

American Meteorological Society Iowa State University Chapter Constitution

Article I. Composition and Affiliation

- A. This local chapter shall be known as the Iowa State Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (ISU AMS).
- B. Membership is open to any student with an interest in meteorology and its related fields at Iowa State University and who agrees to abide by the requirements of this constitution, the Iowa State University, and the American Meteorological Society.
- C. The ISU AMS will 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.
- D. The Iowa State Chapter is an autonomous affiliation of the American Meteorological Society, hereafter referred to as the AMS, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts.

Article II. Objectives and Non-Profit Organization Status

- A. The Iowa State Chapter shall foster the growth of operational meteorology at Iowa State University by providing the community with a social and scientific point of contact for meteorological interests.
- B. The Iowa State Chapter shall encourage collaborative research among its members and shall engage in education on the latest developments in the various branches of atmospheric science.
- C. The Iowa State Chapter of the American Meteorological Society is organized and operated exclusively as a nonprofit entity, and no portion of its earnings shall be used to benefit any individual that is an active member.
- D. The Iowa State Chapter shall abide by the policies and rules of the American Meteorological Society, Iowa State University, and State and Federal Laws.

Article III. Procedures

- A. A quorum is defined as more than one-half of the active membership and must include one elected Officer.
- B. A simple majority of the quorum is required for the election of officers and matters other than constitutional reform and impeachment of chapter officers. A two-thirds majority of the active membership is required for amendment of the constitution and for impeachment of chapter officers.
- C. Voting methods will follow the procedures outlined in the Bylaws

Article IV. Dues

- A. The amount for dues will be set each year by majority vote, not to exceed \$25.00. Dues are payable at the first meeting of the chapter year. Payment of dues entitles the member to active member status and voting privileges.
- B. If local chapter dues are not paid by the end of the second meeting of the chapter year the individual's membership privileges will be revoked and the individual will no longer be able to participate in chapter activities until the dues are paid.
- C. Dues for other committees may be outlined in the Bylaws and will be added to the regular amount for chapter dues.
- D. Use of all dues shall be for activities of the Iowa State Chapter and for the betterment of the chapter.

Article V. Meetings

- A. The chapter shall have a minimum of six meetings per chapter year. The chapter year shall run from the beginning of the fall semester through the end of the spring semester.
- B. Time and location of the meetings will be determined by the Executive Committee, with input

from the active membership.

- C. All officers are to be present at meetings unless excused by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.
- D. All meeting minutes shall be sent by electronic mail and posted on the chapter's web site to all active members by the Secretary through the President no later than 48 hours after the meeting. This message shall also include the time, place, and purpose of the next meeting.

Article VI. Committees

A. Executive Committee

- 1. The executive committee shall be comprised of at least a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the immediate past president.
- 2. Responsibilities and requirements for officers are outlined in the Bylaws.
- 3. Other officers may be elected as outlined in the Bylaws.
- 4. Election procedures will follow the procedures outlined in the Bylaws

B. Other committees may be outlined in the Bylaws.

C. Additional committees shall be organized at the discretion of the President

D. Committee members shall consist of any active member in the Iowa State Chapter.

Article VII. Dissolution

A. This chapter may be dissolved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the active membership

B. Upon dissolution or disbandment of the Iowa State Chapter, all funds and properties in excess of liabilities and expenses of dissolution will be distributed as determined by a majority of the active members.

Article VIII. Ratification and Amendment

A. This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by two-thirds of the active membership of the chapter.

B. The American Meteorological Society Council must also approve of this constitution.

C. This constitution shall be amendable by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the active membership.