

## **Middlebury College Mountain Ayres**

### Article I: Name

The group shall be called the Middlebury College Mountain Ayres. The Ayres (for short) are plural.

### Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this group is to enrich the Middlebury College experience by public performance of madrigals and other four-part harmonies.

### Article III: Membership

Members of the Middlebury College Mountain Ayres will be chosen in the fall and spring of every year. Membership is open to all Middlebury College students. The group will audition prospective members.

### Article V: Officers

- Musical Director: The musical director of the Ayres will run rehearsals, choose what music the Ayres perform, and work to improve the musicality of the group.
- Business Manager/Treasurer: The business manager will act as the formal liason between the Ayres and the SG AFC, and is responsible for all matters involving Ayres' money. The business manager will find and negotiate performance gigs.
- Communications Director: The communications director will ensure that Ayres events are well publicized by means of posters, the Internet, events calendar, etc.

### Article IV: Elections

Elections shall be held each year by March 15<sup>th</sup>. All active members shall be eligible to participate in elections. Members may nominate members for officer roles, or they may self-nominate. A quorum (2/3 of current members) is required to vote for officers. To be elected to an office, the candidate must win by at least a simple majority of the votes.

### Article VI: Meetings

Rehearsal will be held twice a week (or more often as the music director deems necessary) at times agreed upon by all members.

### Article VII: Committees:

Each officer has the power to appoint temporary committees as the need arises.

### Article VIII: Faculty/Staff Adviser:

*The Mountain Ayres agree to maintain an adviser from the Middlebury College faculty or staff, as required.*

### Article IX: Affiliations:

The Mountain Ayres are 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 Mountain Ayres.*

Article XI: Ratification

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

Article XII: Amendment

- A. *Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the membership.*
- B. *Amendments to these laws must be approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.*

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