

# Middlebury Open Queer Alliance Constitution

## Article I

### Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury Open Queer Alliance.

## Article II

### Purpose:

The purpose of this organization is as follows:

1. To provide a safe space for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, and Queer (GLBTQ) individuals and Allies.
2. To promote acceptance, awareness and GLBTQ issues, and to actively pursue tangible goals of the GLBTQ community.
3. To function as a forum for discussion of relevant political, social, and personal issues, as well as discussion over issues specific to Middlebury College.

## Article III

### Membership:

Membership is open to all Middlebury College students.

## Article IV

### Officers:

- Co-Presidents: The Co-Presidents (2 students) are responsible for organizing bi weekly meetings, planning events, and structuring the group according to the needs of the members.
- Treasurer: The Treasurer's role is to act as a liaison between the Middlebury Open Queer Alliance and the Student Government Association Finance Committee.

## Article V

### Elections:

Officers will be elected for the following year by March 15<sup>th</sup> for the positions of the two Co-Presidents and Treasurer. A majority vote of members present is required to elect the officers. Members will be informed one week in advance that the election meeting will be taking place. Anyone who comes to the election meeting is able to vote.

## Article VI

### Meetings:

Meetings will occur twice a week: a Business Meeting and a Social Meeting.

- The Business Meeting will focus on the planning and execution of events put on by MOQA such as "Coming Out Week" and "Gaypril." As well as any pertinent discussion or debate concerning MOQA or queer issues.
- The Social Meeting will purely focus on socialization and being with the greater queer community of Middlebury College.

## Article VII

### Committees:

The Co-Presidents hold power to create committees and chairs of committees as the organization sees fit. These committees may serve in either a permanent or temporary capacity depending on the situation.

Article VIII Faculty or Staff Advisor:  
The membership agrees to maintain an adviser from the Middlebury College faculty or staff, as required.

Article IX Affiliations:  
  
The Middlebury Open Queer Alliance is not affiliated with local, state, national, or international organizations.

Article X Discrimination Policy:  
  
This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the *Middlebury College Handbook* concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the *Middlebury College Handbook* will immediately become policies adopted by the Middlebury Open Queer Alliance.

Article XI Ratification:  
  
-The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.  
-The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Association's Constitution Committee.

Article XII Amendment:  
  
-The constitution can be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership  
-The constitutional amendment must be approved by the Student Government Association's Constitution Committee.

MOQA has been a student organization for many years starting first as Gay People at Middlebury (November 1975). Name change came about in early 1990's to Middlebury Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance (MGLBA). Mid-1990's brought about the MOQA name.

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