

The Constitution of the Dissipated Eight

- I. Name: THE DISSIPATED EIGHT
- II. Purpose: The purpose is two-fold:
 - (a) To provide a constructive outlet for those men with recognized vocal and/or instrumental talent;
 - (b) To provide entertainment for campus and extra-campus functions.
- III. Membership
 - (a) Members shall be chosen on a tryout basis by the active members of the group; each aspirant shall audition by performing a song of his own choosing in addition to vocal exercises designated by the group.
 - (b) Membership is not limited to eight singers. The group will generally carry ten to twelve performers including a guitarist. This number is subject to change at the discretion of the active members.
 - (c) Members shall be Middlebury College Students.
- IV. Officers
 - (a) President: a leader to be elected annually by a simple majority of the members of the group. The president is responsible for all such business as bookings, finances, and travel. The president is a member of the group.
 - (b) Musical Leader: the musical leader, also elected, is responsible for maintaining and expanding the repertoire of the group. He also provides the pitch and leads the concerts. Rehearsals revolve around the musical leader.
- V. Meetings
 - (a) Rehearsals shall be held at least twice a week. However, the officers may postpone or cancel meetings at their discretion.
 - (b) Attendance at all meetings is mandatory.
- VI. Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership. This constitution must be approved by the Community Council or a subcommittee thereof.
- VII. Amendments:

Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a two-third majority of the membership. Amendments must be approved by the Community Council or subcommittee thereof.

Amended, October 1986
Approved December 1986