

Constitution of the Memphis Chapter of the National Weather Association/ American Meteorological Society

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the Memphis Chapter of the National Weather Association/American Meteorological Society. Hereafter in this Constitution it will be referred to as the Combined Chapter, and the National Weather Association/American Meteorological Society will be called the Organization.

Article II: Objectives

The objectives of this Combined Chapter will be to:

1. Promote the communication of ideas on current meteorological issues among its members.
2. Provide an opportunity for meteorologists in this area to meet and become acquainted.
3. Stimulate the professional development of its members.

Article III: Membership

1. Anyone who has an interest in meteorological matters and who agrees to abide by the requirements of this Constitution becomes a member upon payment of dues.
2. Charter members shall become active members immediately upon signing this constitution.
3. Membership in the National Weather Association and American Meteorological Society shall be encouraged but not required, except as required for chapter officers.

Article IV: Officers

1. The elected officers of this Combined Chapter shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer. They shall be elected for one year.
2. The elected officers shall hold membership in the Organization prior to election.
3. Officers shall be nominated at the May meeting and elected by paper ballot , or by acclamation in the case of no opposition.
4. The succession of Officers is President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer.
5. Vacated offices shall be filled by action of the Executive Committee for the remainder of the one year term.

Article V: Committee

1. The Executive Committee will consist of the retiring President and the current officers.
2. Additional committees (i.e., Program, Membership, Publicity) will be appointed on an ad-hoc basis by the Executive Committee. Any dues-paying member may serve on an ad-hoc committee.

Article VI: Dues

1. Dues shall be set by the Executive Committee prior to the first meeting of each year and shall nominally be due at the September meeting.
2. Dues will be used to benefit combined chapter members and cover expenditures of visiting combined chapter presenters.

Article VII: Meetings

1. The Chapter will nominally meet in September, November, January, March and May, on dates determined by the Executive Committee. Several lunch meetings will also be scheduled during months without regular chapter meetings, as determined by the Executive Committee.
2. Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting.
3. All meetings shall be held at a place selected by the Executive Committee.
4. All meetings shall be announced in writing to all members by the Secretary-Treasurer at least seven (7) days prior to the meetings. The announcement will include the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Article VIII: Finances

1. A single expenditure of the Combined Chapter in excess of \$25 shall require the approval of the majority of a quorum.
2. Expenditures of less than \$25 must be authorized by a majority of the Executive Committee.
3. Proper financial records must be maintained.

Article IX: Voting Procedures

1. A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee consists of three members.
2. A quorum for a general meeting consists of more than 25% of the membership.
3. All Combined Chapter members may vote.
4. A majority of a quorum is required for the election of officers and for members other than constitutional reform.
5. Voting for officers shall be by secret ballot, or by acclamation in the case of no opposition.
6. Voting for officers shall be by majority selection at the May meeting.