

The Ohio State University College of Medicine Landacre Research Honor Society Constitution

Preamble

In memory of Francis L. Landacre, Ph.D., late Professor of Anatomy, the members of the Freshman Medical Class of 1955-1956 of The Ohio State University, do hereby originate and form the Landacre Society.

The government of the Landacre Society shall be embodied in the Constitution framed, voted upon, and adopted by the active members of the organization. Therefore, it is resolved that the following articles shall constitute the governing laws of the Landacre Society, which law shall bind all members accepted into the Landacre Society.

Article I - Name

The name of this Society shall be The Landacre Society of The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Article II - Objectives

The objectives of this society shall be to:

- A. Form a living tribute to the memory of Dr. Francis L. Landacre.
- B. To promote interest in medical study and research.
- C. To reward by election to the Landacre Society, those students at the Medical College of The Ohio State University who have shown outstanding proficiency in medical science research by presentation at the Landacre Society Annual Research Forum.

Article III - Officers

The officers shall consist of President, Vice President for Research Promotion, Vice President for Communications, Vice President for Finance, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers are elected in April of each year by a majority vote of active members voting by secret ballot.

The **President** will have the responsibility of:

- A. Presiding over all meetings.
- B. Calling special meetings to order of all members or of officers only.
- C. Appointing chair people for standing or special committees.
- D. Being ex-officio member of all committees.

The **Vice President for Research Promotion** shall have the power to act in the capacity of the President in the absence of the latter. In addition, the responsibilities of the Vice President for Research Promotion will include organizing the:

- A. Dinnertime Research Conference
- B. Summer Research Conferences
- C. Abstract and Poster-Writing Workshop

The responsibilities of the **Vice President for Communications** will include:

- A. Advertising all events for the Landacre Society
- B. Organizing the Summer Research Opportunities Workshop
- C. The development and distribution of the Landacre Calendar.

The responsibilities of the **Vice President for Finance** will be to help raise funds for the Society.

The responsibilities of the **Secretary** include recording the minutes of each meeting.

The responsibilities of the **Treasurer** include:

- A. Paying all debts that may be lawfully incurred by the Society
- B. Maintaining a worksheet of all contributions and debts for the Society

Removal of officers

- A. If an officer conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, is delinquent in performing their officer duties, or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the voting membership or unanimous vote of the other officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

Article IV - Standing Committees and Responsibilities

- A. **Committee for Research Promotion** - To assist the Vice President for Research Promotion in executing the above assigned duties.
- B. **Committee for Communications** - To assist the Vice President for Communications in executing the above assigned duties.
- C. **Committee for Finance** - To assist the Vice President for Finance in executing the above assigned duties.

Committees will consist of six active and/or associate members of The Landacre Society plus the respective Vice President in charge. Other committees will be created by the officers of The Landacre Society as needed.

Article V - Members

- A. All persons holding membership in the Landacre Society in April 1991, and all persons thereafter meeting qualifications for membership established by the bylaws shall be members of the organization.
- B. The voting membership of this organization shall be open to all active members of The Landacre Society.
- C. The rights of the members (active) are to:
 - 1. Attend all annual and special meetings of the organization to be held in a manner provided and set forth in the bylaws.
 - 2. Vote on all matters submitted to a vote of the membership (voting by proxy is not allowed).

3. Vote for organizational officers and representatives as provided in the bylaws.
 4. Vote on any proposed change in the Society.
 5. Hold office in the Society as provided in the bylaws.
- D. Associate membership: This organization shall be open to any medical student in the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University who has shown such outstanding research ability that the Society deems him/her worthy of such recognition.
1. Associate members may participate in the activities of the organization.
 2. Associate members may not vote on organizational business, elections, nor can they hold office.
 3. Associate members may serve as voting members of standing committees.
- E. Honorary Faculty Membership: One or two faculty from The Ohio State University College of Medicine may be elected as honorary faculty members by the active membership.
- F. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person who the Society deems worthy of such recognition.
- G. Inactive membership: All associate and active members of the Society upon receiving the degree of the Doctor of Medicine shall automatically become inactive members.
- H. No student shall be denied membership in this organization because of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, political views, Vietnam-era veteran status, sexual orientation, or handicap.
- I. Removal of members
1. If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

Article VI - Bylaws

The Executive Committee (by majority vote, in a regular or special meeting called for that purpose), shall have the power to adopt and amend, as may be deemed necessary, bylaws for the proper governance of the organization.

Article VII - Advisor

Section 1 – Qualifications

The advisor(s) to this organization shall be full-time faculty/staff members of OSUCOM.

Section 2 – Selection

The advisor(s) shall be selected based on their role in the office of research education within the OSUCOM.

Article VIII - Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable unless they are inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws and special rules of this organization.

Article IX - Amendments

- A. A proposed amendment to this constitution shall be presented to the Executive Committee at least 60 days prior to its proposed adoption.
- B. The text of the proposed amendment shall be printed and sent to all members at least 30 days prior to the consideration.
- C. This constitution shall be amended only by the vote of two-thirds of the members voting by secret ballot.
- D. Unless otherwise provided, all amendments shall take effect at the beginning of the membership year following their adoption.

Article X - Dissolution

This organization may be dissolved after dissolution is approved by the officers and by a two-thirds vote of its members, if notice of a vote on dissolution, is furnished to the members at least 60 days prior to the vote.

Upon dissolution, the officers shall utilize the assets of the organization to pay all lawfully incurred debts of the organization, including those arising from dissolution. The balance, if any, shall, insofar as possible, be distributed equally among all the contributing factors.

Bylaws

Section 1. Membership

Active membership in The Landacre Society is conferred upon those medical students who, having participated in research during their tenure in the College of Medicine of The Ohio State University, give an oral or poster presentation of their research at the annual Landacre Day Research Forum. Upon graduation from said institution, the status of inactive membership is automatically conferred upon all active members.

Section 2. Membership Year

The membership year shall be one academic year.

Section 3. Membership Dues

The annual dues for the Landacre Society members shall be established annually by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Local Affiliate/Professional Link

None.

Section 5. Executive Committee (officers)

- A. Any active member of the Landacre Society may be elected to the Executive Committee.
- B. The Landacre Society shall be responsible for guaranteeing open nominations in the conduct of the election of the Executive Committee.

- C. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a quarter. Special meetings may be called for at the request of the President. A majority of the members duly elected shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of the Executive Committee.
- D. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by the members. Said officers shall serve as officers of the Society.
- E. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed as necessary by the President.
- F. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President for Research Promotion shall succeed to the office of President, serving for the balance of the year.
- G. In case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice Presidents, Secretary, or Treasurer, the vacancy shall be filled by the organization from among its members in an election by secret ballot by a majority of members voting.
- H. The duties of the Executive Committee shall include but not be limited to the determination of policies and procedures for the organization and the implementation of said policies and procedures.

Section 6. Amendments

A proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be presented to the Landacre Society Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to its proposed adoption.

The bylaws shall be amended only by the vote of two-thirds of those members voting of the Landacre Society and voting by secret ballot.

Unless otherwise provided, all amendments shall take effect at the beginning of the membership year following their adoption.

Section 7. Discrimination Statement

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.