

10/27/2025 MCNY Board Meeting

Attendees: Greg Caldwell (Chair), Alex Bhasavanich (Vice Chair), Yang Liu (Treasurer)

Reviewed Articles of Incorporation. Board Approved (3 in favor, 0 opposed) after an adjustment to the mission statement. Greg to file with the New York State Department.

Current progress towards non-profit recognition:

- ☒ ~~Choose nonprofit name~~
- ☒ ~~Draft mission statement~~
- ☒ ~~Board of Directors~~
- ☐ Prepare and file Certificate of Incorporation
- ☒ ~~Bylaws-Board approval~~
- ☒ ~~Hold organizational meeting~~
- ☐ Obtain Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- ☐ Apply for Federal 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Status
- ☐ Register with NY Attorney General's Charities Bureau

Mountaineering Club of New York Bylaws

- Board voted (3 in favor, 0 opposed) on the final iteration of the bylaws
- Assigned term limits for first term (for the purpose of staggering future terms)
 - Chair - 2 years
 - Vice Chair- 1 year
 - Treasurer- 3 years
- Greg to add ByLaws and board meeting notes to website

Committee Proposals- Board voted (3 in favor, 0 opposed) to form the following committees:

- Community Building
 - Organization of social events
 - Manage the org's social media
 - Sale of promotional materials (shirts, stickers, etc)
- Gear Share
 - Accountable for the action plan to form gear share
 - Eventual management of the club's equipment share
- Recreation
 - Organize official hikes, climbs, and other recreational activities
 - Build relationships between MCNY and guiding/touring companies
- Mountaineering Education
 - Organize activities focused on skill building and educating

Board vote to institute membership fees for 2026 as follows:

\$25 for basic membership

\$50 for membership and Tee-Shirt

Alex to take the position of Mountaineering Education Chair, Yang to take the position of Recreation Chair, Greg tasked to fill remaining positions.

Board agreed to reach out to Isaac Bernstein (Owner of Sunlight Guiding LLC) regarding a previous offer of discounted ice climbing in New England. Greg to introduce Yang and Yang to take lead as Recreation Chair.

Board discussed feedback received on recent series of crevasse rescue reviews offered by the club. Alex to incorporate feedback into his vision of the MCNY Mountaineering Education programs.

Board agreed that we need to open a club bank and/or credit card account following successful Corporate Filing.

Discussed creating a shared Meetup Account for the Club so that all members of the Board have access.

Date of next meeting - 1/13/2026 7pm