THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
SOUTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER

Adopted 12-5, 1985

ARTICLE I. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. The organization shall be a section as provided for in the bylaws of PATC.

ARTICLE II. Objectives. The objectives of the Chapter shall be to foster and promote the objectives of the Club as set forth in the constitution of PATC; to promote trail-related activities of special interest to Chapter members and the southern Shenandoah Valley area; to help promote and represent the interests of the Club within the area; to provide the opportunity for group enjoyment of hiking, backpacking, and related activities; to carry out various trail maintenance and other Club activities in the geographic area in coordination with PATC Council and/or standing committees; and to carry out other trail maintenance and related activities undertaken directly by the Chapter.

ARTICLE III. Officers. The elected officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, each of whom must be members of PATC. They shall be elected in accordance with the bylaws. The President shall have the power to appoint such additional officers as he deems necessary, subject to confirmation by the elected officers. The President may remove such appointed officers at any time.

ARTICLE IV. The Board of Directors. The affairs of the Chapter shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of the elected and appointed officers of the Chapter as described in Article III, above.

ARTICLE V. Meetings. An annual meeting of the Chapter shall be held in November or December of each year on a date scheduled by the President and announced to the members. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly unless scheduled otherwise by the President with the consent of the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President as needed.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition signed by five members and delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer. A notice must be mailed to members at least four weeks in advance of the annual meeting. Amendments to the constitution may be adopted by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting.

Approved by PATC Council
12-10-1985
BYLAWS

1. Election of Officers. Nominations for elected positions shall be submitted by a nominating committee appointed by the President. Other nominations may be made by written petition of five members submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer in advance of the annual meeting. The President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years at the annual meeting of the Chapter in each odd-numbered year and shall assume the duties of those positions on the first day of the next calendar year.

2. Meetings. A majority of Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting. The act of a majority of the Board members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board. The President shall preside at all meetings.

3. Succession. The Vice President, and in his or her absence the Secretary-Treasurer, shall act in the temporary absence of the President. Succession to the office of President in the permanent absence of the incumbent shall be in like order.

4. Membership. Membership in the Chapter shall be open to the public without discrimination by sex, race, age, religion, or nationality. To vote at meetings, a member must be at least fourteen years of age. Application for membership shall be made on a form prescribed by the Board and signed by the applicant. All applications for membership shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Board, which shall have authority to accept new members. Dues and other fees shall be established from time to time by the Board. Members whose dues are unpaid for six months shall be considered delinquent and may be dropped from membership by action of the Board. The Board may expel members after giving one month's notice and an opportunity to respond to charges.

5. Rules and Regulations. The Board may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and which are consistent with the constitution and bylaws of the Chapter and the Club.

6. Amendment of Bylaws. These bylaws may be amended in the same manner as provided in Article VI for amendment of the constitution.