



APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB
WORCESTER CHAPTER
ANNUAL REPORT
2011

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Mission

The Worcester Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club promotes the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the mountains, forests, waters, and trails of the Appalachian region. In particular our Chapter is dedicated to the outdoor resources of Central Massachusetts, for the purposes of education, recreation, and conservation. Founded in 1918, the Worcester Chapter has over 2700 members, all of whom are dedicated to having fun in the outdoors. We offer activities for all levels, including backpacking trips, day hikes, bike rides, rock climbing, skiing, paddling, and a wide range of social events and educational programs.

Officers

Steve Ciras	Chapter Chair
Pat Lambert	Vice-Chair
Bill Zahavi	Treasurer
Paul Glazebrook	Secretary



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Committee Chairs

Colleen McLaughlin	Bicycling
Karen Clark-Hoey	Families
Julie Higgins	Conservation
Charlie Arsenault	Hiking
Michele Simoneau	Historian
Deb Herlihy	Leadership
Dawn Foster	Membership
Bob Derosiers/ Barbara Dyer	Newsletter
Mike Jones	Endowment
Dave Cole	Paddling
Sharon Foster	Past Chair
John Gau	Skiing
John Grote	Technical Climbing
Fred Mezynski	Third Wednesday
John Nieman	Third Wednesday
Steve Crowe	Trails
Rob Trotte	Young Members
Don Cunningham	Webmaster
Marie Auger	At Large
Johsie Oliva	At Large

Incoming Chairs

Pat Lambert	Chair
Steve Ciras	Past Chair
Charlie Arsenault	Vice Chair
Scott Karpuk	Endowment
Dana Perry	Hiking
Nancy Cahn	Communications
Barbara Dyer	Social
Christine Fogarty	Leadership

CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

I loved my job! It really was a thrill and privilege to be able to serve as your Chapter Chair for the last two years. It was a great opportunity to work with people who are dedicated to the same mission that I believe in so whole heartedly. So many people take time out of their personal life to support our efforts and who stepped forward with their hands raised in the air shouting, "I'll help"!

The Worcester Chapter really has an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm. My initial fear in assuming the Chair position was wondering how I was going to get people to volunteer. That was never an issue. What was an issue was trying to keep up with the activities and ideas that people had. New events like the Woostahshire Weekend Extravaganza was a true example of how we like to have fun with our friends in Worcester and our friends from the Berkshire Chapter. Work on the MST, the Pine Hill Trail, the Henderson Trail in Maine and in the Whites after the hurricane were examples of the sweat equity that people put into their playground. I can continue giving you countless examples of the passion people have for our Club.

This year, Pat Lambert, your new Chapter Chair will have a top notch team supporting your chapter. Most of the team is staying on. New to the EC is Dana Perry (Hiking), a veteran long distance hiker that has provided instruction at Leadership Training and intro backpacking courses we have held. Nancy Cahn (Communications) has been active in various capacities with the club and always seems to be smiling. Christine Fogarty (Leadership) was previously the Education Chair with the Berkshire Chapter. It's not easy to find someone to fill Deb Herlihy's shoes but Christine is probably the closest. She has been partnering with Deb over several years delivering our joint Berkshire / Worcester Leadership Training classes. Deb promises to continue partnering with Chris. Finally, Barbara Dyer is returning as our Social Chair. Do I need to explain anything here regarding our veteran socialite? Finally, Scott Karpuk who has served many years on the Endowment Committee will be taking the lead role on that committee. I know Scott for his humanitarian ethics both inside and outside of the club.

Stepping down this year are Deb Herlihy (Leadership), Bob Derosiers (Newsletter), Sharon Foster (Past Chair), Mike Jones (Endowment) and Don Cunningham (Webmaster). I don't think these folks will completely fade away and will continue supporting our club in some capacity. Thank you for your personal time and devotion to our members.

Me, I will be stepping down and but staying on in an advisory capacity and help out where ever Pat points me. You can rest assured that I will.....keep my feet moving.

Steve Ciras
Chapter Chair

CHAPTER VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

A special thanks to our outgoing Chapter Chair, Steve Ciras, for his enthusiastic support and leadership of our Chapter over the years as Hiking, Vice, and Chapter Chair. Steve will continue on as our immediate Past Chair. You can find him on the trails, paddling the waterways, educating prospective and existing leaders, and at a campfire near you!

We revived the annual joint Berkshire/Worcester Chapter trip to Cardigan Lodge, aka, the Woostahshire Weekend Extravaganza! Approximately 50 AMC members from both our Chapters and other AMC Chapters joined us for a weekend of fun and hiking to contra dancing to paddling and, of course, EATING! Don't miss out on the fun next year. Check the 2012 Chapter trip listings for a repeat of this weekend event.

We recognize members through the Volunteer of the Month (VOM) award. The VOM is a member who is not on the Executive Committee who has gone above the call of duty in supporting our Chapter. 2010-2011 winners include:

November	Steph Keimig
December	Chris Fogarty
January	Dave Brainard
February	Joe Walsh
March	Neil Schutzman
April	Gary Fitzgerald
May	Debi Garlick
June	Pete and Laura Lane
July	Walt Lazarz
August	David Greenslit
September	Andy Wojcikowski
October	Dianne Desrosiers

Congratulations to this year's winners. If you know of a volunteer (who is not a member of the Executive Committee) who you would like to recognize for their contributions to the Chapter, please e-mail Charlie Arsenault at cea100@verizon.net and provide the person's name, e-mail address, and the reason for which you are nominating them. We select winners at our monthly Executive Committee meeting.

Focus areas for 2012 include giving back to the resources in which recreate – trails don't create and maintain themselves and waterways will only remain passable if we help to keep them clean. Let's protect and preserve these resources so that we, and future generations of outdoor enthusiasts, can continue to enjoy them!

Be safe and have fun.
Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lambert, Vice Chair

BICYCLING

The 2011 bicycling season got started with “pre-season” weeknight rides that continued every Tuesday and Thursday until mid-September. As he has for some years now, Fred Mezinski continued as the driving force behind planning the Tuesday Night rides.

Thanks, Fred!

In 2011 we had fewer weekend rides than last year, and a few weekend rides were, thankfully, ridden again this year and established as annual rides. The Ice Cream Ride is one such ride.

This year’s “Cycle Touring Essentials” workshop attendance was several times that of last year, and the workshop will be offered again early next year.

We had a spring leader’s meeting/social which served as an opportunity for exchanging ideas for rides and discovering which favorite rides should be dusted off and added back onto the calendar. One tradition revived this year was dinner at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, after the season finale evening ride. We look forward to re-establishing this wonderful old tradition every year.

Noble View was the venue for the Worcester Chapter’s Columbus Day Hike and Bike Weekend. The weekend weather was sunny and a great mix of folks attended, including two new AMC members, plus New Jersey, New York, and Boston chapter members. We stayed in the newly renovated North Cabin and enjoyed the “mod cons” (modern conveniences) of the new bath-house, and being regaled with Noble View history by none other than Gary Forish. Special thanks to co-lead Andy Wojcikowski for all of his help with everything – literally, everything.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen McLaughlin

TECHNICAL CLIMBING

We had a very successful year of rock climbing. Throughout the winter we had weekly climbing trips to Central Rock Gym. In May we held an introduction to rock climbing class at Crow Hill in Leominster State Forest. In the summer we held climbing trips to Crow Hill. Now in the fall we will be continuing our climbing trips to Central Rock Gym.

Thanks to Michele Simoneau, Dave Brainard, Jen Eaton, Brian Smith and Gerard Fowley.

Respectfully submitted,
John Grote

LEADERSHIP

On Friday, October 28th a group of intrepid Worcester chapter leaders in training arrive at Prindle Pond Pondsides facility to spend their weekend with a team of some of the most enthusiastic and knowledgeable leader instructors from our Worcester and Berkshire chapters. This group of very dynamic volunteer instructors have continually taken time out of their busy lives, twice a year, away from their family, friends and work to spend time with a group of unknown individuals to impart their knowledge, skills and passion of the outdoors.

For these leaders in training who partake on this weekend adventure, they have no idea what thought-provoking events are in store for them. They know that they are interested in volunteering their time in either our chapter youth program, or as a volunteer leader, and everyone arrives somewhat quiet and perhaps a little shy... but then the excitement begins! After introductions are completed and the group settles in, a *square inflated cube* is tossed around to the group with some fun and interesting questions on them; such as, “What is your least favorite piece of gear and why can’t you part with it?” and “If you could have a famous person (living or deceased) be your tent mate, who would it be?”

And slowly, a transformation takes place. Folks are engaged and energized by what they are hearing; dealing with group dynamics, trip planning and management, trail head talks, the weather, or what to do in an emergency. These are just a few examples of the knowledge and personal experiences shared, which enforces why we all came to this weekend event and what may have beckoned us to become members of the AMC. The mission and message is clear; *“to promote their desire to share their time and expertise in the pursuit of AMC's recreation, conservation, and education mission.”*

And it doesn't end there; some of our more experienced leaders have arrived to introduce themselves and let our newest leaders know that they are here to be their mentors and guide them on their journey to becoming a Volunteer Leader for the AMC. The accolades and appreciation of everyone's personal time and shared knowledge is evident – we've made some terrific new friends over the weekend and the upcoming opportunities are endless!

Our deep appreciation, respect and thanks to the members of our team who support and partake in this great event. If you're not one already, please consider becoming a leader for the chapter – you'll be glad you did!

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Herlihy
Leadership Chair

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

During the 2011 Annual Reporting Period, the following endowment fund proposals were reviewed by the Endowment Fund Committee and were forwarded to the Worcester Chapter AMC Executive Committee for review and possible approval.

The Worcester Chapter Executive Committee approved these endowment fund requests.

1. Oakmont High School Outing Club – Equipment Purchase \$ 2,437
2. Sweetwilliam Farm, Upton – Land Preservation \$ 5,000
3. Beals Preserve, Southboro – Trail Signs \$ 600
4. Just Understand My Potential (JUMP) – Wilderness First Aid Training and AMC Youth Opportunities Program \$ 2,015
5. Mt. Wachusett – Pine Hill Trail Construction \$ 10,000
6. Mid-state Trail - Bog Bridges \$ 525
7. AMC Mountain Classroom – Clinton Middle School \$ 2,500
8. AMC Mountain Classroom – Ayer-Shirley Middle School \$ 2,500

The endowment fund requests were found to support the AMC's overall mission of promoting the protection, enjoyment and wise use of mountains, rivers and trails, through responsible recreation, education and conservation.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Jones

HIKING

The Hiking Committee had a very busy year filled with many great hiking related activities. A huge thanks and debt of gratitude goes out to the many the many dedicated Worcester chapter hiking leaders who kept our feet moving in 2011.

Hiking Committee highlights for 2011 include:

The very popular Winter Hiking Workshop was expanded to a two night session. The expanded workshop covered Intro topics on the first night and Advanced topics on the 2nd night. We had a great turnout of 64 attendees for both workshops. The workshop was tied into a progressive series of winter hikes. This progressive series included an easy to moderate track and moderate to advanced track.

Introduction to Backpacking workshop and trip series was repeated in 2011. Both the workshop and trips were offered jointly with the Berkshire Chapter. The workshop was followed up by introductory backpacks in the Berkshires and WMNF.

This year marked the kickoff of Trips with a Purpose. Trips with at Purpose are events that not only support recreational outdoor activities, but also support the conservation or education components of the AMC Mission. The Chapter sponsored Phoenix Shelter Backpacking trip included a Gorman-Chairback work component which qualified it as the first Trip with a Purpose.

In addition to the trips and events previously listed, the chapter held many great local and upcountry hikes throughout 2011. Totals for 2011 include over 700 people participating on 87 hiking events.

2011 was also a banner year for new Hiking Leaders. The Chapter welcomed a total of nine new Leaders certified to lead local and/or upcountry hiking trips.

Upcoming for 2012 will be a repeat of the annual Winter Hiking and Backpacking workshops and trip series. We will also see repeats of many popular hikes and trips. Examples include: Phoenix shelter trip, Post-Thanksgiving Hut trip, Flags on the 48, local fitness hikes, and many more.

2011 will also mark the end of my term as Hiking Chair. The chapter will be in good hands, as the transition of the new Hiking Chair, Dana Perry, is well underway. Thanks to all who made my last two years as Hiking Chair successful and fulfilling.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Arsenault

FAMILIES

AMC Worcester Chapter had plentiful opportunities for families to join together in CY 2011. The below list represents listed day and weekend trips and the months in which they were held.

January: "First Night" Worcester Family Event

February: 1) Family snowshoeing day trip to Windblown XC Center in New Ipswich, NH, 2) 38th Annual Cardigan Lodge Family Weekend

March: Family day hike at Crane's Beach followed by Woodman's Seafood Dinner

May: Annual Mother's Day Weekend at AMC Noble View Outdoor Center

June: Family day hike at Purgatory Chasm with Narragansett AMC Chapter

August: 1) Worcester Waterfall Weekend for Families at Highland Center; 2) Family Camping Trip to Pawtuckaway State Park in NH

September: Worcester Family Weekend at Three Mile Island in Lake Winnepesaukee

October: Family evening hike at Crane's Beach with Aldrich Observatory President along to host a Night Sky demo at Woodman's Seafood Shack

November: Annual Cardigan Lodge Family Weekend hosted by the New Hampshire Chapter.

December Holiday party to celebrate AMC Worcester Chapter Families (location TBD).

Our chapter continues to fund programs for our youth in the Mountain Classroom for Clinton and Ayer Middle School and the Worcester Chapter Youth Program. Though limited, there has been some progress with identifying leaders to open their outings to families within our chapter. Of note, past Families Chair Barbara Dyer continues to be an integral part of promoting and leading family activities on a regular basis throughout the year. We need more people like her to expand our efforts to engage families in the myriad ways in which we offer outdoor recreational opportunities.

Please contact me if interested in becoming a AMC Worcester Chapter Families Leader. We need your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Clark-Hoey
AMC Worcester Families Chair

TRAILS COMMITTEE

2011 was our 10th season continuing the reconstruction work on the Pine Hill Trail at Wachusett Mountain. The Trail was originally constructed by the CCC as a ski trail in the 1930's, however since it has become very popular, it has widened considerably into a steep, eroded trail. We spent time this year splitting rock, quarrying rock with the high line system and building the trail treadway itself. This year the dates were:

April	9 and 10	Saturday and Sunday
June	4 and 5	National Trails Day
July	23 and 24	Saturday and Sunday
September	24 and 25	Saturday and Sunday
November	5 and 6	Saturday and Sunday

I tried to bring greater awareness to the hiking pole dilemma, after the AMC published an article on their benefits. I have been noticing more and more damage and erosion to trails as the result of the popularity and wide spread use of hiking poles. Look for more education and awareness from the Trails Committee on this delicate issue.

Saturday, June 4, 2011 we participated in our annual National Trails Day event at Wachusett Mountain State Reservation bringing greater awareness to trails, along with their many benefits and pleasures. We encourage folks to get out and give back one day of trail maintenance each year; you may never look at trails the same again. This year we had different projects going at Wachusett Mountain and along the Midstate Trail. The theme for National Trails Day 2011, Made with All Natural Ingredients, encourages everyone to get outside and “to experience, appreciate and celebrate the natural places where we can find a spread of scenery, a plateful of peace, and a heap of happiness and health.”

We held a joint trip with the Flags on the 48 this year, in conjunction with the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ at Camp Dodge in the White Mountains. We were able to get some good work done despite the widespread damage from Hurricane Irene.

Please join us in one of our many events in 2012, or better yet we need lots of help on the committee and have a variety of tasks you could help out with.

Submitted by Stephen Crowe
Trials Committee Chair

PADDLING

The year 2011 continued to be a paddle friendly year for the Worcester Chapter. This year we saw additional training opportunities for boating safety, as well as family programming, and a new weekly paddle at the same location. We also had many return performance trips we see year after year because these trips spotlight, introduce and reconnect canoe and kayakers' to the wonderful rivers we have in central Massachusetts.

There were two paddle training sessions, one in May at Paradise Pond by David Cole, with training also provided by Lenny Poulin and David Elliott. In August, Pat Rheume,

newly minted AWA certified safety trainer (with funding provided graciously through our Leadership Scholarship Program) organized and led a training.

AMC family opportunities for novice paddling were provided at the Spring Picnic and several times throughout the summer at Hopkinton State Park, with Barbara Dyer leading the groups.

This year the Chapter organized its first show and go paddle evenings on Thursday nights at the spectacular Whitehall Reservoir, in Hopkinton. Bill Zahavi created the event and led the paddles with great help from co-leader Sharon Whalen. Elaine Cibelli led trips that explored the riverine ecosystems on the Seven Mile River, French and Quinebaug rivers as well as the Assabet and Blackstone Rivers. These are annual trips available most years to paddlers. Elaine always is a productive paddle leader.

David Miller led several trips including the lower Deerfield into the Connecticut River (overnight trip); the Tully River, Ware River (November) and plans to end the season as he always does with an ice-breaker trip scheduled for the first weekend in December on the Assabet River, the section between Northboro and Hudson.

Finally David Cole, with the help of David Elliott, led a small group exploring many miles of shoreline on Newfound Lake, in Bristol NH, as part of the Worcestershire 1st annual social gathering at Cardigan Lodge. David also led, with the help of David Elliott, Jennifer Knowles, Bruce and Judy Wester, and Lenny Poulin, the annual Deerfield River class 1 trip. This July trip had 30 adventurous paddlers including 14 children. Dinner was once again at The Village Restaurant in Shelburne Falls. The supping group walked over the riotous Bridge of Flowers, and we all hope this bridge will recover from its terrible ordeal with Irene in time for next year's trip.

Faithfully submitted by,
David Cole
Paddle Chair

SKIING

We had three weekend excursions. Don Cunningham and Ken Pickren led the annual Blue Gentian trip, where participants enjoyed the gamut of winter activities. John Gau and Ken Pickren are doing it again in 2012. John and Don also led a February weekend to the Joe Dodge lodge, with complimentary x/c skiing at next-door Great Glen Trails. Barbara Dyer is offering the trip this year in March. Once again Charlie Arsenault and Dave Laska offered the popular Shapleigh Bunkhouse trip to Bretton Woods in March, which they are doing again in 2012; the same weekend as new ski leader and Catamount Trail association leader Pete Lane is offering a backcountry ski with an overnight stay in the Zealand hut.

Joe Walsh, Debbi Moore, Andy W. and perhaps some I missed led local skiing, conditions permitting. Tom Zumwalt shared some tips with novice skiers on the West Boylston rail trail. As in the past, Paul Adams is the Wachusett Mountain GPS coordinator for the AMC. AMC members get a cheaper skiing pass this way and can get on Paul's email list for weeknight skiing. The ski committee did not spend any AMC funds.

Submitted by John Gau

THIRD WEDNESDAY

The Worcester Chapter offered another successful year of Monthly Pot Luck Socials.

Our monthly dinners (3rd Wednesday's) were held at the Northboro Historical Society with the exception of July which was our annual picnic at Mt. Wachusett where hikes were led before the cookout. Each program was meant to embrace the spirit of the AMC mission, to promote the protection, enjoyment and the wise use of the mountains, rivers, trails, and wildlife of the northeast. Each attendee brought a pot luck dish to share, helping in the arranging of furniture for the evening event, and helping in the kitchen so all ran smoothly.

This is the rundown of the entertainment we had for the year 2011:

December 2010 - Annual Christmas party. Sing along with Dave Laska.
January - Pat Piper & Nancy Sporborg - It's not about the hike.
February - Roger Tetreault - Hiking the Appalacian Trail.
March - Diane DesRosiers - Trip to Austria and the Italian Dolomites.
April - Wayne Rodrigues - Backpack Trip to Scotland.
May - Barbara Dyer - Marc DeGirolomo - Asian Loghorn Beetle.
June - Asmy Beaudet - Making Renewable Energy.
July - Annual picnic at Mt. Wachusett Visitors Center.
August - Wayne Ridley from New England Backpacker.
September - Peter Christoph - Hiking Mt. Kilimangaro.
October - Eamon Earls - Wachusett Reservoir Project.
November - Peter Mirick - Mass Wildlife. Snakes of Mass.

Many thanks to those who contribute to 3rd Wednesday's to make the programs enjoyable and comfortable for everyone who attends.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Mezynski
John Nieman
3rd Wednesday Co-Chairs

YOUNG MEMBERS

The Young Members groups is an ever changing group, as new people come in and old friends move on, the group dynamics and interests evolve. Over this past year, we have seen extraordinary growth in technical climbing, and we have our first official AMC technical climbing leader. Our perennial trips went off great, which include Acadia National Park, Mount Tumbledown, and an annual New Years trip. We also have offered many local after work hikes and socials. Many members are looking forward to the winter, with snowshoeing and many opportunities for peak bagging.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Trotte

CONSERVATION

Winter 2011 Farm tour Eastleigh Massachusetts

May 2011 Spring Picnic Water conservation with Families group

June 2011 National Trails Day Wachusett Mountain

Sept 2011 Assabet River Clean Up

In addition, there has been a conservation related article in each of the newsletters from reducing CO2 to promoting Leave No Trace. The newsletter is a great place to share ideas and promote sustainable practicing as well as reduce CO2. Through the newsletter I have also began to create a group list of people interested in conservation events in the Worcester area.

The chapter as a whole is trying to create a program where each of our hikes or activities has a theme or purpose. One of the main themes is conservation.

The most successful event of the year for us was the Farm Tour. We had over 20 people come to find out about Eastleigh Farm. Eastleigh is a small dairy operation in suburban Framingham. The farm is on the last in the area and it is promoting the sale of Raw Milk and practice sustainable Dairy practices as well as teach the neighbors of the farm about conservation. Due to the success of this tour I hope to do more tours of other farm sin 2012.

Plans for 2012

- Climate Change presentation or a few. If anyone has suggestions of who would benefit from this or where that would be a great.
- 2 Farm tours to promote eating locally and reducing how far our food travels
- Assabet River Clean Up
- More activities with Family Group possible at Noble View during family's weekend

Julie Higgins



**2011 AMC Worcester Chapter
Treasurer's Report
October 31, 2011**

SOURCES

BANK OF AMERICA		YTD
Operational Deposits		
	Membership Allocations	\$31,404.75
	Membership	\$150.00
	Tollman Fund	\$500.00
	Memorial gifts	\$0.00
	Donations	\$40.00
	Interest	\$48.66
Total Operational Deposits		\$32,143.41
Self Funded Activities Deposits		
	Leadership Training	\$771.00
	Maine Houses	
	May WFA	\$640.00
Chapter Meetings		
	Spring Picnic	\$0.00
	Annual Meeting	\$815.00
Clubwide Meetings		
	Fall Gathering	\$1,969.94
Bank Fees Refunds		
Endowment Deposits		\$0.00
Total Deposits		\$36,339.35

USES - BUDGETED EXPENSES

		YTD Expense	2011 Budget	Available
Executive Committee				
	Chair	\$145.54	\$400.00	254.46
	Vice Chair	\$147.00	\$300.00	153.00
	Treasurer	\$10.01	\$100.00	89.99
	Secretary	\$0.00		-
	Executive Meeting	\$822.64	\$1,200.00	377.36
Clubwide Meetings				
	Chapter Retreat	\$454.94	\$350.00	(104.94)
	Fall Gathering	\$503.00	\$800.00	297.00
	Annual Meeting	\$1,030.00	\$800.00	(230.00)
Chapter Meetings				
	Spring Picnic	\$1,422.26	\$1,000.00	(422.26)
	Annual Meeting	\$501.60	\$2,000.00	1,498.40
Greenway Challenge				
		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	-
Postage				
	On deposit in PO account	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	700.00
	Prepaid Postage	\$0.00		
	stamps	\$0.00	\$50.00	50.00
Liability Insurance				
		\$251.00	\$350.00	99.00
Activity Committees				
	Chapter Youth Program	\$53.60	\$250.00	196.40
	Climbing	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
	Conservation	\$0.00	\$200.00	200.00
	Families	\$225.00	\$1,000.00	775.00
	Families Outreach		\$1,000.00	1,000.00
	Hiking	\$658.07	\$600.00	(58.07)
	Historian	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
	Leadership	\$4,289.88	\$4,000.00	(289.88)
	Membership	\$169.96	\$300.00	130.04
	Newsletter	\$3,072.32	\$3,000.00	(72.32)

**WORCESTER CHAPTER
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB
BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is the WORCESTER CHAPTER OF THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB, herein referred to as the Chapter. It is an administrative sub-division of the APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB, herein referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Chapter is to cooperate with and to further the objectives of the Appalachian Mountain Club as a whole, and in particular as they may encompass Worcester County and adjacent regions.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Appalachian Mountain Club Worcester Chapter shall consist of those members who requested such affiliation upon initial membership or upon request at the member's yearly renewal with the Appalachian Mountain Club.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The administration of the Chapter shall be vested in an Executive Committee, herein referred to as the ExecComm, consisting of the elected officers: Chapter Chair, Chapter Vice-Chair, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, and the Chapter's Immediate Past Chair as well as the Chairs of each of the Chapter Committees, which are: Membership, Hiking, Young Members, Leadership, Trails, Social, Bicycling, Technical Climbing, Conservation, Skiing, Newsletter, Third Wednesday, History, Families, Paddling, Publicity, Programs, Endowment and Webmaster. The ExecComm shall also include up to 2 At-Large members.

Each member of the ExecComm listed above may cast one vote at any ExecComm meeting attended by them personally or by their designated representative, on any and all matters which come before the ExecComm for a vote. In the event that a position is shared by 2 or more people (such as co-chairs), then they may cast only one vote between them. In the event that a committee member holds more than one position, that member is entitled to only one vote per motion.

The chair of each Chapter Committee shall have the right, with notification to the Chapter Chair, to send to meetings of the ExecComm a representative who may serve in the place of such chair and vote in his or her stead. No other person may vote at ExecComm meetings.

The Chapter Chair may, with the approval by majority vote of the ExecComm, appoint other non voting advisory members to the ExecComm, with the length of service to be set at the time of appointment.

Section 2. The ExecComm will normally meet nine times per year at regular intervals or at the call of the Chair. Also, the Chapter Chair shall call a meeting at the request of six

members of the committee. All ExecComm meetings will be open to attendance by members of the Club.

Section 3. One third of the voting members of the ExecComm rounded to the nearest whole number shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. In the absence or disability of the Chapter Chair, the order of succession is as follows: Chapter Vice-Chair, Chapter Secretary, and Chapter Treasurer.

Section 5. The Nominating Committee is a standing committee consisting of at least three Chapter members appointed by the Chapter Chair, with the advice and consent of the other members of the ExecComm. This committee shall prepare a list of candidates for Chapter offices and all Chapter Committee Chairs.

The Nominating Committee shall consult all proposed Chapter Officers and committee chairs and obtain the consent of all nominees.

If the Chapter Nominating Committee is unable to find a candidate for any position on the ExecComm, that position shall remain vacant until such time as a candidate can be found.

The Nominating Committee shall send the complete slate to the Chapter Secretary at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The final slate of Chapter officers recommended by the nominating Committee will be published in the Annual Meeting Notice for the given year.

Any Chapter member desiring to place additional candidate(s) in nomination may do so by sending to the Chapter Secretary, not later than 60 days before the Annual Meeting, nomination paper(s) with the name(s) of the suggested candidate(s), the office(s) desired, and a statement indicating consent to serve, if elected. Ten Chapter members must co-sign each nomination paper. Upon receipt of the nomination paper(s) the Chapter Secretary shall inform the Chapter Membership of the alternate slate of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting. The consenting candidate(s) will then be placed in nomination at the Annual Meeting.

Section 6. The Chapter shall call its members to general assembly at least once annually at times designated by the ExecComm. One of these shall be the Chapter Annual Meeting.

Section 7. The members of the Chapter ExecComm shall be elected by a majority vote at the Chapter Annual Meeting and shall assume office immediately and hold it until the next Chapter Annual Meeting. If the slate of Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs is unopposed the Chapter Secretary shall cast one vote for election.

Section 8. Should a vacancy occur in the ExecComm prior to the Chapter Annual Meeting, said Committee shall appoint by majority vote a consenting member of the Chapter to fill such vacancy until the Chapter Annual Meeting.

Section 9. No official pronouncement in the name of the Appalachian Mountain Club which involves opinion or policy in matters of public interest shall be made by the Chapter, a Chapter Committee, or any Chapter member which is inconsistent with the

goals and objectives of the Appalachian Mountain Club. The Chapter, upon consent of the ExecComm, may make pronouncements on local matters only.

Section 10. Any Chapter Officer or Committee Chair may form one or more sub-committees to provide assistance in executing assigned duties.

Section 11. Any Chapter member wishing to change any Chapter policy will, upon presentation of 10 Chapter members' signatures, have a petition listed among the agenda for the next general assembly of the Chapter for its consideration.

Section 12. The majority vote of the Chapter Membership at general assembly on any Chapter policy is the final and overriding decision on any policy of the Chapter.

Section 13. Any Chapter Officer or Committee Chair may be removed from office at an ExecComm meeting, by a vote of three fourths of the Committee members present and voting, provided that a written notice of the proposed removal has been sent to all board members at least seven days prior to such vote.

Section 14. The Endowment Committee is a standing committee consisting of the Endowment Chair and at least 4 other members appointed by the Chapter Chair with the advice and consent of the ExecComm. The Endowment Committee is responsible for reviewing all applications submitted in accordance with the Endowment Guidelines and forwarding recommendations to the full ExecComm for approval.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The Chapter Chair shall preside at all meetings of the ExecComm and the Annual Meeting and shall supervise the duties of the Chapter Officers and Chapter Committees. The Chapter Chair shall also attend the Club's Annual Meeting and all other Club-wide meetings where Chapter participation is required or designate another Chapter Officer or Committee member to be a substitute.

Section 2. In addition to the duties listed in Article IV, Section 4, the Chapter Vice-Chair (upon consent) shall assume other responsibilities as may be delegated by the ExecComm or the Chapter Chair. The Chapter Vice-Chair shall automatically succeed to the office of Chapter Chair in the event said office is vacated before the term of office is completed.

Section 3. The Chapter Secretary shall give notice of all Chapter ExecComm Meetings and provide a written copy of the minutes of each ExecComm Meeting to each member of the ExecComm. The minutes will be subject to ratification at the next ExecComm Meeting. The Chapter Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and the records of the Chapter and shall conduct correspondence of the Chapter as requested. Meeting minutes and records shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years.

Section 4. The Chapter Treasurer shall receive all funds paid to or belonging to the Chapter, shall disburse the same under the direction of the ExecComm, shall keep proper accounts and provide written copy of receipts and disbursements at each Chapter ExecComm Meeting subject to ratification by the committee. At the Chapter Annual Meeting a fiscal report of Chapter assets and disbursements shall be given to the Chapter general assembly. The Chapter Treasurer shall also oversee the budgets of the Chapter Committees and officers.

ARTICLE VI. ASSETS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Chapter funds may be disbursed by vote of the ExecComm. Appropriations consistent with approved budgets within Chapter Committees are subject to review by the Chapter ExecComm.

Section 2. No expenditure over \$10,000 shall be made for which the Appalachian Mountain Club could be held responsible unless it has been authorized by the AMC Board of Directors.

Section 3. Title to, or leasehold of any real estate or property administered by the Chapter must be taken in the name of the CLUB, the only legal entity capable of taking title to, owning, or leasing property.

ARTICLE VII. BYLAWS

Section 1. These Bylaws shall be reviewed as required every 5 years or as important developments so warrant. Proposed amendments shall be made by majority vote of the Chapter ExecComm subject to ratification by the Chapter Membership at an Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The Chapter Membership shall be notified of proposed Bylaws Amendments prior to the meeting at which they will be up for ratification. This information shall be communicated in an official Chapter publication such as the Annual Meeting Notice, or the newsletter.

Section 3. A copy of the Bylaws shall be made available to any Appalachian Mountain Club members requesting them from the Chapter Secretary.

Section 4. These Bylaws will be subject to the approval of the Club's Board of Directors.

Section 5. Bylaws adopted by the Club supersede any and all Bylaws adopted by the Chapter.

Last bylaws revision date: November 2007



**PAST CHAIRS OF THE WORCESTER CHAPTER
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB**

1918-20	Albert H. Inman	1964-66	Kenyon C. Maynard
1920-22	Owne W. Kennedy	1966-68	John F. Stiles, Jr.
1922-24	W. Gray Harris	1968-70	Melvin H. Knapp
1924-25	Bert Greenwood	1970-72	Charles A. Keisling
1925-26	Arthur J. Young	1972-74	Robert F. Wagner
1926-28	Fred Holdworth, Jr.	1974-76	Robert W. Eaton
1928-30	William Beaumont	1976-78	Taimi Van Buren
1930-32	John B. Knowlton	1978-80	Albert G. Pinar
1932-34	Harry E. Carson	1980-82	S. Bruce Snow
1934-36	Arthur Snow	1982-83	Carol R. Kanis
1936-38	Bradley B. Gilman	1983-84	Michael Allega
1938-40	Ralph E. Hale	1984-86	Russell W. Schott
1940-42	A. Gerry Blodgett	1986-88	Roy E. Johnson
1942-44	Stuart Van Buren	1988-91	Robert W. Gilchrest
1944-46	John H. Hitchcock	1991-93	Paul V. Meleski
1946-48	Harold D. Woodbury	1993-95	Paul Adams
1948-50	J. Adams Holbrook	1995-97	Kathleen Ondrasik
1950-52	Lawrence Corbett	1997-99	Bruce Harmon
1952-54	Alson C. Patton	1999-01	Andy Wojcikowski
1954-56	Richard R. Leonard	2001-03	Bruce Blais
1956-58	Linwood M. Erskine, Jr.	2003-05	Jim Walsh
1958-60	Stanton H. Whitman	2005-07	Barbara Dyer
1960-62	Berton G. Towle	2007-09	Sharon Foster
1962-64	James L. Marston	2009-11	Steven V. Ciras



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