

Constitution

Article I

Section 1: Name: Op Notes: Surgery Journal Club

Section 2 - Purpose: The purpose of this group is to cultivate an inclusive academic space for medical students interested in surgery through an academic journal club. This space will provide the opportunity for students at the Ohio State College of Medicine belonging to groups underrepresented in surgery to meet representative leaders in the field, learn about surgical specialties and subspecialties, and to learn about current research related to these topics.

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, The Sports Medicine 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:

II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. This organization's voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Other non-student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members. Active members and the Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

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:

The Executive Committee will consist of President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Members of the Executive Committee will be elected by the general membership during April of each school year. The elected officials will serve a one-year term. The faculty advisor is a volunteer position that will serve a one-year term that must be renewed each year by the Executive Committee in May.

Faculty Advisor: Education expert, assists with seeking out educational opportunities for the group, helps build a professional network for those underrepresented in surgery.

President: Responsible for promoting the club and encouraging membership. Must seek out scholastic and mentorship opportunities for the group and continue to build the surgical professional network. Presides over Executive Committee meetings.

Vice President: Responsible for social and educational events and logistics of setting up events. The Vice-President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President at meetings in which the President is absent. Acts to assist the President in all duties.

Treasurer: Responsible for obtaining funding for the group and managing the group's finances.

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

In order to be eligible to run for executive office, a student must be a current member of the organization in good academic standing. Any student member is eligible to vote in the election. Elections will be held in March of every year and there will be electronic or paper ballots. The current president and faculty advisor are responsible for tallying the votes. Executive members will serve one-year terms and then may run for reelection. In the case of resignation or

impeachment of a member of the Executive Committee, the faculty advisor has power to immediately fill the position or wait until the next election. The faculty advisor is a volunteer position that will serve a one-year term that must be renewed each year by the Executive Committee in May. In the event of resignation or impeachment of the faculty advisor the Executive Committee is responsible for finding a new advisor.

Article VI - Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee will consist of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Article VII – Meetings and events of the Organization:

The executive board must meet with the faculty advisor once a quarter. There will be at least 1 group meeting per semester. It is required that a group member attended at least one group meeting or event a year in order to stay an active member.

Article VIII– Attendees of Events of the Organization:

The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution.

Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution:

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization

Dissolution requires all members of the executive board and the faculty advisor to agree to dissolution. In the event of dissolution of this group student activity staff will be contacted immediately. It is the treasurer’s responsibility to donate any remaining funds to the College of Medicine or find funding to settle any remaining debts.

By-Laws

Article I – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the sports medicine constitution shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

Article II- Membership

In order to be an active member a student must attend at least one group meeting and/or activity.

Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership

Article IV- Executive Committee

Article VI - Advisor/Advisory Board Responsibilities

Article VII - Meeting Requirements

Article VIII - Method of Amending By-Laws

By-Laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bring the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present.