**Constitution of the Infectious Diseases Student Interest Group (IDSIG)**

***Article l - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.***

**Section 1**: Name: Infectious Diseases Student Interest Group

**Section 2**: Purpose:

The purpose of IDSIG is to provide an environment in the College of Medicine for students who are interested in Infectious Diseases. We plan to expose medical students throughout different years of medical school to different aspects of a career in ID. Through physician panels and workshops, IDSIG will provide valuable information to those seeking a career in the field or those simply looing to learn more about pathogens.

**Section 3:** Non-Discrimination Policy:

This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Infectious Diseases Student Interest Group expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at http://titleIX.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

***Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.***

1. Any currently enrolled student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine is welcome to join IDSIG. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to attend meetings and workshops.
2. There will be no membership dues.

***Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers***

III.a. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

III.c. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer

***Article IV - Organization Leadership:***

1. Officer positions for the organization shall include:
	1. President
	2. Vice president
	3. Treasurer
	4. Secretary
	5. Advisor
2. Responsibilities: Responsibilities of executive committee include organizing meetings, panels, and workshops, serving as liaisons with faculty advisors, and finding grant funding for the organization. Officers will meet as needed between general meetings and are expected to attend most general meetings.
3. Officer Removal: An officer may voluntarily resign from their position with a two-week notice presented in advance to the president or vice president. An officer who fails to perform their ascribed duties will be subject to forced removal by unanimous decision of the organization’s leadership.

***Article V – Selection of Organization Leadership***

Officers will be selected to replace current leadership through an application process in February-March of every year. The new officers will be chosen based on expressed interest of the applicant and unanimous approval of the leaving officers.

***Article VI – Advisor Qualification Criteria***

1. Qualification Criteria: Advisors of IDSIG at OSUMC must be College of Medicine faculty and, preferentially, part of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Wexner Medical Center.
2. Responsibilities: The advisor is to provide guidance to the leadership of the organization and attend meetings when schedule permits.
3. Advisor Removal: An advisor may voluntarily resign from their position with a one-month notice presented in advance to the president or vice president. If the advisor fails to perform their ascribed duties they will be subject to forced removal of office by unanimous decision of the organization’s leadership.

***Article VII – Meetings and events of the organization***

The organization will meet minimally two times per academic semester, excluding summer semester. Meetings include general body meetings, physician panels, or workshops and will be open to all medical students.

***Article VIII – Method of Amending Constitution***

This constitution may be amended by the current officers of organization based on unanimous agreement and notice to the other members of the organization. Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be immediately acted upon. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

***Article IX – Method of Resolution of the Organization***

IDSIG should cease to exist if there is no longer enough student interest to have a leadership committee. The organization may also be dissolved at any time following a majority vote of the membership. Should any organization assets exist, the current leadership will decide, by a majority vote on organization(s) to which the funds will be donated. The organization(s) chosen as the donation recipient(s) will be established supporter(s) of the ideals of IDSIG at OSUCOM.