

Constitution of Ascent New Brunswick

Adopted on the 14th day of September, 2013 and subsequently amended.

1. Name

- The name of the association shall be Ascent New Brunswick (Ascent).

2. Goals

- Acquire and preserve access to New Brunswick climbing areas.
- Promote responsible climbing practices.

3. Powers

- Ascent delegates its power to the Executive for ongoing and day to day concerns, while more encompassing, roadmap issues are dealt with by the Board of Directors.

4. Membership

- Any physical person who uses climbing areas in New Brunswick may become a member of Ascent.
- Membership shall terminate on March 31st of each year.
- Membership provides access to all climbing areas for which Ascent has official agreements in place.
- Membership may provide special permissions with respect to Ascent endorsed events.
- Members can be removed from Ascent by vote only. Only members of the Executive can vote to remove a member, and 60% of Executive must be present. A yea vote of 50% permits the removal of a member.

- A member can appeal their removal to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors decision is final and binding.

- A list of the membership will be maintained by the Vice President.

5. Board of Directors

- Ascent will be steered by a five member board of directors. These Directors will be voted in by the members, on a biennial basis. *(Amended 2020.09.12)*

- Members of the Board of Directors must each have at least 5 years of outdoor climbing experience.

- Members of the Board of Directors must be residents of New Brunswick.

- Upon abdication of a Director, The Board of Directors can appoint a replacement. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*

- Any expense of greater than \$5,000.00 will require a vote by the Board of Directors of at least 50%. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*

- Board of Directors meetings will be held at least twice a year, with a month's notice. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*

- Quorum for Board of Directors meetings is 60%. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*

- Minutes for Board of Directors meetings will be taken by a Director agreed upon at meeting commencement.

- Board of Directors meetings can be held in conjunction with Executive meetings. Minutes would then be recorded by the Executive Secretary. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*

6. The Executive

- Ascent will be managed by five members of the Executive.

- President

- Vice President
- Secretary *(Amended 2021.09.11)*
- Treasurer *(Amended 2021.09.11)*
- Crag Stewardship Coordinator *(Amended 2020.09.12)*
- The Executive will be elected at the Annual General Meeting on a biennial basis and the two-year cycle is to be staggered between the positions. *(Amended 2020.09.12)*
- The Executive will participate in the day to day management of Ascent.
- The Executive is responsible for the solicitation of new access agreements.
- The Executive is responsible for the maintenance of existing access agreements.
- Each member of the Executive must be a resident of New Brunswick.
- Each member of the Executive must have at least two years outdoor climbing experience, with one year taking place in New Brunswick.
- Candidates for President must have held a previous executive position with Ascent.
- Upon abdication of an Executive member, The Executive can appoint a replacement. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*
- Executive meetings will be held quarterly, with a month's notice.
- Quorum for The Executive meetings is 60%. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*
- Minutes for The Executive meetings will be recorded for each meeting by the Secretary. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*

7. Membership Meetings

- Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held yearly, with a month's notice. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*
- Minutes will be recorded for each meeting by the Secretary. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*
- Notices of meetings will be given by the Vice President.
- Quorum for AGM is 15%. *(Amended 2021.09.11)*
- The location and date and time of the AGM will be decided by the Executive.
- Elections are held at the AGM, and are managed by the President.
- All voting is done either by show of hands, or by other means at the discretion of the Executive.
- Any and all meetings can, if necessary, be carried out by electronic media.
- Each member has one vote.
- Voting by proxy will not be allowed.
- Special Meetings can be held at any time, with at least a week's notice and require 25% quorum to pass any votes.
- A Special Meeting can only be called with support of a majority of the Executive, or a majority of the Directors, or at least 50% of the general membership.

8. Finance

- A bank account will be kept by Ascent, with access by two members of the Executive.

9. Dissolution

- Upon dissolution, the assets of Ascent will be divided equally between all members.

10.Amendments to the Constitution

- Quorum is required to make amendments to the Constitution.
- Quorum for Constitutional changes is 33%.
- Constitutional changes require a ye a vote of at least 66%.
- Constitutional changes will be drafted by the Board of Directors.