**Ultrasound Research Interest Group Constitution**

**The Ohio State University College of Medicine**

**Article I:**

*Section 1: Name:*The name of this organization shall be Ultrasound Research Interest Group at The Ohio State University College of Medicine (OSUCOM). The colloquial name for this organization shall be the USRIG.

*Section 2: Purpose:* The purpose of our organization is to decrease the administrative burden associated with research projects for medical students through organization of deadlines, mentorship with faculty, structured workshops for conferences, and provide resources for research within ultrasound through the Wexner Medical Center and across the medical education spectrum.

*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.

**Article II: Membership**

Membership shall be open to any currently enrolled student at OSUCOM, as well as residents, fellows, and attendings interested in ultrasound research and education at OSU.

**Article III: Removing a Member or Officer**

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.

A two-thirds vote by the membership is needed to remove an officer.

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 IV: Organization of Leadership**

*President:* His/Her/Their role is to preside over meetings and to serve as the official organizer of all aspects of the USRIG, from attendings to medical students. In addition, the president will plan, advertise, and lead workshops for students with faculty mentorship prior to conference deadlines.

*Vice President:* His/Her/Their role is to assume the duties of the president in his/her/their absence. In addition, the vice president will work with the President to keep track of current ultrasound research initiatives, oral and poster presentations, and written manuscripts in an organized format.

*Treasurer:* His/Her/Their role is to keep track of all financial transactions and attend relevant training sessions/meetings.

*Faculty Advisor:* The Executive Board shall nominate one faculty attending who is enthusiastic about ultrasound medical education and research to serve as advisor to USRIG. The advisor should have an understanding of ongoing ultrasound projects by faculty to help coordinate mentorship between faculty and students. His/Her/Their role is to keep close communication with the President and executive board regarding the ongoings of the organization. He/She/They will provide oversight and recommendations on the direction of USRIG.

**Article V: Selection of Leadership**

The following officers shall be appointed by the previous executive board on a yearly basis: President, Vice President (Secondary Leader), Treasurer. Officers must be in good academic standing.

Newly elected officers should assume office immediately following the meeting in which they are appointed.

**Article VI: Amendments to the Constitution**

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.

Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to and approved by the Coordinator for Student Organizations before they become effective.

We agree to abide by all regulations, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state, and local laws.

**Article VII: Method of Dissolution of the Organization**

Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from the website. Should any funds remain, they will be returned to the source from whence it came.