**Mission: Brain - The Ohio State University College of Medicine Chapter**

**BYLAWS**

**Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be ​**Mission: Brain - The Ohio State University College of Medicine Chapter**. The colloquial name for this organization shall be **Mission: Brain at The Ohio State University.**

**Article II – Purpose**

The purpose of our organization shall be to propel Mission:Brain international efforts forward and to abide by the organization’s primary goals to “treat, educate, and empower,” and more specifically to “Bridge Resources and Advance International Neuroscience” in underserved areas, globally.

From the parent organization’s leadership:

1. “Our mission is to provide patients in need with access to advanced neurosurgical procedures and to share our knowledge with providers regarding the advancements in neurosurgical technique and care.”
2. “Our ultimate vision is to create a network that links surgeons and caregivers to hospitals and patients without the money, equipment, or training to treat complex neurosurgical diseases.”

**Article III – Compliance Cause**

1. We agree to abide by all regulations, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state, and local laws. In addition, we agree to abide by all policies and regulations set by the parent Mission:Brain foundation (Mission:Brain HQ).
2. All members of mission:brain student chapters will be held to the high standards expected of a young professional. All actions, including word, deed, and social media should be carefully considered to insure that the individual and organization are perceived with the respect they are due. All use of mission:brain name and logo must be pre-approved by HQ.
3. The chapter rules and regulations are subject to change based on the discretion of mission:brain HQ.

**Article IV – Non-Discrimination**

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 V – Membership**

Membership shall be open to any currently enrolled student.

**Article VI – Election of Officers**

1. The following officers shall be elected on a yearly basis: President, Vice President, Treasurer
2. An election shall be scheduled in August of each year to elect new officers by majority vote. Incumbent officers shall have the option to run for re-election.
3. Officers must be in good academic standing.
4. Two-thirds of the active members must be present at the time of voting.
5. Newly elected officers should assume office immediately following the meeting in which they are elected.
6. Special elections may be held at any time for vacancies that occur. In the event of student graduation or voluntary resignation, succession will occur; Vice President to President, Treasurer to Vice President, appointment to Treasurer.
7. Leadership changes must be reported to mission:brain HQ to be approved.

**Article VII – Executive Board**

1. All elected officers shall serve on the Executive Board.
2. All elected officers will be responsible for positively and professionally representing the Chapter using appropriate media.
3. The duties of each officer shall be:
	1. *President* – to preside over meetings and to serve as the official liaison between the Department of Neurosurgery and the students. The chapter President will be responsible for convening each meeting. He/She, will be responsible for overseeing all chapter activities and ensure
	chapter compliance with membership criteria. The chapter President will also be responsible for the recruitment of new members
	2. *Vice President* – The chapter Vice-President will be responsible for recording meeting minutes, updating the chapter on mission:brain news, and coordinating events with mission:brain HQ.
	3. *Treasurer* – The chapter treasurer will be responsible for all financial information related to the chapter.
	4. *Fundraising Chair* – Organize and oversee fundraising efforts; communicate fundraising efforts with the student body
	5. *Social Media & Outreach Chair* – Display chapter events/efforts on appropriate social media accounts while abiding to both Ohio State and mission:brain policies/regulations

**Article VIII – Removal of Officers**

1. Any member may make a motion for the removal of any officer providing that evidence is presented to support the removal. Grounds for removal include the inadequate fulfillment of duties or the violation of regulations described in University policies, or any federal, state, or local laws.
2. A two-thirds vote by the membership is needed to remove an officer.
3. Two-thirds of the active members must be present at the time of voting. An election for a new officer should be conducted at the next scheduled business meeting.

**Article IX – Advisor**

1. The Executive Board shall nominate at least one faculty or staff member (at least 75% full-time equivalent) to serve as advisor.
2. The active membership shall vote on accepting the advisor with a simple majority needed for acceptance.
3. Two-thirds of the active members must be present at the time of voting.

**Article X – Meetings, Events, and Reports of the Organization**

1. Chapters will be required to meet monthly to conduct chapter business. The chapter will also be required to attend bi-annual virtual meetings with the mission:brain board and other global chapters.
2. Each mission:brain chapter will be required to hold at least 1 fundraiser annually. The nature of the event is up to the discretion of the individual chapter and its leadership. However, the event will need to be approved by mission:brain HQ before execution.
3. Chapters will be responsible for creating and maintaining social media accounts showcasing updates on chapter activities.
4. Chapters will be required to submit a brief yearly report summarizing current or completed projects, funds raised, new membership, as well as suggestions for improving mission:brain and the chapter program.

**Article XI – Amendments to the Constitution**

1. Any member of the organization may present amendments to the Constitution at any regularly scheduled business meeting. After reading the current Constitution along with the proposed change, the change will be cast to a vote. A four-fifths majority is necessary to pass the amendment. Two-thirds of the active membership must be present at the time of voting.
2. Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to and approved by the Coordinator for Student Organizations before they become effective.

**Article XII - Member Removal**

1. Any member may make a motion for the removal of any member providing that evidence is presented to support the removal. Grounds for removal include violation of regulations described in University policies, or any federal, state, or local laws.
2. A two-thirds vote by the membership is needed to remove a member. Two-thirds of the active members must be present at the time of voting.