CONSTITUTION

Mission Statement

To provide a space for students with a vested interest in the Department of Climate, Meteorology, and Atmospheric Sciences, to expand their knowledge in our field, and to provide opportunities to students in all stages of academic and professional development. Furthermore, to create a safe space for students free from discrimination.

Preamble

We, the members of the Illinois Student Organization for Meteorology (ISTORM), do ordain and establish this Constitution for the government of our collective organization.

Article Ⅰ

Ⅰ. Membership

1. Membership is open to any current students registered at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
2. Active member must
   2.1. Attend at least 50% of official meetings
   2.2. Pay dues by the end of the second official meeting of the semester in which they join
   2.3. Special circumstances can be granted based on a vote by the Board
3. Inactive club members do not have voting rights

Ⅱ. Rights as a Member

1. Request meetings with the Board outside of official meetings
2. Propose any ideas before the club for the welfare of the club and its members
3. Vote in election
   3.1. Based on membership status
4. Run for executive positions
   4.1. Exceptions and requirements listed in Article II

Article Ⅱ-

Ⅰ. Board Requirements

1. Be an undergraduate student at UIUC
2. Be an active, due-paying member of the club
3. Be a member for at least one semester
4. Be in good academic standing with the University

Ⅱ. Board Meetings

1. The Board must meet at least once a month during the academic year
   1.1. The Board decides upon the frequency of meetings outside the academic year
2. Minutes must be kept at each meeting
   2.1. Must be published after confirmation of minutes
3. Meetings are closed to Board members
   3.1. Members of the club may attend Board meetings at their request

Ⅲ. Board Positions & Responsibilities

a. General

1. Ensure the welfare of the club and its members
2. Plan and organize meetings and club events
3. The Executive Board refers to all elected officers.
   3.1. During the time after the Spring elections, both the current and recently elected officers are considered members of the Executive Board.

b. President

1. Vote in the event of a tie on important issues
   1.1. Shall remain a neutral party otherwise
2. Work with and be in contact with all officers
3. Preside over Executive Board meetings
   3.1. Will delegate necessary tasks to the appropriate Executive(s) as is seen fit
4. Facilitate elections
5. Maintain communications with CliMAS graduate student organization, CliMAS Department, and School of Earth, Society and Environment as necessary
6. To be in contact with the American Meteorological Society Organization
7. To be in contact with the University's Office of Registered Student Organizations
8. To be in contact with other chapters of the American Meteorological Society
9. Eligibility
   9.1. To be eligible to run for President, an individual must have served on the Executive Board for an entire academic year

c. Vice President

1. Head of external affairs and communication
2. Assume responsibilities of the President in the President's absence
   2.1. Will assume the role of interim president if the position of president is vacated
3. First delegate of presidential tasks
4. Assist other officers in their planning
   4.1. At the officer's discretion

d. Secretary

1. Record minutes for Board meetings and official meetings
2. Keep a record of attendance at meetings

3. Create agendas for Board and official meetings
   3.1. Based on planning done by President and Vice President
4. Assist the President with officer elections
   4.1. Except in the instance of a position they are running for. Another officer not running for said positions will assist

e. Treasurer

1. Keep record of the club's funds
2. In charge of ordering
   2.1. May use personal address for shipments
3. Applies for fundraising permission through the University
4. Oversee Fundraising Committee
5. Present a report of the club's funds at each Board meeting
   5.1. Starting and end balances must be announced
   5.2. In the absence of the Treasurer at a Board meeting, the report must be provided and presented by Secretary
6. In charge of reimbursements to members
   6.1. In the case of Treasurer using their own funds, President must be notified
7. In charge of collecting dues at designated times
   7.1. Work with Secretary to keep log of dues collections

f. Membership Director[1]

1. Maintain the club's social media accounts with regular posts and online interactions
   1.1. In case of creating new accounts, must get approved through a majority vote by the Board.
2. Taking pictures and videos at events
3. Create graphics to be distributed online and to other organizations/entities
   3.1. Can be delegated to another member of the Board with request from that Board member
4. In charge of the upkeep of the club's website
   4.1. Update executive page yearly
   4.2. Must get approval from the Board for any major changes to the website

g. Lead Forecasters

1. Minimum of two lead forecasters
   1.1. The exact number is determined by the Executive Board before elections
   1.2. No eligibility requirements
2. Provide a weather briefing at the beginning of each forecasting session
3. Assist forecasters with developing a detailed, accurate, and concise forecast
   3.1. Post forecasts from all forecasters on the club's website

[1] Official title through the Office of Registered Student Organizations. ISTORM labels this position as Social Media Chair.

h. Webmaster[1]

1. Modify, update, or otherwise tend to the organization's webpage

Article Ⅲ

Ⅰ. Dues

1. A minimum of $0 with a maximum of $20 (USD) may be set
2. Dues will provide free access to all club events throughout the entire academic year
3. Dues will be collected by the end of the 2nd general meeting of the semester
4. The Board votes on the dues amount
   4.1. Settled by a unanimous vote
5. Dues will be set for an entire academic year
   5.1. First day of the fall semester until final day of the spring semester
6. If a member cannot afford the club's dues, they may petition the Board to have dues waived
   6.1. Settled by majority vote

Ⅱ. Reimbursement

1. Member must fill out Reimbursement Form to be considered
   1.1. Electronic or paper copies are accepted
2. Receipts must be kept and filed
3. If denied, a member can petition the Board
   3.1. Settled by a majority vote
4. All paperwork must be submitted to Treasurer
5. In lieu of the Treasurer submitting for reimbursement, President must be informed
6. Treasurer will decide in what form the reimbursement will be given
   6.1. Decided on a need-to-need basis

Ⅲ. Banking

1. The club may seek banking outside the University
2. If allowed by the bank, debit cards may be attained for the club's use
   2.1. Treasurer & President
3. Peer-to-Peer (P2P) may be established for the club's use
   3.1. Must be linked directly to the club's banking
4. Receipts must be kept for any club purchase
5. Any allocation greater than $50 (USD) must be approved by the Board
   5.1. Settled through a majority vote

[1] Webmaster is a transient position. A webmaster may be elected during Spring elections or appointed during the academic year at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article Ⅳ

Ⅰ. Voting

1. A voting member will receive one vote per voting item
2. A voting member does not have to cast a vote
3. A majority vote is enacted with 50% of the votes
4. A supermajority vote is enacted with 66% of the votes
5. A unanimous vote is enacted with 100% of the votes

Ⅱ. Removal from Board

1. A Board member may be removed from the Board if job fulfillment is not deemed met
2. A Board member may submit a request for a hearing to remove a member from the Board
3. A unanimous vote will be required for removal
   3.1. Accused member will not be allowed to vote
4. Upon removal, the Board will appoint an interim for that position
   4.1. Settled by unanimous vote
5. The removed Board member is removed from the Board for the rest of the academic year

Article Ⅴ

Ⅰ. Committees

1. Authorization of a committee must be approved by the Board
   1.1. Decided by a majority vote
2. Must dissolve at the end of an academic year
3. Committee must have at least three members
   3.1. At least one member must not be a Board member
4. Committee head must be a Board member

a. Fundraising Committee

1. Treasurer heads committee
2. Develop fundraising ideas to bring back to the club
3. Lead the club in fundraising projects

b. Outreach Committee

1. Helps create ideas for social events
2. Helps obtain speakers for any club event
3. Coordinates community outreach projects

c. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Can be created for a necessary specific purpose

1.1. Decided upon by the Board through a majority vote
2. The Board decides on the duration of the committee

Article Ⅵ

Ⅰ. Election Process

1. Elections for the following academic year will take place *NO LATER* than the 2nd week before Spring Semester Reading Day
   1.1. The Spring election is required, a Winter election can be held at the jurisdiction of the Board
2. Any due-paying, designated active member is eligible to run for office and vote for every position
   2.1. Candidates for President must have served a minimum of one academic year on the Executive Board
3. All voters will privately vote for their preferred candidate. Votes will be counted by the active Executive Board
   3.1. The active Executive Board includes the executives from that academic year, not the newly elected Executives
   3.2. Executive Board members runnin for re-election will not take part in counting their votes
   3.3. Ties will be broken by the incumbent President
      3.3.1. Ties for Presidential elections will be broken by a majority decision of the active Executive Board
   3.4. Active Executive Board members will be allowed to vote

II. Transfer of Office

1. Newly-elected Board members will be officially instated onto the Board the day after the final day of the academic year
2. It is the responsibility of the previous Board members to guide newly-elected Board members in maintaining their status as a Registered Student Organization through the University
   2.1. The former president will re-register the club before the end of the academic year, all other responsibilities fall upon the new Board
3. Previous Board members will provide any position training for newly-elected Board members
4. All materials from previous Board members' possession must transfer materials to their successor
5. Upon installment onto the Board, it is recommended that all passwords and access to any material should be changed

Article Ⅶ

Ⅰ. Dissolution

1. Upon dissolution of the club, any open bank accounts must be closed

2. All funds will be donated by a unanimous vote to one or more organizations decided by the Board
3. Any social media accounts will be closed
4. The American Meteorological Society must be notified of dissolution to disband the student chapter
5. The Office of Registered Student Organizations at UIUC must be notified of dissolution
6. Failure on the part of the officers to maintain contact with the American Meteorological Society Headquarters for four or more years will result in automatic dissolution as outlined in their handbook

Article Ⅷ

Ⅰ. Adoption and Amendments

1. This constitution will become effective upon a unanimous vote by the Board
   1.1. February 17, 2025
      1.1.1. 7 Yays
2. Upon ratification of constitution, any amendments to the constitution must be presented to the Board
   2.1. Settled by supermajority vote
3. All amendments will be enforced immediately upon ratification of such amendment
4. Upon ratification of any amendments, the Board must give all members notice of such ratification
   4.1. Details of the amendment must be disclosed to all members at such time
5. Failure to notify all members in a timely manner will result in a retracement of such amendment

AMENDMENTS

Amendment I

The Illinois Student Organization for Meteorology (ISTORM) gives the authorization of a club under the jurisdiction of ISTORM. This club is granted all rights put forth by the Constitution that governs ISTORM. Any member currently in ISTORM can participate in said club. The purpose of this club is to provide forecasting experience to any interested member. The Lead Forecaster is a Board position.

Amendment II

I. Freshman Liasion

1. A member of the freshman class will be elected to serve as the Freshman Liaison
    a. All freshmen or first-year transfers that qualify as active members are eligible to run for this position
    b. The election will occur in the eighth week of the fall semester, with the exact date set by the Executive Board
        i. Only freshmen or first-year transfer members of the club will be permitted to cast a vote during this election
            1. Each member gets one vote
            2. A member who is running for the position may vote for themselves
        ii. The winner is whoever receives a simple majority of votes
    c. The Freshman Liaison will serve on the Executive Board until the conclusion of the academic year
        i. The Freshman Liaison will hold voting privileges
2. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
    a. Advocating for desired events and policies that would directly improve the experience of active freshman and first-year transfers
    b. Attending all Executive Board meetings and club events
    c. Act as a substitute for any absent executive board members, except president
        i. If the president is absent for a meeting, the vice president shall chair the meeting
    d. Shadow executive board members to learn what each position entails, how to prepare for meetings, etc., if desired
3. The Freshman Liaison is not eligible to run for President
4. Ratification
    a. AYE: Adam Wittwer, Jonathan Gibson, Olivia Samolej, Matthew Perry, Koji Lemke, Juliana Wittrock, Shea Richards, Alex Zielinski, Brady Nickols
    b. RATIFIED on August 24, 2026