

South Asia Club Constitution

- Article I. Name
The name of this organization is South Asia Club.
- Article II. Purpose
The primary purpose of this club is to bring South Asian culture (dance, music, art, film, food etc.) to the college community. It will also provide a forum to bring into focus and explore issues that relate to South Asia (South Asia consists of eight countries - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka).
- Article III. Membership
Membership is open to all Middlebury College students, faculty and staff.
- Article IV. Board Members
The board members of the club will be Middlebury College students. The board consists of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The board is collectively responsible for planning and executing club events.
- President: Will assume overall charge of the club. Will maintain ties with external resources such as cultural groups, similar clubs at other colleges, and individual resource persons. Co-ordinates activities of board members in organizing events and sets agenda for the semester after consulting club members.
- Vice-President: Helps president in organizing events and coordinating resources. Will be responsible for maintaining ties and coordinating with other student groups on campus.
- Treasurer: In charge of club finances. Liaison between the club and the Finance Committee. Will discuss the club's finances with other board members on a fortnightly basis, so that collective planning is possible. Is also responsible for presenting a budget proposal to the finance committee for the following academic year.
- Secretary: Maintains e-mail and voice-mail lists as well as the web-page. Keeps members posted on upcoming events and decisions taken by the board. Ensures that all events are announced in the weekly calendar.
- Article V. Elections
Election of board members will take place in the latter part of Spring semester, no later than March 15. The quorum required at an election meeting is 40%. The candidate with the most number of votes is elected into office. In case of quorum not being met, elections may be held via e-mail (college accounts only), over a period of 48 hours.

- Article VI. Meetings
One general body meeting will be held at the beginning of each semester. Further meetings will be convened at the discretion of the president, as and when the need arises. Suggested frequency of such meetings is twice in a month. It is also suggested that the duration of meetings should not exceed 45 minutes. The board must meet separately on a weekly basis.
- Article VII. Committees
No standing committees are required. The president may convene temporary committees as and when required.
- Article VIII. Faculty Advisor
The membership recommends a member of faculty/staff to advise the organization.
- Article IX. Affiliations
The club is not affiliated with any local, state, national or international organizations.
- 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 Middlebury College South Asian Students Association.
- Article X. 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 Association Constitution Committee.
- Article XL. Amendment
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