



Appalachian Mountain Club Worcester Chapter **2008** Annual Report



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Mission

The Worcester Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club promotes the protection, enjoyment, and wise use of the mountains, rivers, and trails of the Northeast. 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 2500 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

Sharon Foster	Chapter Chair
Steve Ciras	Vice-Chair
Bill Zahavi	Treasurer
Michele Simoneau	Secretary

Committee Chairs

John Gau	Bicycling
Claude Guerlain	Conservation
Scott Karpuk	Conservation
Bruce Blais	Endowment
Ed & Pat Fanjoy	Families
Pat Lambert	Hiking
Laura Ruth	Historian
Deb Herlihy	Leadership
Jean McInerney	Membership
Mary MacDonald	Newsletter
Dave Cole	Paddling
Jim Walsh	Programs
Mary Coz	Public Relations
Tom Zumwalt	Skiing
Tia Koziak	Social Events
John Grote	Technical Climbing
Fred Mezynski	Third Wednesday
John Nieman	Third Wednesday
Steve Crowe	Trails
Jen Eaton	Young Members
Ellen Bailey	Webmaster
Don Hoffses	At Large
Deb Phaup	At Large



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Incoming Chairs

Gary Fitzgerald	Secretary
Charlie Arsenault	Skiing
Michele Simoneau	Public Relations
Mary MacDonald	Conservation
Bob Derosiers	Newsletter

CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

As I complete my first year as Chapter Chair I look back on another successful year for the Worcester Chapter. Membership remains strong at approx 2500 members (1800 households), this is great news for us as many organization have seen declines in membership due to the economy and other factors.

We continue to offer a wide range of activities for all abilities through-out the year including hiking, cycling, skiing, paddling, conservation, educational programs, social and family activities. Our Spring Picnic now in its 3rd year continues to be a success attracting close to 140 members and many families.

Some specific accomplishments for 2008 were:

- We ran our first official Chapter Youth Program Activities with BBBS.
- We kicked off our new graduated hiking series with our 3-Season Program this spring and fall and our winter program starting in November.
- We expanded our paddling program offering more trips to new locations.
- In conjunction with the Maine Chapter we build the new Worcester Chapter Shelter at Trout Pond in the Maine Woods.
- Through our endowment we send students from Clinton and Ayer to A Mountain Classroom in the White Mountains.

These are just a sampling of the chapter's accomplishments through-out the year. None of which would be possible without our dedicated volunteers and leaders. I would like to thank the Executive Committee, and all are leaders and volunteers for the contributions over the past year.

I would also like to acknowledge our "retiring" executive committee members; Jim Walsh, Mary Coz, Tom Zumwalt, Scott Karpuk and Claude Guerlian for there contributions to the committee and welcome our new executive committee members; Charlie Arsenault, Gary Fitzgerald and Bob Derosiers.

I look forward to more fun and continued success in 2009.

See you out there!
Sharon Foster
Chapter Chair

BICYCLING

The 2008 bike season is not over as of early October. Rides began in April with weekday rides extending into September. Virtually every week had a Tuesday and Thursday ride scheduled. The Tuesday rides were especially popular. Fred Mezynski again found leaders for every Tuesday.

Three new leaders joined the ranks this year: Paul Foulkrod, Colleen McGlaughlin, and Jean McInerney.

Paul Adams, Bruce Blaise, George Campbell, Colette and Jack Downing, Elaine Cibelli, Pat Fanjoy, Sharon Foster, Paul Foulkrod, Steve Gabis, John Gau, Bruce Harmon, Ron Jolicoeur, Pat Lambert, Pete Lane, Dave Laska, Mary MacDonald, Colleen McGlaughlin, Fred Mezynski, Debbie Moore, Bill Mullen, John Nieman, Steve Trimby, Joe Walsh, Andy Wojcikowski, John Wojdak, and Tom Zumwalt submitted rides.

Bike rides were included at the Joliceur's annual 4th of July picnic in Thompson Ct as well as on Dave Laska's weekend trips and Tom Zumwalt's Columbus day weekend.

No club funds were used for bicycling.

Submitted by:
John Gau

CHAPTER YOUTH PROGRAM

This year, the Chapter Youth Program (CYP) experienced some success after last year's work and growing pains.

Back in January, following the Annual Meeting in Danvers, MA, members of many other chapters, together with AMC staff (Faith Salter, Aaron Gorban, Jessica Wilson, Dale Geslian), Bruce Blais and myself from the Worcester Chapter, to discuss the progress, difficulties, and future possibilities of these programs. It was a great meeting and gave Joy Street a lot to deal with.

One requirement that was added for CYP was interviews and personal recommendations for potential CYP leaders. Our chapter was very vocal and helped Joy Street rescind this requirement.

On May 3rd, Barb Dyer led, with co-leaders Bruce Blais and Michele Simoneau, a hike for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest. I joined the group as well. We led 6 kids and their matches on a fun jaunt around the Breakneck Hill Conservation Land in Southboro, followed by a visit across the street to feed the cows. Everyone had a wonderful time (especially me), and the kids were engaged and inquisitive.

The plan was to have one event per month for the summer, but only one ended up taking place. On June 25th, Barb came through again, this time leading a group of about 8 waitlisted kids, on a similar hike to the same spot in Southboro. The cows were in the pasture this time, but we all enjoyed watching lots of adults and their calves, one even nursing. Everyone brought their lunches for a fun picnic as well. Co-leaders were Bruce Blais and Elaine Cibelli, and me unofficially.

We've had a couple more events planned but cancelled, but haven't given up. We continue to reach out to other organizations and to recruit new leaders. I've continued to communicate with BBBS with talks on a winter walk or snowshoe hike on Christmas vacation and a hike to Moore State Park for spring vacation. Again, more agencies will be solicited.

The newsletter printed a story of the May 3rd event and I hope to get more PR and advertising out there this year. Water bottles were purchased with the AMC logo and "Worcester Chapter" and "Chapter Youth Program" on the them to be distributed to participants of future CYP activities. This almost used up the CYP budget of \$200 for the year. Thanks to all that have helped make this year a success.

Submitted by,
Deb Phaup
CYP Coordinator

CONSERVATION

The purpose of the Conservation Committee is to foster land and waterways preservation, to support or return it to its natural use and to promote a healthy environment. It is also to encourage responsible and sustainable use of the natural world. Finally, it is to educate, build awareness and cultivate respect for our surroundings. This is done via education, involvement in conservation issues, sponsoring events, and by partnering in existing conservation initiatives.

In 2005, Worcester Chapter's Conservation Committee had lost its inertia. When we stepped into the position in November 2006, there was no Past-Chair to turn to for guidance and mentoring, nor were there existing programs in place to nurture and develop. We received on-the-job training from other chapters, from volunteer liaisons and from the Clubwide Conservation Committee (CCC – a.k.a. C3). We step down from this chair, and pass the mantle to Mary MacDonald, proud that with help from many mentors and volunteers we were able to revive the club's interest in local conservation activities.

The following summarizes Worcester Chapter's '08 initiatives/activities:

- Adopt-a-Park

Young Members from our chapter, led by Sarah Forti, cleaned Crystal Park again as an Earth Day initiative. Adopt-a-Park has been a great ambassadorial program for the Chapter.

- Coyote Trail Expansion

Eagle Scout candidate Ethan Langer completed his boardwalks, purchased with endowment funding, and installed them on state land on the south side of the Assabet River in Northborough. His team of volunteers added another .8 miles to this trail network.

- Organization for the Assabet River

Sent volunteers to support the 23rd annual Assabet River clean-up. Four of the thirteen towns along this river are in the chapter's region. Plan to make this an annual effort.

- Massachusetts Riverways Program

Solicited members to petition the state to increase funding for this important program. In the Governor's recent budget cut-backs, the Riverways program was disproportionately targeted.

- Lake Park

Greater Worcester Land Trust asked us to co-sign a letter to prevent the City of Worcester from selling part of this park into private hands for a for-profit sports enterprise. We signed, as this proposal goes against Article 97 provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

- Blackstone River Watershed Association

This organization requested we cooperate in upcoming conservation efforts.

- Breakneck Hill Farm

Organized volunteers to plant gardens to combat invasive plant species.

- Conservation Display – "Phoenix" Trout Pond Shelter

New graphics made to promote chapter activities and conservation initiatives.

- Raucher Farm Picnic Tables

Supported Town of Clinton's successful effort to conserve this farm. Offered volunteers to build picnic tables on-site to promote land use by local families.

- Newsletter Submissions

Quarterly articles on conservation issues and events. Going-green tips, including membership input

- Website Submissions

Overhauled Conservation page to include current activism issues (ex: Asian long-horn beetles), going-green initiatives, recommended reading list and a way for membership to join a chapter-wide conservation activists' email list.

- Conservation Committee Solicitation

Sent out a solicitation to encourage members to take on committee positions to spread the effort of conservation initiatives in a many-hands-make-light-work fashion. This is an ongoing effort.

- Adopt-a-Trail

Joined in the Club-wide effort to get more chapters to become stewards of new or existing trails/trail networks.

- Critical Treasures

Asked members to identify Critical Treasures in need of protection throughout our region. This will also be an ongoing effort alongside Joy Street staff.

- Maine Woods Initiative

Voted to allocate some endowment funds towards preserving the largest open space tract of land since the White Mountain National Park was preserved 100 years ago. Voted for those funds to be used towards shelters in order to foster more sustainable recreation. Went on a Familiarization Tour of the area where Trout Pond Shelter was built with the intention of leading future trips up there.

- Annual, Spring and Fall Gatherings

Represented Chapter at C3 meetings at each of these events; Discussed opportunities for inter-chapter conservation events; Explained activities on our display; presented Adopt-a-Park and Mountain Classroom DVDs.

- Mountain Classroom

Took area students to the Highland Center and Zealand Falls hut for a two-night, three-day program offered by AMC. Educated these students on the importance of their natural environment, exposed them to its recreational opportunities and taught them important conservation lessons all throughout the program.

Submitted by Claude Guerlain & Scott Karpuk – Conservation Co-Chairs

FAMILIES

Families enjoyed a fulfilling year. Eleven trips. We started with our traditional Wachusett Reservoir Cabin Fever springtime kick-off walk, followed with the sixth annual Tully Camping Trip, and finished with Barbara Dyer's excellent Family Fun events.

We've averaged 2.4 kids per event, and 4.0 adults.

We also have continued geocaching. This is a good activity for kids of all ages, something that you don't see too often. Looking forward to keeping the good turnout, and perhaps using the geocaching to enhance the local experience and attract families who might otherwise not join us.

Have a great year!

Submitted by,
Ed & Pat Fanjoy

HIKING

2008 brought with it a number of new initiatives from the Hiking Committee:

- Hike Rating System: Hikes offered by the Worcester Chapter now specify distance, pace, and terrain. This allows hikers to evaluate if a hike is too challenging or not challenging enough for their abilities.
- 100 Mile Patch Program: Hike 100 miles with the Worcester Chapter, get a patch to prove your tenacity!
- From the Blue Hills to the White Mountains: Novice hikers and those who last hiked in the distant past learned about proper gear, hydration, nutrition and the importance of conditioning to prepare for 3-season hikes. Although no one in the series made it to Mt. Washington, participants were provided the opportunity to test their limits with the guidance and support of our volunteer leaders.
- Midstate Trail: The Midstate Trail Committee continues to offer our membership the opportunity to hike from the New Hampshire to the Rhode Island borders from May –

November. This committee maintains the trail and ensures that access is kept open for the pleasure of AMC and non-AMC members alike.

The Hiking Committee also affected the Chapter's "Sweat Equity" initiative. A hardy band of Worcester Chapter members helped construct the Chapter-sponsored Phoenix Shelter built as part of the AMC's Maine Woods Initiative. A matching shelter will be built in the future. Stay tuned for updates in this arena during 2009.

Upcoming for 2009

- Explore Your Inner Winter Hiker: Building on the Introduction to 3-Season Hiking graduated hiking series, we're offering a similar opportunity to our membership to learn more about and to try out winter hiking.
- Introduction to 3-Season Hiking redux.
- Expand our Chapter's offerings for backpacking trips.
- Jump-start the weekend kick-off hiking series.
- Join forces with the Berkshire Chapter in leading inter-chapter hikes.
- Increase the number of active hike leaders and the number of hikes (both local and up-country) offered by our Chapter.

If interested in becoming a leader or in planning/organizing hikes or hiking-related events, please contact the Hiking Chair, Pat Lambert, at plambert119@yahoo.com.

Be safe and have fun,
Pat Lambert

HISTORY

The history of the AMC Worcester Chapter has continued to evolve during the 2007-2008 season. We completed the compilation of select pieces of our Worcester Chapter's history from the beginning in 1917 through the fall of 2008 into a two part slide show and photo book. I presented Part I at the October 2007 Third Wednesday series, and Part II debuted at the March 2008 Third Wednesday series during this season. Special thanks to Barbara Dyer, John Grote, and Michele Simoneau who helped with the sorting, selection, and creation of our file of historical highlights. Having the historical material more organized has allowed members of the club to think about using the information in other projects, such as newsletter articles about the endowment and the building of our new Woods Shelter, as well as creation of event display boards.

As a kick-off event for the 2008-2009 season, a local walk featuring Appalachian Trail history in Shirley, Massachusetts, is planned for January 24, 2009. The walk will start at the Shirley Historical Society where curator Meredith Marcinkewicz will give a brief introduction about Benton MacKaye, a founder of the Appalachian Trail. After a short visit at the museum, we will begin the walk to go by Benton MacKaye's house near the Shirley Town Common and then

enter the local surrounding conservation lands. If there's enough snow, bring snowshoes. Look for the event posting in the December Outdoors and the Worcester AMC webpage.

In closing, I have included a poem that was included in the Part I history slide show that struck a cord with our out-going Conservation Co-Chair Claude Guerlain, who has subsequently used it in other presentations and events:

Walks & Climbs

Whether the weather be cold
Or whether the weather be hot;
Whether the weather be wet
Or whether the weather be not;
We'll weather the weather, whatever the weather,
Whether we like it or not.

Source: Worcester Chapter AMC Historical Material

The history committee is of course welcome to ideas from anyone for events and projects.

Submitted by,
Laura Ruth

LEADERSHIP

2007-08 has been an exciting year for Leadership. Leadership training courses have been very well attended with several of our newest volunteers joining the EC this year. There was a tremendous response to recent joint leadership training with the Berkshire chapter and we look forward to future combined events with other chapters. WFA is also hosted by our chapter and has positively increased visibility to the AMC and our chapter; as a result we've added to membership and volunteerism. We look forward to 2009!

Respectfully,
Debora Herlihy

MEMBERSHIP

This past year AMC launched its member center on the outdoors.org website. Members can now access their member status, renew membership, change an address or chapter affiliation and stay up-to-date on AMC happenings. The system will also allow members to manage their chapter newsletter delivery preferences. Members are now able to choose to receive the newsletter via us mail or via email (when available) or choose not to receive the newsletter. To access the member center visit www.outdoors.org/membercenter.

AMC has also introduced member cards for renewing members. The information of the card includes your name and member number, the date you first joined AMC, the date your membership expires and web addresses. New members started receiving their cards late last year. Renewing members will receive their cards the next time membership is renewed.

Looking for a fun weekend group expedition? Welcome Weekends are a great introduction to all that AMC and AMC destinations have to offer. Welcome Weekends are held at the Cardigan Lodge, Highland Lodge, Joe Dodge Lodge and Mohican Outdoor Center. Guests at Highland Lodge also have access to equipment in the LL Bean gear room. Welcome Weekends are open to members, new and seasoned alike, from all chapters. Pick a theme and location and AMC will take care of the rest - including all meals (dinner served family style), Saturday night social, outdoor and evening activities. No need to find a group and hike leaders, AMC will provide them for you. And when booked together you get a savings of \$350 per group of 10!

For more information and to see the current list of Welcome Weekends scheduled, visit the membership section on www.outdoors.org. For reservations and to plan your Welcome Weekend call 603.466.2721.

Enjoy the adventures!
Jean McInerney

THE MIDSTATE TRAIL REPORT

The Midstate Trail Committee continued its fine work keeping up with maintenance of the Midstate Trail and trying to protect the trail from encroachment by development along the corridor.

The Midstate End-to-End Hiking Series continued to be popular and well attended by AMC members.

Next year one of our goals is to get more involvement from AMC Chapter members with the Midstate Trail Committee.

Submitted by,
Don Hoffses
At-Large

PADDLING

This was a remarkably busy year with 30 paddling adventures scheduled, which included several trips on the French River, Quinebaug River, and a trip on the Seven Mile River led by Leader Elaine Cibelli, who either led or co-led on many of this years trips.

Other paddling adventures of interest included a summer and fall paddle with overnight stay on the Connecticut River in Vermont, led by Patricia Rheume, who not only organized the

overnight stay, led the trips, but also purchased and cooked the food. The Connecticut River trip was 14 scenic miles and included paddling under the longest spanning covered bridge in the United States.

This year Jerry Burke led the flat water trips east of Worcester, including several on the Sudbury and Charles River. These trips were after-work specials.

One special educational program was held in April, hosted by Jen Eaton and the Ymer's, and included basic paddle instructions for both canoe and kayak, as well as some safety instruction, a how-to on canoe carrying using the yoke and shoulders, and a round trip paddle on the beautiful Quinebaug, from Brimfield to Holland. Hat's of to Jen Eaton, Ken Pickren and Cees Van Eijk for their organization and instruction.

SKIING

The 2007/2008 ski season started out somewhat “snow challenged”, but the season improved as time passed. By late January, there was enough snow to run most of the local trips, and there was plenty of snow farther north. Major trips included the Blue Gentian (Vermont) in January, and two to the Highland Center in New Hampshire (one in February and one March). We have pictures to prove that the snow was piled ten feet high on each side of the walkways leading into the H.C. during those trips, and we did get in lots of skiing. Overall, it was a very good ski season.

TECHNICAL CLIMBING

We had a very successful year of rock climbing at Crow Hill in Leominster State Forest. Instruction sessions on how to tie knots, belay, rappel and set up top rope climbs were held. There were 32 people who inquired about the rock climbing classes, 36 people who climbed with us at various times throughout the season, including a group of students from the Mass. College of Pharmacy. In all 17 climbing sessions were held.

Thanks to Michele Simoneau, Bob Johnson and Brian Smith for helping with the climbing classes.

Submitted by,
John Grote

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 Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary on

Massasoit Rd. in Worcester, and because of construction the September meeting was moved to the American Legion Hall on Woman St. in Northboro. 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 run down of the entertainment we had for the year November 2007 - Nov 2008.

- November: Sharon Foster, Trip to Mt. Kilimanjaro.
- December: Annual Christmas party. Sing along with Dave Laska.
- January: Rob Robertson. Past Chair of Berkshire. Discuss the improvements of Noble View Camp.
- February: Ken Pickren, Trip to Morocco.
- March: Laura Ruth, History of the Worcester Chapter 2nd half of the Century.
- April: AMC staff member Kevin Bruening, 100th anniversary of the White Mt. Guide.
- May: Larry Keating, Owls and Wild birds of prey.
- June: Colin McCullough, His VW Bug running on Vegetable Oil.
- July: Annual picnic at Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary.
- August: Photo Contest. Bring in best photos of trips. Congratulations to John Grote for best Photo.
- September: John Maguranis from Belmont Animal Control. Living with the Eastern Coyote.
- October: Sharon Foster/Mike Jones, Trip to Patagonia.
- November: Member Paul Shields, Hiking in New Zealand. And Bring toys in for Toys for Tots.

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

TRAILS

The AMC Worcester Chapter Trails Committee and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation partnered again at Wachusett Mountain State Reservation with trail maintaining opportunities and reconstruction projects.

The chapter ran monthly events at Wachusett Mountain, with work for people with all abilities and experiences. National Trails Day on June 7, 2008 was well attended and people worked on several different projects. EMS sent people from several different stores. Wachusett Ski area

provided food for all the participants at the end of the day. National Trails Day brings greater awareness to trails, along with their many benefits and pleasures, National Trails Day is a wonderful opportunity to introduce people to trails. Many new trail users become dedicated to trails and their preservation once they get out and learn about them and they realize the many volunteer and paid hours required for creating and maintaining the trails.

This year, Dwayne Ericson, Facility Supervisor at Wachusett Mountain State Reservation, introduced the Trails University - monthly educational and training events oriented toward developing high-level trail reconstruction skills. These skills workshops were tied closely with the Pine Hill Trail restoration project, a long-term endeavor to reconstruct one of the most heavily used trails on Wachusett Mountain.

The Trails Committee dedicated over 10 workdays at Wachusett Mountain, with over 20 people donating 400 plus hours to improving the hiking trails in the front country of Wachusett Mountain. This effort led to 15 new stairs being installed on the Pine Hill Trail along with the rip-rap and screen walls to protect the stairs from water and erosion.

Submitted by Stephen Crowe

Worcester Chapter Trails Chair 2008

WEB REPORT

The Worcester AMC website has a fresh look! In order to provide our members with the most up-to-date information we now have direct links from each Activity page to www.outdoors.org and created an improved "All Upcoming Events" page (special thanks to Tim Flight from the Maine Chapter!) which organizes all activities by date. The chapter continues with it's 4 subscriber mailing lists: Appies (453 members), Ymers (326 members), Leaders (128 members) and Conservation. We also maintain mailing lists for board members, hiking leaders, biking leaders, paddling leaders, leaders-in-training, and young member leaders. The web site continues to post special events and notices as well as pictures taken from our members. All feedback is welcome!

Submitted by,
Ellen Bailey

**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. Pinard
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		
1962-64	James L. Marston		