

BIG SKY SOCIETY

We The Students of the 41st state of the United States of America, in order to form a more perfect Campus, to establish representation, ensure equality, and promote the general welfare of ourselves and our native soil, ordain and establish this Constitution for the *Big Sky Society* as the representative organization of Montana “The Big Sky State.”

Article I Name:

The name of this institution shall be the Big Sky Society.

Article II Purpose:

The stated intentions of the organization are subsumed under the following:

- I. To promote the appreciation for the grandiose and stupefyingly awesome environment, and the understanding of the associated culture of Montana.
- II. To assure the equality of ALL students self identified as Montanan within their minority status environment at Middlebury College.
- III. To delude scores of graduates into moving to Montana to foster an intellectual flowering within both themselves and their newfound homeland.
- IV. To allay any misconceptions toward, deleterious activities against, and metaphysical assails upon the Motherland Montana.

Article III Membership:

Membership shall be open to all students of Middlebury College. A voting member is anyone who has attended at least one meeting.

Article IV Officers:

Officers and duties:

BIG SKY WATCHER – Is responsible for scheduling and running meetings, as well as overseeing the club’s projects.

PROPAGANDA MANAGER – Is responsible for publicizing events to the larger campus community.

HOOT-N-HOLLERING CONSULTANT – Is responsible for beginning each meeting with a hoot-n-hollering competition, as well as setting the rules of such competitions.

SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS – Is responsible for liaison with other clubs devoted to states outside the great state of Montana.

PLANNING – Is in charge of planning all special events, included but not limited to film screenings and parties.

COAL TRUST FUND OVERLORD – Often referred to as a treasurer, this student is responsible for being the formal liaison between the Big Sky Society and the SGA Finance Committee.

Article V Elections:

Elections shall take place before March 15. If for any reason an elected officer is unable to fulfill their term, a new election on the next official meeting will determine the new officer. A 2/3 quorum is necessary to validate all electoral results. A simple majority must be won to elect all officials.

Article VI Meetings:

Meetings shall take place on a biweekly schedule. Meetings will begin with a hoot-and-hollering contest. Organization issues, networking, tall tale telling, and event planning shall be the primary focus of meetings.

Article VII Committees:

Each committee will be headed by the Article IV officers. The following committees' power shall be subsumed under the following:

Budget: Will be responsible for submitting the annual budget to the SGA Finance Committee and allocating funds to the club's project.

Planning: Will be responsible for planning the clubs' events, which may include, but are not limited to, film screenings, welcoming events, and parties.

Entertainment: Will be responsible for bringing Montana facts and trivia to the meetings.

Publicity: Will be responsible for publicizing the clubs' events to the larger college community.

Article VIII Adviser:

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

Article IX Affiliations:

No affiliation currently exists with any extra-campus organization.

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 Big Sky Society.

Article XI Ratification:

- 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.

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: April 18, 2005

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