

CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN SOCIETY

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Russian and East European Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Society's purpose shall be to afford its members the opportunity to organize events relating to Russian and East European cultures and languages.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society shall be open to all members of the Middlebury College community.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The Society shall be governed by an Executive Board comprised of a President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

The President shall preside over meetings of the Executive Board and the Society at large. He or she shall be responsible for overseeing and directing the allocation of the Society's finances, and for scheduling events at the Student Activities Office.

The Vice President shall temporarily assume the duties of the President in his or her absence. He or she shall be responsible for notices and announcements regarding meetings and activities of the Society.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for obtaining approval from the Student Government Association Finance Committee for the Society's expenditures, and reports directly to the President. He or she shall be responsible for keeping track of the society's expenditures during the year, and helps the President prepare budget statements for the Student Government Association Finance Committee twice yearly, as outlined in the Student Handbook.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

The annual election of officers shall occur during the spring term. Any student who is a member of the Society shall be eligible for election, with contests to be decided by a simple majority. Should no one attain a majority in the election, additional voting shall be conducted between the two members with the highest number of votes, until one attains a majority. The officers-elect shall assume their duties at the beginning of the following academic year.

Furthermore, any officer found to be unreliable or irresponsible in the performance of his or her duties may, upon a unanimous vote of the other officers or a two-thirds vote of the membership, be asked to resign the office.

Any vacancy on the Executive Board shall be filled promptly by a special election governed by the same rules as the annual election.

In accordance with the guidelines of the Student Government Association Finance Committee, the annual election must be completed by the fifteenth of March.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

There shall be at least one meeting of the Executive Board, held early in the spring term, for the discussion of plans for the following year, including the election of officers, and

preparation of the budget for review by the Student Government Association Finance Committee.

There shall be meetings of the Society at large, held biweekly, to inform members of the Executive Board's decisions, to choose and organize activities, and to appoint any committees, if necessary.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

The Executive Board shall be the only standing committee, although the President may appoint temporary committees for certain activities of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII: ADVISOR

The membership shall recommend a member of the faculty or staff to advise the Society.

ARTICLE IX: AFFILIATIONS

The Society shall have no affiliations.

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 Russian and Eastern European Society.

ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION

This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership and approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT

Amendments to this constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership and approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

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