Constitution of the Central North Carolina Chapter
Of the American Meteorological Society
(Ratified on March 25, 2004)

Article I. Name

1. This organization shall be known as the Central North Carolina Chapter of the American Meteorological Society. Hereafter in this Constitution, it will be referred to as the “Chapter” and the American Meteorological Society will be referred to as the “Society.”

Article II. Objectives

2. The objectives of the Chapter shall be “the development and dissemination of the knowledge of meteorology in all its phases and applications, and the advancement of its professional ideals,” which are the aims of the Society.

Article III. Membership

1. Anyone who has an interest in meteorological matters and who agrees to abide by the requirements of this Constitution becomes an active member upon payment of dues.
2. Charter members shall become active members immediately upon ratification of the original Constitution.
3. Membership in the American Meteorological Society shall be encouraged but is not required for membership in the Chapter.

Article IV. Chapter Officers

Section A. Officers

1. The elective officers of this Chapter shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be elected for one year and serve from June through May of the following year.
2. The President must hold membership in the American Meteorological Society.
3. Officers shall be elected not later than the May meeting of the Chapter. The outgoing President shall notify the Society of the new Chapter officers.
4. The succession of officers is President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
5. Vacated offices shall be filled by action of the Executive Committee.

Section B. Officers Duties

1. The President is responsible for the organization and functioning of the Chapter in accordance with this Constitution. The President serves ex officio on all Chapter committees.
2. The Vice-President organizes the programs at the monthly meetings and stands in for the President in his or her absence.
3. The Secretary documents the business of the Chapter, summarizes the monthly meetings, and maintains the Chapter membership roster.
4. The Treasurer maintains the Chapter's financial records, ensures the Academic Achievement Award fund is continuously invested as required by this Constitution, and ensures the Chapter operates as a non-profit entity in accordance with terms of the IRS 501(c)(3) provisions.

Article V. Committees

1. In addition to the Executive Committee, there shall be an Education and Outreach Committee and any other committees as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the current Officers and the retiring President. The Executive Committee determines and implements the activities necessary for the successful functioning of the Chapter.
3. The Education and Outreach Committee shall consist of up to three members appointed by the President. This Committee solicits and reviews nominations for the Academic Achievement Awards and coordinates judges for local science fairs, as requested.

VI. Dues

1. The annual dues shall be set by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership. Student membership dues will be set at one-half the regular member dues. Dues are payable at the September meeting.
2. Anyone who has not paid dues by the January meeting is automatically suspended from active membership until the dues are paid. That member may be reinstated by paying his/her delinquent dues.

Article VII. Meetings

1. The Chapter shall meet at monthly intervals except that there need be no regular meetings during June, July, and August. Meetings will be convened at a time and date agreed upon by the members and approved by the Executive Committee.
2. All meetings shall be held at a location selected by the Executive Committee.
3. All meetings shall be announced in writing or by electronic means to all members by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the meeting. The announcement will include the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.
4. The business portion of the meetings shall normally be limited to one-half hour.

Article VIII. Finances

1. Expenditure of Chapter funds of $100 or more shall require the approval of a majority of the active members present during the business portion of a meeting.
2. Expenditures of less than $100 may be authorized by a majority of the Executive Committee.
3. The Chapter Treasurer is responsible for maintaining proper financial records.

**Article IX. Voting Procedures**

1. All active members may vote.
2. A majority of a quorum present at regularly scheduled meetings is required for matters other than the election of officers and constitutional reform. (A quorum is defined as the active membership present during the voting procedure and must include at least one Chapter Officer.)
3. A two-thirds majority vote of a quorum present at a regularly scheduled meeting is required for amendment or revision of the Constitution.
4. Elections for officers shall be conducted during the two months prior to the May meeting. Each member may vote once, using one of the following procedures as adopted by the Executive Committee:
   a. secret ballot at the March or April meetings.
   b. mailed ballots received by the Secretary not later than May 1.
   c. electronic ballots returned not later than May 1. Members voting by electronic ballot should be aware that their ballot’s anonymity is not assured.
   d. acclamation of active members present at a regularly scheduled meeting if only one candidate is nominated for each office.

**Article X. Chapter Awards**

1. The Chapter shall offer annual Academic Achievement Awards to recognize significant achievements of selected undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the atmospheric sciences and related fields of study at colleges and universities in the central North Carolina area. Undergraduate and graduate students majoring in the atmospheric sciences are eligible for the cash award. Undergraduate students majoring in other subjects are also eligible if they are planning a career in the atmospheric sciences.
2. The Chair of the Chapter Education and Outreach Committee shall solicit nominations from representatives of the respective colleges and universities. The Executive Committee shall approve or disapprove each nomination and determine the number and amounts of the cash awards.

**Article XI. Academic Achievement Award Fund**

1. In 1998, Charter member Paul Humphrey contributed $6000 to the Chapter with the stipulation that the money be continuously invested in a Certificate of Deposit to generate income to help fund the Chapter’s Academic Achievement Awards.
2. The Chapter Treasurer shall be responsible of assuring that the Paul Humphrey Endowment is continuously invested in a Certificate of Deposit yielding a competitive market return. A minimum of $6000 shall be maintained in the Endowment for investment each year with the accrued interest used to help fund the Chapter’s Academic Achievement Awards in accordance with Article X.
3. The Academic Achievement Awards shall be funded by the following means:
   a. interest from the Paul Humphrey Endowment that accrues annually;
   b. member and non-member donations to the award fund;
   c. one half of members’ dues for the current year.

**Article XII. Non-Profit Status**

The Chapter will organize and operate exclusively as a nonprofit entity, and no portion of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, Officers, or other private persons, except that the Chapter may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered in furtherance of its stated purposes. No significant part of the activities of the Chapter shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; and the Chapter shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any provision of these articles, the Chapter shall not carry on any other activity not permitted to be carried on
   a. by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or
   b. by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

**Article XIII. Chapter Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the Officers, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Chapter, shall dispose of the assets of the Chapter exclusively for the purposes of the Chapter in such manner, or to such organization or organizations that shall be organized and operated exclusively for educational or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify them as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the Officers shall determine.

We, the undersigned, affirm that this Constitution has been ratified by a two-thirds majority of a quorum of the active membership of the Central North Carolina Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

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Francis A. Schiermeier          Date             Michael A. Abraczinskas              Date
President                                 Vice-President