

University of Michigan School of Public Health Alumni Society Constitution

CONSTITUTION

Article I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Public Health Alumni Society of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan.

Article II – PURPOSE

The purposes of the Society shall be:

- (1) To stimulate among its membership a continuance of interest in the School of Public Health and the University of Michigan.
- (2) To provide an instrument for organized effort to encourage a continued flow of outstanding student candidates for the School of Public Health.
- (3) To furnish an avenue through which the membership may become intimately familiar with the problems and progress of the School of Public Health and thus be better enabled to assist in advancing the program of public health education.
- (4) To cooperate with University official in helping to meet School of Public Health and University of Michigan needs for support from public and private sources.
- (5) To develop a wider acquaintanceship and fellowship among those who teach and those who practice in the profession of public health.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Those primarily considered eligible for membership in the Society include the following:

- (1) All alumni and former students of the School of Public Health, including persons granted degrees under departments of the School of Public Health through the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.
- (2) Past and present Faculty of the School of Public Health.
- (3) Persons granted degrees in public health or hygiene by the University prior to the establishment of the School of Public Health.

Each person in the categories listed above will be automatically considered as a member of the Society unless he or she specifies to the contrary.

Other persons who have demonstrated an interest in the School of Public Health also may become members by invitations of the Board of Governors of the Society or upon application to and with approval of a majority of the Board.

Article IV – GOVERNING BOARD AND OFFICERS

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.

Eligible for serving a three-year term on the Board of Governors shall be all members described in Article III, with the following exceptions:

- (a) After serving two consecutive terms on the Board of Governors, a member shall not be eligible for one year.

- (b) If a member of the Board of Governors has failed to attend 50% of the Board's meetings in his or her three-year term, the member shall not be eligible to serve during the next three years.

The Board of Governors shall elect from its members at the first meeting each year after the mail ballot, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson who shall hold office from the time of their election until their successors are elected. The Chairperson so elected shall be Chairperson of the Society and the Board of Governors.

All vacancies occurring in the officership of the Society shall be filled by the Board of Governors, and officers so appointed shall hold office until the next mail ballot of the Society.

Amendment 1. Passed 4/16/1999

Vacancies occurring in the Board through circumstances other than normal expiration of a member's term of office may be filled by appointment of the Chair when supported by a majority vote of the Board. The vote may be taken at a regular or special meeting of the Board. The member so appointed shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor. The member will be eligible to run for election to one further consecutive term of office if appointed 18 months or more before the date on which the predecessor's term would have expired, and for two further consecutive terms if appointed 17 months or less before that date.

Amendment 2. Passed 10/12/2007

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.

Article V – MEETINGS

Meetings of the Society shall be held at such times and places as the Board of Governors may designate, but at least once a year. Proper notice of meetings shall be given to all active members.

Article VI – DUES

Dues may be recommended by the Board of Governors of the Society as deemed necessary. Such dues may be established by a majority vote of members voting on the issue. The funds collected from such special dues shall be deposited in a Public Health Alumni Society account with the Alumni Association and disbursements from this account may be made only upon authorization of the Board of Governors.

Article VII – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Society in attendance at any meeting. Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Governors or by written petition from fifty members. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to all members, at their last known address, at least four weeks prior to the meeting. Such amendments shall become effective when approved by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan.

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University of Michigan School of Public Health Alumni Society By-Laws

BY-LAWS

Article I – OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Governors and of the Society, and shall exercise the general powers of Chairperson.

In the absence or disability of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

The designee of the Dean for Alumni Relations shall be responsible for the recording and reading of the minutes of all the meetings. In the event that special dues are authorized, the designee shall also be responsible for their collection and the making of disbursements authorized by the Board of Governors from the Society's funds on deposit with the Alumni Association.

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed each year by the Chairperson of the Society to nominate candidates for the Board of Governors and to perform such other duties as may properly devolve upon this committee.

All committees not otherwise provided for shall be appointed by the Chairperson.

Article II – POWER & DUTIES OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors shall exercise the general management of the Society within the framework of policies and programs established by the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. It shall strive to advance the purposes of the Society, as set forth in the Constitution, in every way possible, and shall adopt policies and programs to that end.

Such policies and programs must be consistent with the policies and programs of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan.

The Board of Governors shall have the privilege of reviewing all actions of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan which directly or indirectly affect the Society's organization, objectives or programs. In the event of disagreement with any action taken by the Alumni Association, the Board of Governors is empowered to appeal such action to the Association's Board of Directors.

The Board of Governors shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or at the request of a majority of the members of the Board of Governors.

Article III – QUORUM

The majority of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum at any Board of Governors meeting.

Article IV – AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at any meeting. Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Governors or by written petition from fifty members. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to all members, at least four weeks prior to the meeting. Such amendments shall become effective when approved by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan.

Article V – PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary questions at any meeting of the Society of the Board of Governors.

Amendment 1. Passed 10/13/1971

The Board of Governors shall elect a member of the Society to serve a three-year term on the Alumni Leadership Council of the University of Michigan Alumni Association. No member may serve two consecutive terms.