



Maine Maritime Academy
MMACR Constitution



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ARTICLE I. Name: The name of this organization will be called The Maine Maritime Academy College Republicans (MMACR) at Maine Maritime Academy.

ARTICLE II. Purpose: The purpose of this organization is to provide an opportunity for students, faculty, and surrounding community of Maine Maritime Academy to be a part of the democratic process and be active in the preservation and promotion of conservative ideas by helping elect men and women who represent these beliefs.

ARTICLE III. Membership: The organization is open to all students, faculty and surrounding community of the Maine Maritime Academy Campus.

- A. Dues: There will be an annual due at the beginning of the fall semester. A person if willing can make a donation as well.
- B. Amount: The annual due will be a twenty dollar due. Amounts of donations must not exceed \$2,000 a person.
- C. When: Anytime of the year a donation will be accepted.

ARTICLE IV. Community responsibilities: All organization members recognize that they are part of the Maine Maritime Academy community as well as the greater communities of the town of Castine and the State of Maine, and that as such, they are subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the current Student Handbook (and where appropriate, Regimental Manual), as well as town and state laws. As students, faculty or staff of Maine Maritime Academy, members realize they represent the Academy any time they are involved in official organization functions on or off campus, and agree to do so in a responsible matter. Along with representing Maine Maritime Academy and the surrounding areas, the organization and its members represent the Republican Party, both here in the great State of Maine and the United States of America.

ARTICLE V. Funding: The organization will elect a treasurer designated as the party responsible for finances. All monies that are raised through club allocations, dues, donations, or fundraisers are acknowledged as Academy funds and will be maintained in Academy accounts. No monies associated with this organization will be held in accounts outside the Academy. No other clubs/ organizations should be able to access monies that are held by the Maine Maritime Academy College Republicans without the permission of the Maine Maritime Academy College Republicans elected officials.

ARTICLE VI. Officers: The officers of this organization shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Director, and Recruitment Director. These positions shall not change name or be eliminated; this is in order for the organization to be recognized by the College Republicans National Committee (CRNC).

ARTICLE VII. Elections: Elections will be held annually for all of the positions mentioned below. Elections will be open elections to anyone in the organization. For the Chair you must be an active member of the Maine Maritime Academy College Republicans for two years (the first Chair will be open

to anyone who is interested in running). All other positions are open to new members and pre-existing members. Elections will take place in November and the new officers will take command in the following year (example: election is November 2015, new elected officers will take command January 2016). Elections will be by ballot and voting will take place during a meeting. They're will be an opportunity for the running nominees to stand in front of the electing body and make a case on why they should vote for them. This will always be done before the voting process takes place.

ARTICLE VIII. Duties of Officers:

- A. The Chair: The Chair is responsible for all meetings here on campus. The Chair is the active spokesperson and figure of the organization on and off campus. The Chair oversees all meetings and is the tie breaker in votes. The Chair does not have any voting power over matters.
- B. The Vice- Chair: The Vice- Chair is to assist the Chair in any matters on and off campus. The Vice- Chair will fill in for the Chair at events on and off campus if the Chair is unable to attend. Also the Vice- Chair will work with the Executive Director in helping plan events and bringing guest speakers here on campus.
- C. Treasurer: The Treasurer will be in charge of all finances of the club. The Treasurer will follow Article V and work directly with Maine Maritime Academy and the school's finance department. The Treasurer will also in charge of all fundraising that the club plans.
- D. Secretary: The Secretary will be in charge of recording all meetings. The Secretary assists the Chair on keeping meetings on subject and in a timely manner. Also the Secretary will assist in events on and off campus along with the Chair and other executive board members.
- E. Executive Director: The Executive Director is in charge of all events and speakers here on campus and off campus. The Executive Director works with the Chair to plan events but takes on the responsibility of reaching out and making things happen.
- F. Recruitment Director: The Recruitment Director is in charge of advertising not only the club but the party and candidates. They are in charge of making sure that members stay enrolled and enrollment increases. The Recruitment Director will be in charge of community service as well.

ARTICLE IX. Community Service: This organization realizes that as members of a tax supported state school and greater communities of Castine and Maine, it is important to aid and support these communities and their members who support us so faithfully. Therefore the organization is committed to having each member perform a minimum 10 hours of community service a school year. Republican events that the club could go to will count as community service hours if volunteer work is done (example: doing mail drops, making phone calls, or manning a table).

ARTICLE X. Amendments: If a member so wishes to amend this constitution, they must first be an active member of this organization, before they can propose the change to the members of the organization. After an open debate on the newly proposed amendment or amend to a pre-existing amendment, the active members of the group will have vote on it. Each member will tell the Vice-Chair his or her vote, Yay or Nay, and the Vice- Chair will keep a tally. When all members have finished voting, the Vice-Chair will count the votes and with a majority the amendment will be passed, in a tie the Chair will decide the tie breaker, because of that the Chair will not have the power to vote Yay or Nay on the proposed Amendment.

Any amendments will be added following Article X. If they are a change of earlier articles, they will supersede the previous conditions. There is no need to continually change the document above.