

Constitution of the Buckeye Assembly for Men in Nursing

Article I- Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Section 1- Name: The name of this society shall be the Buckeye Assembly for Men in Nursing (BAMN).

Section 2- Purpose: The purpose of BAMN shall be to provide opportunities for networking and mentoring, promote men's health, assist pre-nursing and interested undergraduates with information to assist them in choosing nursing as their major, influence factors that affect men as nurses, and join together with all nursing students and nurses in providing services and support for the underprivileged.

Section 3- Non-Discriminatory Policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting discrimination 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 basis in accordance with [Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines](#).

Article II- Membership: Qualifications, Categories of Membership, and Fees

Section 1- Membership Qualifications: The membership of BAMN shall be open to Ohio State University student, faculty, alumni, staff, practicing RN's, advanced degree nurses, nurse administrators, pre-nursing students, and interested undergraduates or public citizens.

Section 2- Membership Removal: A member must attend at least one meeting per semester to uphold an active standing in the organization. Any active member may be subject to removal by the president's discretion.

Section 3- Voting Membership Status: Any OSU student currently enrolled in the College of Nursing at the Ohio State University shall have a voting membership status.

Section 4- Non-Voting Membership Status: Staff, faculty member, alumni, practicing RN's, advanced practice nurses, and nurse administrators are encouraged to become members but shall have a non-voting status.

Section 5- Fees: BAMN shall assess no membership fee but encourage joining the national organization of American Assembly for Men in Nursing.

Article III. Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of leaders

Section 1: The officers of BAMN shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Advisor. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by BAMN.

A. President:

1. Shall be the official spokesperson for the organization.
2. The President presides over all meetings and is responsible for:
 - a. Planning and presiding over meetings.

- b. Keeping order and discipline during the meetings.
- c. Acting as mediator when necessary.
- d. Casting the deciding vote in the case of a tie vote.
- e. Keeping the Advisor informed of chapter activities.

3. The President helps the chapter set and achieve goals.
4. The President recognizes accomplishments and contributions of members.
5. The President holds regular meetings of the Executive Board.
6. The President serves as BAMN's representative to the USG.
7. The President serves as liaison to solicit speakers for meetings.

B. Vice President

1. The Vice President performs duties of the President in his/her absence.
2. The Vice President is responsible for planning and preparing chapter programs.
3. The Vice President accompanies the President as a BAMN representative to the USG.
4. The Vice President assists the President as liaison to solicit speakers for meetings.
5. The President may assign other responsibilities to the Vice President.

C. Secretary

1. Recording accurate and complete minutes of meetings.
2. Distributing minutes and agendas of meetings.
3. Notifying members of the time and place of meetings.
4. Maintaining accurate records and files of organization activities.
5. Acting as chairperson of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee.
6. The President may assign other responsibilities to the Secretary.

D. Treasurer

1. Making regular reports on organization finances.
2. Maintaining an accurate account of income and debts in a ledger.
3. Maintaining the checkbook and all deposits and withdrawals.
4. Acting as chairperson of fundraising activities.
5. The President may assign other responsibilities to the Secretary.

E. Advisor

1. Conducts quarterly reviews of chapter finances.
2. Supervises officer elections, transitions, and training.
3. Attends meetings on a regular basis.
4. Assists officers in general operations and procedures.

Section 2. At the regular meeting held on the second Sunday in October, the chapter will nominate candidates for officers to be filled at the annual meeting in November. Before the election at the November meeting, additional nominations from the floor will be permitted.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve one year until their successors are elected and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. No member may hold more than one office at a time, and no officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. A quorum must be present for elections.

Section 4. If any vacancy shall occur, a special election will be held at the next meeting to fill the position.

Section 5. An officer may be relieved from their duties if expectations are not met. The president may call a meeting of the executive board without the offending officer's presence and hold a vote to remove the officer from their position. A majority vote must be achieved with the president acting as tie breaker.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of BAMN shall be held on the second Sunday of each month from September to May, inclusive, unless otherwise ordered by the organization or Executive Board.

Section 2. The meeting in November shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purposes of electing officers, receiving reports from officers and committees, and other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special meetings can be called by the President or the Executive Board and shall be called upon written request of ten members of the organization. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days notice shall be given for special meetings.

Section 4. Fifty percent of the members of BAMN, plus one shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. The Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of BAMN, including the Advisor, shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have the general supervision of the affairs of BAMN between its business meetings, fix the hours and place of meetings, make recommendations to the organization, and shall perform such other duties as specifies in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the organization, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by BAMN.

Section 3. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held prior to the regular meeting each month from September to June, inclusive. Special meetings of the Board can be called by the Primary Leader and shall be called upon written request of three members of the Board.

Article VII. Amendments

The Constitution can be amended at any regular meeting of BAMN at which at least majority of the membership is present, by a majority vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

