Ohio State Medical Association
Resident and Fellow Section

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Ohio State Medical Association – Resident and Fellow Section (OSMA-RFS).

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The purposes of the OSMA-RFS are to:

1.) Advocate for physicians-in-training (intern, resident, and fellow physicians) within Ohio;
2.) Encourage and support the active participation of physicians-in-training within the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA);
3.) Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among physicians-in-training within Ohio;
4.) Facilitate programs and services to help enhance the training environments of physicians-in-training;
5.) Maintain regular communication with physicians-in-training within Ohio;
6.) Elect or appoint Delegates and/or Alternate Delegates to the American Medical Association, the American Medical Association – Resident and Fellow Section, and the OSMA House of Delegates.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this section shall include all physicians-in-training who are members in good standing of the OSMA.

ARTICLE IV PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

The programs and policies of the OSMA-RFS shall be consistent with and supportive of the programs and policies of the OSMA and the Bylaws of the OSMA-RFS shall not be in conflict with the OSMA Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The OSMA-RFS shall be governed by an Executive Council which shall act as the policy making and executive body of the OSMA-RFS.

Section I Officers

The Executive Council shall consist of the following positions: Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, Communications Chairperson, Advocacy Chairperson, and Alternate Delegate to the Ohio State Medical Association's AMA delegation. Individuals may not hold concurrent positions in the Governing Council.

Section II Duties of Officers

The Chairperson shall preside over the Executive Council and general membership meetings, shall make an annual report to the Executive Council, shall serve as the Chairperson of the OSMA-RFS delegation and delegate to the AMA-RFS, shall serve on the OSMA Council, and shall serve as a delegate to the OSMA HOD.

The Membership Chairperson shall preside over RFS meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, shall act as the treasurer of the RFS working with the OSMA to formulate a yearly budget, shall promote membership in the OSMA-RFS and shall serve as a delegate to the OSMA HOD.

The Communications Chairperson shall announce meetings and take and distribute minutes of OSMA-RFS meetings, shall give an annual written activity report to the OSMA-RFS, is responsible for all minutes at all meetings of the OSMA-RFS Executive Council and annual meeting, is responsible for communication with all members-in-training and potential members-in-training, and shall serve as an RFS delegate to the OSMA HOD.

The Advocacy Chairperson must attend the AMA National Advocacy Conference, shall serve on the OSMA legislative task force and the OSMAPAC Board of Directors, shall give an annual advocacy report to the OSMA-RFS, shall lead the OSMA RFS Advocacy subcommittee and shall serve as an RFS delegate to the OSMA HOD.

The Alternate Delegate to the OSMA's AMA delegation must attend the AMA Annual and Interim meetings and be an active participant in the OSMA AMA Delegation, serve on the OSMA-RFS delegation to the AMA-RFS Annual and Interim meetings, and serve as a delegate to the OSMA HOD.

The OSMA-RFS Executive Council will appoint one of the Council members to serve as a delegate to the AMA-RFS at the Annual and Interim AMA-RFS meetings. This person will serve with the OSMA-RFS Chairperson and Alternate Delegate as part of the OSMA-RFS delegation. The same person or different persons may serve in this role at the two meetings.

The OSMA-RFS Executive Council will appoint up to two members-in-training as alternate delegates to the OSMA HOD. If more than two members-in-training are nominated for the OSMA HOD alternate delegate positions, the two persons receiving the most votes in a general membership election, as defined in Section IV, will serve as alternate delegates.

Section III Terms of Office

All officers of the Governing Council shall serve one-year terms commencing at the conclusion of OSMA HOD. Vacancies that arise shall be filled by the appointment of the Executive Council.

Section IV Nominations and Elections

Nominations to any Executive Council office or for OSMA HOD alternate delegate may be made by any member in good standing of the Section with the consent of the person nominated. Members may also nominate themselves. Elections of officers by the Section shall be held at the annual general membership meeting. Elections will take place by ballot. All members present at the annual general membership meeting will be

entitled to one vote for each election. Each Executive Council position will be considered individually. Nominees will be given the opportunity to communicate to the general membership reasons they should be considered for office, with special attention paid to the unique responsibilities of each position as laid out in ARTICLE V, Section II. Once the general membership has been addressed by all nominees for a particular position, a ballot will be cast for that position. In the event that no nominee receives a majority on the first ballot, a run-off ballot between the two candidates receiving the most votes will ensue. The nominee receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared elected. In the case of a tie between two nominees, the Chairperson's vote shall be removed from the tally.

In a vote for alternate delegate to the OSMA HOD, the two nominees receiving the most votes will be declared elected without further balloting. Any vacancy in any office shall be filled by an interim officer appointed by the Executive Council.
The offices of Chairperson and Alternate Delegate must be filled by a member-in-training with at least one year of prior service on the OSMA-RFS Executive Council.

A majority of OSMA-RFS members registered for the annual general membership meeting will constitute a quorum.

Section V Recall
Any officer of the OSMA-RFS Executive Council or alternate delegate to the OSMA HOD who inadequately fulfills the responsibilities detailed in Article 5 Section II may be recalled by a unanimous vote of the Executive Council in attendance at any general membership or executive council meeting.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section I Rules of Order
Only members-in-training in good standing of the OSMA-RFS shall have the right to vote. Meetings shall be open to any member of the OSMA.

Section II Purpose

(A) General Membership
There shall be an annual meeting of the general membership of the RFS to hear such reports as may be necessary and to consider and vote upon such matters as may properly come before the meeting. At the annual general membership meeting, elections shall be held, as described in Section IV, for the officers of the Executive Council and for RFS alternate delegates to the OSMA HOD.

(B) Executive Council
The Executive Council shall meet as often as necessary, in addition to the aforementioned annual meeting, to implement policy and review reports.

Section III Executive Council Voting

(A) Each Executive Council Member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted for their vote, consent, waiver, release, or other action.
(B) Voting by the Executive Council members may be conducted by authorized communications equipment, to include phone, email, internet communications, and video-conferencing.

(C) Participation by a member in a meeting through the use of any means of authorized communication equipment constitutes presence in person of that member at the meeting.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the general membership of the OSMA-RFS present at the annual membership meeting.

ARTICLE VII SUNSET REVIEW

These Bylaws shall be reviewed for possible revision by the OSMA-RFS Executive Council every three years.

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