

# University of Michigan School of Public Health Alumni Society

## Amendment to the Constitution

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### **Introduction**

The University of Michigan School of Public Health Alumni Society exists to facilitate life-long relationships among the school, alumni, and students. The UM SPH Alumni Society is a school-wide entity, with no particular departmental affiliation. The society is governed by a board of 12 elected members of the society and three ex-officio members.

The Alumni Society Board of Governors acts as a liaison to the school for the greater Alumni Society, however for many years the Board has not sustained representation from each of the School of Public Health's five academic departments. This lack of representation creates a gap in the knowledge of the Board and the relationships it is able to build.

### **Existing Constitution**

The following is an excerpt from *Article IV-Governing Board and Officers* of the School of Public Health Alumni Society Constitution, which details the structure of the Board of Governors.

The governing body of the Society shall consist of a Board of Governors of fifteen members. The Dean of the School of Public Health, the designee of the Dean for Alumni Relations and the Executive Director of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Governors without vote. Twelve members of the Society shall be elected to the Board. Each elected member of the Board shall serve three years. Four members shall be elected each year. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Board each year and will submit a slate of at least four eligible candidates for election by a mail ballot. Candidates having the highest number of votes shall be elected.

### **Approved Amendment**

On October 12, 2007, the University of Michigan School of Public Health Alumni Society Board of Governors voted to approve an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution in order to assure the representation of each of the five academic departments in the School of Public Health. The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan also approved this change to the constitution. The amendment, which follows, will establish one departmental position for each of the five academic departments. The objective is to guarantee each academic department at least one representative on the Board of Governors.

The twelve elected members of the Board of Governors shall be comprised of one position for each current School of Public Health academic department. The additional Board positions shall remain at-large positions, open to any eligible Society candidate. The nominating committee shall establish a slate of candidates that will satisfy the departmental positions where representation is deficient. Where more than one representative from an academic department exists on the Board of Governors, the Chairperson shall appoint a Board member to a departmental position. The election ballot shall be structured to provide Society members the ability to vote for both departmental and at-large positions, when required.

### **Contact Information**

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