

	Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association
APAMSA	<i>Facing the Challenges in API Healthcare</i>

CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

Article I -- Name

1. The official name of this Organization shall be the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association, hereafter abbreviated as APAMSA.
2. OSU Pre-Med APAMSA is an official Chapter of the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA).

Article II--Purpose

This Organization shall be guided by the following general principles:

- To promote the dissemination of information relative to Asian Pacific American issues in the field of medical education;
- To explore and possibly resolve the unique challenges, obstacles, and responsibilities specific to Asian Pacific American medical students and physicians;
- To provide opportunities for Asian Pacific American medical students to give back to their community(i.e.) through service.
- To represent Asian Pacific Americans as a group within the health care community at The Ohio State University
- To be a resource for information on matters related to Asian Pacific Americans.
- To provide a forum for discussion of issues concerning Asian Pacific Americans in health care.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

- If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of APAMSA, 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.
- 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.

Article IV--General Nature of the Constitution

1. OSU Pre-Med APAMSA is established as an Organization by this Constitution.
2. OSU Pre-Med APAMSA shall conduct itself according to the provisions of this Constitution, the regulations of The Ohio State University, the regulations of the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA) and the laws of the United States.

Article V--Membership

1. The General Membership of OSU Pre-Med APAMSA shall consist of students and faculty who are affiliated with The Ohio State University and who are interested in issues related to Asian Pacific Americans and health care.
2. OSU Pre-Med APAMSA will not deny membership on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical disability.
3. Members will be removed from OSU Pre-Med APAMSA if they fail to represent the mission of APAMSA appropriately

Article VI--Officers

1. Pre-Med APAMSA will include a Presidents and two Vice Presidents which will oversee all actions done by the club and the decisions made for it, leading club meetings and events., aid in wherever a certain department is in need of assistance. The Co-Presidents shall be the main point of contact of the club.
2. The Treasurer will be in charge of processing the funds for the club and managing the finances of where they shall go.
3. OSU Pre-Med APAMSA shall have four permanent directors: three Directors of Events and a Director of Communications.
4. The permanent directors shall hold equal power and responsibility while maintaining specific and separate duties outlined below
 - a. The Director of Events schedules all events in terms of date and time, location and who will be attending (Ex: guest speakers, etc.) as well maintain communication among the officers for notices in funding and advertisement of events.
 - b. The Director of Communications is responsible for relaying any type of information between the general body of the organization and external groups (Ex: APAMSA, other clubs, physicians, medical students, etc.)
 - c. In addition, the following responsibilities shall be shared equally among the permanent members delegating temporary projects and responsibilities, coordinating votes on special issues/events, holding final accountability for the functioning of the Organization.
5. The permanent officers shall be selected in a general election to be held annually.
6. The permanent officers shall serve for terms of one year.
7. No person may hold more than one office at a time.

Article VII--Faculty Advisor

1. OSU Pre-Med APAMSA shall have one Faculty Advisor.
2. The Faculty Advisor shall be consulted regularly to discuss and evaluate ongoing and future activities of the Organization.
3. The selection of the Faculty Advisor shall be done in the following manner:
 - a. The permanent officers may nominate any member of the faculty of the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Epidemiology and Public Health, or any member affiliated with

- the Ohio State University.
- b. Members must be properly notified of the nomination and the time and place of the confirmation vote.
 - c. Confirmation of the nominee must be by a three-quarters vote of those present.
4. The Faculty Advisor may be replaced at any time in the manner outlined above, but otherwise may serve a term of indefinite length until he/she chooses to step down.

Article VIII--General Meetings

General Meetings shall be held at least once every 2 weeks during the academic year for the purpose of determining policies, schedules, and other official business and should be publicized appropriately.

Article IX--Voting

The power to vote shall be accorded to members who fulfill one of the following criteria:

1. Attend at least two out of three consecutively held meetings during the current or previous academic year.
2. Possession, past or present, of an elected position within the organization.

Article X--Amendments

Once ratified, the Constitution may be amended only in the following manner:

1. Amendments to the Constitution must be proposed by a member at a General Meeting.
2. All members must be properly notified of the proposed amendment and the time and place for the scheduled vote.
3. Final approval of the proposed amendment must be by a three-quarters vote of those present.
4. Once approved, the amended Constitution will be retained by the chapter and provided to National APAMSA for record keeping.

Article XI--Chapter Compliance

OSU Pre-Med APAMSA shall adhere to all chapter reporting responsibilities and follow all chapter expectations in concordance with guidelines set by National APAMSA.

OSU Pre-Med APAMSA shall not engage in behavior contradicting/in conflict with the charter/spirit of National APAMSA or that represent APAMSA in a negative manner.

Article XII- 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.

Article XIII-Ratification

This Constitution was ratified by a three-quarters vote of those present at the General Meeting on August 18, 2022.