

The Constitution of the Weather Club at IU (2018-19)

Article I: Name

- **Section 1.**

The name of this organization shall be the Weather Club at IU.

Article II: Purpose

- **Section 1.**

The purpose of the Weather Club at IU is:

- To bring together students who share an interest in weather, climate, and meteorology.
- To enhance the experience of students studying atmospheric sciences by hosting events and activities designed to educate members and to aid members in choosing career paths.

Article III: Executive Officers

- **Section 1.**

Officers of the Weather Club at IU shall be President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

- **Section 2.**

The responsibilities of the President shall be:

- To plan and organize meetings, events, and activities.
- To manage social media and outreach for the organization.
- To serve as a liaison to the academic advisor, faculty, and alumni.
- To ensure compliance with all Indiana University – Bloomington rules and regulations.
- To be responsible for all official acts of the organization and to be accountable for the operation of the same.
- To preside over all general member meetings, both regular and special.
- To provide forecasts discussions on the club website.

- **Section 3.**

The responsibilities of the Vice President shall be:

- To assist the President in planning and organizing meetings, events, and activities.
- To assist the President in managing social media and outreach for the organization.
- To assist the President in managing the club website.
- To manage club recruitment activities.

- **Section 4.**

The responsibilities of the Treasurer shall be:

- To keep an accurate record of all incomes and expenses incurred by the organization.
- To ensure that all incoming funds are placed into the organization's account with the Office of Student Organization Accounts.
- To collect all bills owed by the organization and to disburse funds.
- To work to take advantage of outside funding opportunities for events and activities, if needed.
- Orders all food and drinks provided at club meetings.

Article III: Official Forecasters

- **Section 1**

The Weather Club at IU shall have at least one official forecaster at all times.

- **Section 2**

The responsibilities of Forecasters shall be:

- To provide accurate and updated forecasts to all Weather Club at IU social media outlets.
- To provide three day forecasts to Twitter at least four times a week.
- To provide game-day forecast updates for some outdoor University Sports.
- To provide forecasts to interested parties such as professors, sororities, fraternities, sports teams, etc.

Article IV: Academic Advisor

- **Section 1.**

The role of the academic advisor shall be to:

- Provide guidance and support to the organization.
- Aid the organization in securing resources within and outside of the university, if needed.
- Act as a tiebreaker under circumstances outlined in Article IX.

Article V: Membership

- **Section 1.**

To be considered a member of the Weather Club at IU, a person must:

- Be a graduate or undergraduate student at Indiana University.
- Attend at least one meeting or event per semester, with the exception of the Summer semester. Meetings in which elections occur do not count.
 - If a member fails to attend at least one meeting or event during a Fall or Spring semester, his or her membership will expire at the end of that semester. He or she may become a member again by attending an upcoming event or meeting.

- **Section 2.**

Allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. (Repeated in University Regulation Compliance Article)

- **Section 3.**

A member may have his or her membership revoked if at least 66% of those in Executive Officer positions agree to revoke the membership. His or her membership shall not be reinstated unless all of those in Executive Officer positions agree that he or she may rejoin the organization.

Article VI: Meetings and Events

- **Section 1.**

Regular meetings must be held at least once per calendar month, with the exception of May, June, July, August, and December. In order for a meeting to be considered a Regular Meeting, all members must receive notice of the meeting at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

- **Section 2.**

The purpose of other meetings is to:

- Plan for upcoming events.
- Distribute information to members.
- Hold elections outlined in Article VIII.

- **Section 3.**

The purpose of regular meetings and events shall be to:

- Educate members on topics relevant to atmospheric science.
- Engage members in activities focused on atmospheric science.

Article VII: Voting Rights

- **Section 1.**

Only those considered members of the Weather Club at IU may vote in elections.

Article VIII: Executive Officer Elections and Vacancies

- **Section 1.**

Each Spring semester, an election must be held at a regular meeting to determine Executive Officers and Official Forecasters for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters. To win an election, a candidate for a position must win the highest number of votes out of all candidates running for that position. In the event of a tie, the following must occur:

- A special meeting must be scheduled.
- A forecast contest for a day prior to the day of the special meeting must be held. The forecast contest will:
 - Be for Bloomington, IN (KBMG)

- Be for high temperature and low temperature (to the nearest whole degree Fahrenheit), and liquid precipitation amount (to the nearest one-hundredth of an inch) from Midnight to Midnight on the day of the contest.
 - Be scored using the Climatological Report for that day for Bloomington from the National Weather Service in Indianapolis.
 - Be scored using the following system:
 - **High and Low Temperatures:** Add 1 error point for every whole degree difference between the forecast high and low and the observed high and low.
 - **Precipitation:** Add:
 - 0.4 points for each .01 of error in the verification range from 0.00 - .10 inclusive
 - 0.3 points for each .01 of error in the verification range from 0.11 to 0.25 inclusive
 - 0.2 points for each .01 of error in the verification range from 0.26 to 0.50 inclusive
 - 0.1 points for each .01 of error in the verification range over 0.50
 - The candidate with the lowest total of error points wins the election. In the event where the tie isn't broken, the process and forecast contest must be repeated.
 - Forecasts are due by 00z on the evening prior to the forecast contest day. If a candidate fails to submit his or her forecast by that time, he or she will be disqualified from the election.
- **Section 2.**
In the event where the President vacates his or her position, the Vice President will assume the role of the President, and will appoint a new Vice President.
 - **Section 3.**
In the event where the Vice President vacates his or her position, the President must appoint a new Vice President.
 - **Section 4.**
In the event where the Treasurer vacates his or her position, the President must appoint a new Treasurer.
 - **Section 5**
In the event where the Official Forecaster(s) vacates his or her position, the Vice President must appoint a new Official Forecaster.

Article IX: Amending the Constitution

- **Section 1.**
In order to amend this Constitution, a proposed amendment must be brought before a vote among Executive Officers and Official Forecasters. More than 50% of the Executive Officers and Forecasters must vote in favor in order for the Constitution to be amended. In the event of a tie, the academic advisor must step in and vote either in favor of or against the proposed amendment.

Article X: University Regulation Compliance

- **Statement of University Compliance:** This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.
- **Anti-Hazing Policy:** Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group.
- **Personal Gain Clause:** This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.
- **Statement of Non-Discrimination:** The Weather Club at IU allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.