

# Sweatervest Constitution

Article I - Name: The name of this organization is *Sweatervest*

Article II - Purpose: The purpose of this organization is to create a student-run publication that meets, as closely as it can, the standards of professional literary magazines, with regard to both its aesthetic and content. *Sweatervest* will be published twice each academic year, in the fall and spring semesters, and will consist of short fiction, poetry, and other material editors deem appropriate for the journal. The publication will provide young writers a venue in which to publish their work, and will do its best to provide these writers with a substantial audience within the Middlebury College community. *Sweatervest* will encourage readership by raising interest in the magazine by hosting launch parties, and readings by student writers, and in doing so *Sweatervest* will create a visible and unified community of writers, poets, artists, and readers. To ensure that *Sweatervest* maintains a consistent reader base and does not overprint, it will compile a list of student subscribers and deliver each issue to their mailboxes (free of charge). A limited number of copies will also be available in various campus locations. Also, in order to encourage readership, and to set a high standard for content, *Sweatervest* will solicit submissions from young, relatively well-known writers, from Middlebury's faculty as well as from outside it.

Article III - Membership: Membership on the staff of *Sweatervest* will be limited to Middlebury College students. *Sweatervest* will accept submissions from all young writers, but will publish no more than one piece in each issue by an author outside of the Middlebury College community.

Article IV - Officers. All offices will be held by Middlebury College students.

1. Editors: There will be 2 editors-in-chief, who will be responsible for the final selection of all submissions, as well as for appointing designers for each issue. Editors will be responsible for all final decisions regarding the form of each issue of the magazine. They will be elected each spring, by the existing editors-in-chief, to serve the following academic year (from May to May). Outgoing editors are responsible for training future editors.
2. Reading board: There will be 5-10 person reading board chosen by the editors each fall via an application process. If possible, the reading board will consist of roughly 40% first-year or sophomore students. The reading board will be responsible for reviewing submissions and making recommendations to the editors.
3. Treasurer: The treasurer will serve as a liaison between *Sweatervest* and the Finance Committee and will be responsible for keeping track of all of *Sweatervest* finances. The treasurer will be elected by the membership.
4. Layout editor: There will be a layout editor who is responsible for laying out each issue of the magazine. He/she will be appointed by the editors.

Article V - Elections: All elections will be decided by a simple majority vote, with a quorum defined as fifty percent of active membership. Elections for the position of editor-in-chief and layout editor will be open only to existing editors. All other elections will be open to all *Sweatervest* members. Elections will be held before March 15 each year.

Article VI - Meetings: There will be two mandatory meetings each fall semester - the first for the organization of goals and deadlines and the second for the discussion of submissions. In the spring, in addition to these meetings, there will be a meeting to hold elections. Other meetings will be held as needed (need being determined by the editors).

Article VII - Committees: *Sweatervest* currently does not support any committees, but the editors may appoint committees as needed.

Article VIII - Faculty or Staff Advisor: The membership agrees to maintain an adviser from the Middlebury College faculty or staff, as required.

Article IX - Affiliation: *Sweatervest* has no affiliation with any organization outside of the Middlebury College community.

Article X - Discrimination: 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 the Students Organizations Policies section of the *Middlebury College Handbook* will immediately become policies adopted by *Sweatervest*.

Article XI - Ratification:

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote 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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