

Policy on Policies

- 1) Policies of general application to the way in which Angeles Chapter outings are conducted require approval by the Outings Management Committee (“OMC”).
- 2) Exceptions:
 - a) The Angeles Chapter Executive Committee and other superior governing bodies within the Sierra Club may adopt policies which supersede policies adopted by the OMC or may require that their approval be secured before an OMC policy becomes effective.
 - b) The “Rules of Conduct” and other general outings policies known to have been in effect on January 1, 2007, shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the OMC.
 - c) A group, section or committee that sponsors outings may adopt policies for the conduct of its own outings so long as those policies do not conflict with policies adopted by the OMC or higher authority.
 - d) The Safety Committee and the Leadership Training Committee may adopt policies regulating their internal procedures without need of OMC action if such policies do not conflict with policies adopted by the OMC or higher authority. Policies that go beyond the internal operations of these committees and purport to generally regulate the manner in which outings are conducted require OMC action.
 - e) If the OMC Chair and the Safety Committee Chair jointly concur that an extremely urgent matter requires immediate action, they may promulgate a temporary policy which shall remain in effect until the next regular meeting of the OMC. If the OMC does not affirmatively

adopt such policy at its next regular meeting, the temporary policy shall cease to be of effect and the OMC Chair and Safety Committee Chair shall not have the power to promulgate another temporary policy which is substantially similar.

- 3) The adoption of a policy by the OMC is an ordinary item of business not requiring any special procedures; however the following are recognized as desirable practices:
 - a) Proposed policies which are recognized as potentially controversial should be published or circulated to interested parties and comments invited before formal adoption; and
 - b) Policies which have been adopted should be easily accessible to affected persons.