Chapter Secretary or the Chapter Chair for the convening of such an Appeals Board. Said Board shall be composed of one Chapter member selected by the Executive Committee, who shall serve as temporary Chair of the Board, and one Chapter member selected by the appealing member, both Board members to be selected within one week of such written request. Within one week of their selection, those two Board members shall select three Chapter members to complete the appeals Board. The temporary Chair shall call the first Board meeting for a date not later than two weeks from the date of the selection of the last Board member. The Board shall elect one of its members as permanent Chair. The Board shall consider such evidence as it deems necessary and appropriate to reach a fair decision in the case and it shall report its decision to the Executive Committee and the appealing member within four weeks of its first meeting. The decision of the Board shall be final.

Any position vacated by reason of termination for cause shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of the Chapter. Any member removed from office for cause shall be eligible for nomination for any position at any following election of Chapter officers.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Chapter shall be held on any Saturday or Sunday in either November or December. Special meetings of the Chapter membership may be called by the Chapter Chair, and shall be called upon a vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee or on petition of not less than fifty Chapter members, addressed to the Chapter Secretary whose duty it shall be to call a meeting when so petitioned. One hundred members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Chapter.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet within two months of the annual meeting and at the call of the Chair thereafter. Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called on vote of a majority of members of that committee or upon a petition signed by fifty members of the Chapter, addressed to the Secretary, whose duty it shall be to call such a meeting on such vote or petition. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Parliamentary procedure shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order where not inconsistent with these By-Laws. The order of business for meetings of the Chapter shall be:

1. Call to order.
2. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Special Committees.
6. Unfinished business
7. New business.
8. Election of officers. (Annual meetings only)

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members voting at a duly constituted meeting of the Chapter, provided that proposed amendments shall have been first published to the membership at least one month prior to this meeting. A proxy vote shall be provided by the Secretary upon request to any Chapter member unable to attend the meeting or such proxy may be included in the notice published to the Chapter. Amendments shall become effective immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise specified.