

**Southern Wisconsin Local Chapter
of the National Weather Association
Constitution**

Article I: Name

This organization can adopt any name desired by the majority of its active membership, provided the name is not in current use, upon approval of the Executive Director, National Weather Association.

Article II: Objectives

This local chapter exists to extend the goals of the National Weather Association through focusing and organizing academia, students, government employees, broadcasters, and the others practicing operational meteorology and related fields for the development of the members in their interests and professions, and educate the general public.

Article III: Membership

Membership in the local chapter is open to anyone interested in operational meteorology and who agrees to abide by the requirements of this constitution. An active member is one who has either joined the local chapter within the past year, or attended at least one of the local chapter meetings over the past year.

Article IV: Affiliate Membership

The local chapter performs a complementary function to the University of Wisconsin at Madison Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). To enhance the mission of both local chapters, members of this local chapter shall concurrently be adjunct members of the AMS Chapter, subject to the requirements in the AMS Chapter constitution second to these articles, and invited to participate in joint functions of both chapters.

This article is void upon dissociation of the University of Wisconsin at Madison Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS).

Article V: Officers

Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, and Secretary. All officers must be full, national members (student, military, or regular) of the National Weather Association. The President shall report directly to the Executive Director, National Weather Association.

Officers shall consist entirely of members of local chapter's authorizing committee upon ratification of the constitution, with an election at the last meeting of odd-numbered calendar years thereafter. All officers shall hold their positions for a period not longer than two years and two months without re-election.

No officer shall be an undergraduate student unless the University of Wisconsin at Madison Chapter of the American Meteorological Society is inactive.

Any vacated office shall be filled by action of the executive committee in accordance with the local chapter constitution.

Article VI: Executive Committee

The executive committee shall consist of the immediate past president and the current officers. If an executive committee position is vacant, the acting President may elect to hold a special election to fill the seat on the executive committee, or appoint an active member to fulfill the duties of the position until a general meeting can be held.

The University of Wisconsin at Madison Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) may appoint one AMS Chapter officer to hold a non-voting position on the executive committee for an unlimited term.

The University of Wisconsin Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Graduate Student Association (GSA) may appoint one GSA representative to hold a non-voting position on the executive committee for an unlimited term and as approved by the voting members of the executive committee of the local chapter.

Article VII: Dues

Local chapter members who pay national dues to the National Weather Association are not responsible for additional dues to the local chapter. Full, national members of the National Weather Association are entitled to discounts of at least 15% on any fundraising conducted, in part or in full, in the name of the local chapter.

Local chapter members who are not full, national members of the National Weather Association (student, military, or regular), and are not undergraduate students, shall be responsible for paying dues to and established by the University of Wisconsin at Madison Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). If the AMS Chapter is unable or unwilling to perform this function, then the local chapter executive committee shall assume the authority to establish and collect dues.

Article VIII: Fundraising

Fundraising is solely the responsibility and at the discretion of the University of Wisconsin at Madison Chapter of the American Meteorological Society as required. If the AMS Chapter is unable or unwilling to perform this function, then the local chapter executive committee shall assume the authority to conduct fundraising.

Article IX: Meetings

The chapter shall have a minimum of four meetings each year. At least three-quarters of the active membership shall be present to conduct a meeting, including at least three members of the executive committee.

The executive committee may meet separately from the active membership when a general meeting is not scheduled or general voting is not required.

Article X: Voting Procedures

All active members of the local chapter in good standing may participate in voting. Voting for officers of the local chapter shall be in accordance with these articles.

Article XI: Honors and Awards

Nominations for local chapter honors and awards shall be submitted to the Secretary and by the Secretary presented to the executive committee. Upon unanimous vote of the executive committee and majority vote of the membership, honors and awards bearing the title of the local chapter shall be presented. Honors and awards shall not be of significant monetary value.

Article XII: Privacy

Membership and voting rosters of this local chapter shall not be disclosed external to the National Weather Association, local chapter, and affiliate chapter, except where required by law.

Article XIII: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised Edition” shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution.

Article XIV: Nonprofit Organization

This local chapter of the National Weather Association is organized and operating exclusively for nonprofit purposes. Operating expenses are the liability of the University of Wisconsin at Madison Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). The local chapter shall not maintain a separate budget, except at the discretion of the executive committee, or upon dissociation of the AMS Chapter.

Article XV: Dissolution

Upon dissolution or disbandment of this organization, 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 XVI: Adoption

This local chapter of the National Weather Association shall become effective upon approval of the Executive Director, National Weather Association, and ratification of these articles by three authorizing members in good standing with the National Weather Association.

Article XVII: Authority to Interpret and Enforce

The President is solely in charge of enforcing these articles within the local chapter. Advice and interpretation rests with the remaining members of the local chapter executive committee and the Executive Director, National Weather Association.

Article XVIII: Amendments

This constitution shall be amended only through a two-thirds vote of the active membership and a unanimous vote of the executive committee.