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Section I.

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A. The Constitution and Bylaws

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this Association shall be the American Medical Student Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association shall be as follows:

To be committed to the improvement of health care and health delivery to all people; to promote the active improvement of medical education; to involve its members in the social, moral and ethical obligations of the profession of medicine; to assist in the improvement and understanding of world health problems; to contribute to the welfare of all members, including premedical students, medical students, interns, residents and D.O. trainees; to advance the profession of medicine; to work to ensure that medicine reflects the diversity of society, including but not limited to differences in age, culture, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, gender and disability.

ARTICLE III.

Section 9—Quorum

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Section I. Elections of the Officers and Trustees of the Association

A. Election Procedures

1. Voting shall be made by secret ballot, with each delegate entitled to cast one vote for each office to be filled.
2. Elections for any national offices in which there are greater than two candidates use a ~~system of runoff~~ voting. Under this system, in which each chapter has as many votes as they have delegates to the HOD as outlined in Article VIII, each delegate ranks the candidates in order of preference. The counting of ballots simulates a series of runoff elections. All first choices are counted, and if no candidate wins a majority of first choices, then

reporting all information on challenges to the Board of Trustees and presenting a motion based on the Nominations Committees recommendations.

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- a. Premedical student members of the Association shall be eligible for Action Committee positions if one or more of these positions remain vacant after the leadership application deadline.

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organization, the Nominations Committee shall determine the best course of action. If the allegation is submitted after the election for that office the Nominations Committee shall determine the best course of action, which includes but is not limited to re-opening election for that office.

6. The Secretary, the Vice President for Internal Affairs and/or the President shall advise the Nominations Committee as necessary and conduct the HOD as appropriate.
7. If the Vice President for Internal Affairs is a candidate for national office, then they will recuse themselves from the oversight of the nominations committee and all decisions related to elections in which they are a candidate.

Section II. The Board of Trustees

- A. The Board of Trustees (BOT) of the Association shall be composed of the President-Elect, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Internal Affairs, Vice President for Leadership Development, Vice President for Program Development, Secretary, Premedical Trustee, International Trustee, Graduate Trustee, and *The New Physician* Magazine Student Editor, all of whom are voting members of the BOT. The Vice President for Membership-Elect shall be a nonvoting member of the BOT. In addition, the Immediate Past President and the Chief Executive Officer shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.
- B. The BOT will meet a minimum of four times per annum. Emergency meetings of the BOT may be called by a majority of the members of the Board.
- C. The BOT shall have charge of the property and financial affairs of the Association and shall perform such duties as are prescribed by law for trustees of corporations. It will be the responsibility of the BOT to see that the policy determined by the HOD is carried out and interpreted correctly, and that the Association is responsive to local chapters and membership.
- D. The BOT shall bear the responsibility of assuring the HOD and the Membership that it is functioning at Large and the HOD.
- E. The BOT shall be responsible for the development and implementation of the policy of the Association. The Board of Trustees shall be authorized by a 2/3 vote to create new policies in the Internal Affairs and Principles section of the PPP if timely issues arise between meetings of the House of Delegates. Creation of and implementation of interim policy in Principles shall occur in consultation with the appropriate national leadership and Student Office Fellow. The signing of any interim policy of the Association shall be voted on at the next House of Delegates meeting for official adoption.

Section III. The Board of Regional Membership Directors

The Vice President for Membership shall chair the Board of Regional Membership Directors and serve as a nonvoting member of the Board except in cases of a tie. Each Director will serve as a voting member of the Board.

Section IV. The Board of International Regional Membership Directors

The International Trustee shall chair the Board of International Regional Membership Directors and serve as a nonvoting member of the Board except in cases of a tie. Each International Director will serve as a voting member of the Board.

Section V. The Board of Premedical Regional Membership Directors

The Premedical Trustee shall chair the Board of Premedical Regional Membership Directors and serve as a nonvoting member of the Board except in cases of a tie. Each Premedical Director will serve as a voting member of the Board.

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- c. The Campaigns shall also have access to the resources of the National Office at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Section X. Interest Groups

The Interest Groups of the Association serve as a venue for small groups of students to discuss a topic of interest, including specific issues in the practice of medicine or specific medical and surgical careers or specialties. These offer a opportunity for issues that do not otherwise fit into the programming structure of the Association. They are afforded organizational time at the National Convention and the opportunity to propose programming at Convention. The structure & function of an Interest Group is as follows:

1. Charter

- a. Interest groups are chartered by the Executive Board or Action Committees by majority vote and are valid for two years. The charters will be reviewed on a rolling basis and Interest Group leaders will be notified of the time of the meeting to discuss the charter so they may call in to participate. The 0 612 792 re basis and Interest GroupC3(

Section XV. Liaisons of the Association

The Association maintains formal liaisons with several organizations to promote effective cooperation and to provide them with the medical student perspective.

A. Purposes of the Relationship

1. to promote broad consideration of issues in medical education, health care and health delivery;
2. to promote the consideration of policy of the Association as set forth in the Preamble, Purposes and Principles of the American Medical Student Association;
3. to gather information concerning the purposes and activities of these organizations; and
4. to facilitate the development of interorganization programs and activities of mutual benefit.

Section XVI. Structure of the Regions

The geographic breakdown of the regions is determined by the House of Delegates. The region serves as the focal point for articulating the concerns of domestic medical students from a given geographic area of the country. The five regions of the Association are geographically distributed as follows:

- Region I
- New Hampshire
 - Vermont
 - Massachusetts
 - Maine
 - Rhode Island
 - Connecticut
 - Canada
 - New York
 - New Jersey
 - Delaware

- Region II
- Michigan
 - Ohio
 - Indiana
 - Illinois
 - Wisconsin
 - Minnesota
 - Iowa
 - Nebraska

North Dakota

South Dakota

Region III

North Carolina

South Carolina

Georgia

Florida

Kentucky

Tennessee

Alabama

Mississippi

Hawaii

International Regions

All Caribbean school chapters

All other international school chapters

Section XVII. Structure of Local Chapters

The local chapter serves as the official representative body of constituent members to the national organization. The structure of the local chapter is determined by the local members.

- A. Chapter Officers Each chapter of the Association selects a Chapter Officer. The creation of other offices and positions is at the discretion of the local chapter.
- B. Responsibilities of Chapter Officers All duties and responsibilities for each of the chapter officers are determined by members of the local chapter. Ho

- A. Annual Meeting Site and Date Selection After reviewing possible sites for the Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees selects a date and location for the Annual Meeting at least one year in advance. Every attempt is made to

Section XXI. Review of Association Principles

- A. The responsibility for review and revision of Association Principles is a general one falling to all the members of AMSA. However, it shall be a specific duty of the Action Committees and Teams to periodically review those Principles, which might apply to them, and assure they reflect current evidence and the views of the membership.
- B. The Chairs of the Action Committees and Teams shall present to the Board of Trustees a short summary of sections of the Principles which apply to them and which will be reviewed during the year.
 - 1. (Short summary of newly adopted amendments to the Principles shall be published annually for the

of Trustees. This summary will be provided by the Action Committees and Teams no later than 30 days after the close of the HOD.
- C. In their year end report, Chairs of the Action Committees and Teams shall list these Principles and note any action taken whether it be a project, interest group, resolution that concerned those Principles in question.
- D. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary and Vice President for Internal Affairs to periodically reformat the Principles of the Association in order to make the organization of them relevant to the membership.
- E. The Action Committees and Teams shall be responsible for annually reviewing the Principles for outdated terms

- a. *TNP.*
 - b. Working with the Student Editor to seek out students with journalistic skills who are interested in writing for *TNP* and who are interested in sharing their experiences and perspectives.
 - c. Providing input to the Executive Editor as to the ~~large~~ *magge* goals, content, and direction ~~of~~ *TNP*.
 - d. Ensuring that advertisements ~~The New Physician~~ are in keeping with the advertising guidelines in the Internal Affairs.
- E. Additional Publications It is the discretion of the BOT in conjunction with national staff to determine what other publications should be distributed by the Association.
- F. Management Principles.
1. The magazine shall be provided to each member who elects to receive the ~~journal~~ *journal* individual subscriber and to related complementary readership as determined by the Managing Publisher.
 2. The magazine shall be supported by appropriate allocation of dues, as set by the Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Managing Publisher, each ~~individual~~ *individual* reader subscription, display and classified advertising and

report shall make recommendations regarding pending issues, strategies, needs and changes in the magazine or its managing principles.

Section XXIII. Advertising Policy Formulation

The following guidelines are to be used by the Association in formulating advertising:

1. There should be no statements, verbal or pictorial, that are misleading.
2. Patients and providers should be portrayed in a respectful and humane manner and not in a stereotyped or demeaning fashion with respect to age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race or disability.
- 3.

- a. value without direction or conditions, and cumulative funding does not e budget.
- b. Accept journal advertising and exhibit hall fees when providing educational value or advancing AMSA

