THE MEDICAL ALUMNI SOCIETY  
OF  
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE  
CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

The name of the organization is The Medical Alumni Society of The Ohio State University College of Medicine. It shall be a constituent society of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., (hereafter referred to as the Association), the official alumni organization of The Ohio State University (hereafter referred to as the University).

Article II - Mission Statement

The mission of the Medical Alumni Society is to maintain and foster relationships to support the advancement of The Ohio State University College of Medicine/Medical Center and the College of Medicine Alumni Affairs office through service, engagement and communication with its MD/resident/fellow alumni, faculty and students. The Society will also promote and support the mission of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Article III - Membership

There shall be the following categories of membership:

1. Regular Members - All graduates who have received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from The Ohio State University College of Medicine, all MDs and DOs who have received at least one year of their post-doctoral medical education and/or are resident/fellow graduates of the University.

2. Honorary Members - Such individuals who, though not college alumni have distinguished themselves in academic and scientific fields associated with medicine; visiting professors; and those non-medical professionals, who by their interest and activity have supported the goals and activities of the College, may be elected to honorary membership in this Society.

3. Faculty - The OSU College of Medicine regular faculty shall be eligible for membership in this Society.

4. All regular members shall have the right to vote and hold office in this Society.
Article IV - Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Society shall consist of President, President Elect, Vice President and the Past President, all of whom must be Active Members of the Association.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be such as are generally exercised by such officers, and such as may be assigned to them respectively by the BOG from time to time.

Section 3: Duties of the officers are defined in the bylaws of this document.

Article V – Medical Alumni Society Board of Governors

Section 1: The Board of Governors hereafter referred to as BOG, all of whom must be Active Members of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., shall consist of:

a. The above-named officers.

b. Eleven members at large elected to the board by the membership of the Society as outlined in Article IX.

c. The President/CEO of the Association, or the President/CEO’s designee, as an ex officio, without a vote.

d. The Dean of the College of Medicine as an ex officio, without a vote.

e. The College of Medicine representative to The Ohio State University Alumni Advisory Council as an ex officio voting member.

f. The Coordinator of Alumni Relations (or staff member responsible for alumni relations) for the College of Medicine as an ex officio, without a vote.

h. Student representative(s) selected by the board to serve as a voting member(s).

Section 2: The BOG shall have full power to fill all vacancies.

Section 3: The governance of the Society and the direction of its activities shall be vested in the BOG.

Section 4: A meeting of the BOG must be called by the President of the Society upon written request of at least three members of the BOG.

Section 5: The BOG shall hold two meetings per year and others at the discretion of the President.
**Article VI - Membership Meetings**

Section 1: At least one member meeting must be held each year. Failure to comply with this provision shall make the Society charter subject to revocation by the Association.

Section 2: There shall be such other meetings each year as the President, with the approval of the BOG, deems desirable.

Section 3: The President of the Society must call a membership meeting upon the written request of five percent of the members of the Society. Upon failure of the President to call such a meeting within ten days of such request, the meeting may be called by any other officer or member of the BOG, or by the petitioning members. In such instance, the President/CEO of the Association shall be notified, and the President/CEO shall send due notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting to all members of the Society.

Section 4: Where this constitution fails to provide authority for procedure, *Robert’s Rules of Order* shall be used.

**Article VII - Committees**

Section 1 - The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors consists of the officers The College Alumni Relation’s Liaison(s) and College Office of Development liaison(s) serve as ex-officio members. The President of the Society shall be chair. This committee is responsible for conducting the business of the Society between meetings of the Board of Governors.

Section 2: The President of the Society shall appoint the following standing committees with the approval of the BOG:

a. The Student Relations Committee will coordinate the student grant review and fund allocation process. The grant funds available are at the discretion of the Dean. This committee shall provide feedback and support other student initiatives. It will be chaired by the Vice President and can include members from the BOG and Medical Alumni Society members at large.

b. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall consist of the Past President, who will chair the committee, and two members of the BOG.

c. The Development and Stewardship Committee shall identify prospects, thank donors, and make asks in collaboration with development officers. It will have members who self-identify their interest for this group and include involvement from the Dean if desired. It will be chaired by an EAC or Board member, with at least 1 Board member on the committee. EAC members are encouraged to participate.
Section 3 - The President of the Society, with the approval of the Board of Governors, shall appoint such additional committees as in the President’s judgment the interests of the Society may require and may prescribe the duties of such committees.

Article VIII - Crest

The Crest of the College of Medicine will be the official Crest of the Medical Alumni Society.

Article IX – Bylaws

The Society is permitted to establish bylaws in a manner decided upon the BOG of the Society, with a quorum of those participating, by a two-thirds vote; provided that notice of such proposed bylaw(s) shall have been communicated via mail or electronic means to each board member at least ten days before such decision. No amendment or addition to the bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the Society constitution or is contrary to the constitution of the Association.

Article X - Adoption

This constitution shall be officially adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Society. It shall take effect upon the approval and granting of a charter by the Board of Directors of the Association, such charter authorizing its function as an official alumni gathering of University.

Article XI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the total votes cast in a manner decided upon by the BOG of the Society. No amendments shall take effect unless duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

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