

## The Constitution of The Relevance

### *Article I Name*

The name of this organization is The Relevance (previously Frontiers).

### *Article II Purpose*

The purpose of the organization is to foster the exchange of art and creative work among members of the Middlebury College community and the greater academic community. The Relevance will achieve this through the publication of magazines comprising mainly of art (photography, prints, drawings, paintings, photographs of 3d art, etc.), however not comprised solely of visual media, written work will also be considered in order to unify the publication. Submissions shall be accepted from all persons. The organization shall also sponsor formal and informal showings and presentations.

### *Article III Membership*

Membership is open to all members of the world community.

### *Article IV Offices*

- A. Editors—responsible for final selection of the literary and artistic submissions, and also the final form of the magazine. Elected editors may also appoint additional editors to assist if need be. Editors shall be elected by the existing editors and the editorial/reading staff at the beginning of each spring term. The term of office is from May to May. Outgoing editors are responsible for the training of future editors. Position open to all Middlebury College Students
- B. Treasurer—Responsible for fulfilling the role of liaison between the organization and the Finance Committee. Treasurer is also responsible for organizing any additional fundraising. Elected by the editors and the editorial/reading staff.
- C. Editorial/Reading Staff—Responsible for reviewing submissions and helping in deciding which submissions shall be accepted. Open to all Middlebury College students. A voluntary position.

### *Article V Election*

Elections for all offices are by a simple majority vote, with a quorum defined as 2/3rds of the active membership. All elections must be completed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. In the event that an editor is unable to complete his/her term of office for whatever reason, the remaining editor(s) will be responsible for finding and appointing an additional editor and for training the new editor.

### *Article VI Meetings*

Meetings will be held at the beginning of the school year and after the publication of each issue. Other meetings will be held as needed (need being determined by the editors).

*Article VII  
Committee*

The Relevance does not currently support any committees. If the need arises, permission is granted to the editors to form a committee.

*Article VIII  
Faculty Advisor*

The membership agrees to maintain an advisor from the faculty or staff, as required.

*Article IX  
Affiliation*

The Relevance has no affiliation with any group outside of the Middlebury College community.

*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 Relevance.

*Article XI  
Ratification*

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-third majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

*Article XII  
Amendments*

- A. Amendments to this constitution must be approved by two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. Amendments to this constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

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