

Middlebury Sign Language Club Constitution

Article I Name: The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury Sign Language Club.

Article II Purpose: The purpose of this organization is as follows:

1. To learn and practice using American Sign Language.
2. To learn about deaf culture.
3. To promote a greater understanding of American Sign Language and deaf culture on campus and in the Middlebury area by offering events to the Middlebury community including, but not limited to movies, performances, lectures, and excursions.
4. To connect with and explore deaf community events.

Article III Membership: Membership is open to all Middlebury students, with "active members" being defined as members who have attended at least two meetings each month.

Article IV Officers: The officers of this organization must be Middlebury students. The officers and their duties are defined as follows:

President In charge of planning and administering meetings

Vice President Assists the president and runs meetings in his/her absence

Secretary/Publicity In charge of taking attendance and minutes at every meeting, putting up posters and sending out e-mails

Treasurer In charge of handling the budget and fundraising, including helping to plan the use of funds and advising the president with fiscal policy; also acts as the formal liaison between this organization and the SGA Finance Committee

In the instance that the President must give up his/her duties, the Vice President will succeed the President and then appoint a new Vice President. If any other officer must give up his/her duties, the President will appoint a new officer.

Article V Elections:

- A. Officers are elected during an election to be completed by March 15.
- B. Two-thirds of active members must be present during elections.
- C. Candidates need a simple majority of those present to win the election.

- Article VI Meetings: Meetings will be held biweekly or more and will involve practicing and learning American Sign Language as well as discussing initiatives for cultural activities, including, but not limited to movies, TV shows, performances and parties.
- Article VII Committees: The president of this organization has the power to appoint committees as the need arises.
- Article VIII Faculty Advisor: The membership agrees to maintain an advisor from the faculty or staff, as required.
- Article IX Affiliations: This organization is not affiliated with any local, state, national or international associations.
- 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 Sign Language Club.
- Article XI Ratification:
A. This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.
- Article XII Amendment:
A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to form: January 26, 2005