

**Medical Alliance
of the
Piedmont

Bylaws**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Medical Alliance of the Piedmont (MAP).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes of The Medical Alliance of the Piedmont shall be exclusively educational and charitable. They shall be:

1. To promote health education.
2. To encourage participation of volunteers in activities that meet the health needs of the community.
3. To be advocates for the medical profession at large.
4. To promote a positive image of the medical community.
5. To promote friendship and support among the families of the medical profession.
6. To assist in the programs and projects of the Medical Society.

ARTICLE III - ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Alliance shall maintain a close working relationship with the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society through representation on the Medical Society Executive Board. The MAP President and President-Elect shall serve as these representatives.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications for Membership

Membership in The Medical Alliance of the Piedmont shall include those persons who meet the following qualifications:

A. Regular Member

1. A regular member is the spouse, widow, widower, or divorced spouse (provided the person was a member in good standing of the MAP at the time of the divorce and has not remarried outside the profession) of a physician who is or was eligible to be a member of the MAP.

B. Physician

1. A physician member shall be eligible to be a member of the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie-County Medical Society.

C. Physician-in-Training

1. A physician-in-training member shall be in a training program or medical school approved by an appropriate accrediting agency.

D. Physician-in Training Spouse

1. A physician-in-training spouse member is the spouse of a physician-in-training in a training program or medical school approved by an appropriate accrediting agency.
2. A physician-in-training spouse member shall pay dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of a regular member.

E. Thirty-Year and Fifty-Year Members

1. A thirty-year member is a regular member who has paid Medical Alliance of the Piedmont dues for thirty years, consecutive or not. A thirty-year member shall receive special recognition at the Annual Meeting.
2. A fifty-year member is a regular member who has paid Medical Alliance of the Piedmont dues for fifty years, consecutive or not. A fifty-year member shall receive special recognition at the Annual Meeting.
3. A thirty-year or fifty-year member shall pay dues.

Section 2. Honorary Member

(a) A person may be elected to Honorary Membership at any regular meeting with the prior recommendation of the Board and by a majority vote of the members attending. This Honorary Membership is awarded for long and distinguished service in the work of the Alliance.

(b) The Honorary Member shall be entitled to all privileges of a Regular Member and shall be exempt from the payment of MAP dues.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Section 1. Setting of the Amount of Dues

The amount of annual county dues shall be recommended by the Board. Such recommendation for a change shall be presented to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Approval of such change in dues shall be passed by the majority of members in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Payment of Dues

Dues must be paid in accordance with the instruction of the Treasurer. Dues will be accepted until the end of the fiscal year. In order to receive all the benefits of membership, including membership in Interest Groups, dues should be paid by October 31.

Section 3. Dues Structure

Regular, Physician, Physician-in-Training, or Spouse of a Physician-in-Training shall pay dues in order to be members in good standing of The Medical Alliance of the Piedmont.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers

(a) The elected officers of this Alliance shall be: President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Accounts Treasurer and Membership Treasurer. The elected officers shall serve for a term of one year. The President-Elect must have had a full year of experience on the Executive Board prior to being nominated as President-Elect.

(b) The slate of officers shall be presented for approval to the Board by the Nominating Committee at the Fall Board Meeting.

(c) The election of officers shall be held at the Fall Membership Meeting.

(d) Nominations are permitted from the floor at the Fall Membership Meeting. Prior consent of the nominee is required.

(e) The officers shall be installed at the Annual Meeting in the spring and shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the close of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Appointed Officers, Chairmen, and Committees

In his/her sole discretion, the President may appoint any other Officers, Chairmen, and Committees subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII – VACANCY IN OFFICE

Section 1. President

If the office of President becomes vacant, the President-Elect shall become President immediately and shall serve for the remainder of the term. If such time is less than nine months, she/he shall also serve as President for the term to which she/he was duly elected. If the President-Elect succeeds to the office of President more than nine months before the beginning of her/his normally elected term in office, she/he shall serve this term only, and a new President and President-Elect shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. President-Elect

a. If the office of President-elect becomes vacant, this office shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

b. If there is a vacancy in the office of both President and President-Elect, the Vice-President shall act as President until the Annual Meeting, at which time the Nomination Committee shall present candidates for President and President-Elect. These candidates shall be elected by a majority of the members present at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Procedure for Filling Vacancies

The executive Committee may enlist the aid of the Nomination Committee in filling vacancies of officers except the President and the President-Elect. The vote for such election may be taken by mail, Email, or phone.

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE BODIES

Section 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the duly elected officers of MAP.
- b. A quorum shall be a majority of its members present at the meeting
- c. The Executive Committee shall meet no later than one week prior to regularly scheduled Board Meetings.

Section 2. Board

- a. The Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, Parliamentarian, two Members-at-Large, and Chairman and/or Co-Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees.
- b. The two Members-at-Large shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.
- c. A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of its members present at the meeting.
- d. The Board shall meet at least four times within the fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

There shall be four general membership meetings per year. The Spring Membership Meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President and/or the Executive Committee. The presence of a majority of the members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at any general membership meeting.

ARTICLE X - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall coincide with that of the North Carolina Medical Alliance.

ARTICLE XI - REPRESENTATION

The delegates to state and national alliance meetings shall be appointed by the President as representatives and must be Regular Members in good standing.

ARTICLE XII- COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committee

- a. Nominating Committee
 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Vice-President and two members elected at the Annual Meeting.
 2. The nominating committee shall present the slate of officers for approval at the Fall Board Meeting. The Nomination Committee shall have obtained the consent of each nominee before presenting his/her name.
 3. If vacancy in any office occurs during the term, the President and the Executive Committee will appoint a member to fulfill the vacated office.
- b. Membership
 - (i.) The purpose of the Membership Committee shall be to increase and strengthen the membership of the Alliance.
 - (ii.) The members of the Membership Committee shall be: the President-Elect(who shall serve as chairman), Membership Treasure, President, Resident Physician/Medical Student Spouse Liaison, Medical Center Guild Liaison, and any Members appointed by the Membership Committee Chairman to fulfill the duties of this committee.
- c. Finance

The members of the Finance Committee shall be the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Accounts Treasurer, the immediate past Accounts Treasurer (who shall serve as Chairman), the Past President Liaison and other members appointed by the President.
- d. Bylaws
 - (i.) The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for annually reviewing and recommending changes in the bylaws.
 - (ii.) The members of the Bylaws Committee shall be: the Parliamentarian (who shall serve as Chairman), the President, the President-Elect, the Recording Secretary, and the Past-President Liaison.
 - (iii.) The Nominated President-Elect shall be invited to attend all meetings of the Bylaws Committee.

e. Programs Committee

The Programs Committee shall include the Membership Chairman and shall coordinate programs for MAP at the direction of the President and in accordance with the theme and focus chosen by the President. By way of example, the Programs Committee shall oversee: the Blood Mobile; Doctor's Day; the Holiday Sharing Coffee; Interest Groups; and Legislation.

f. Communications Committee

The Communications Committee shall include but is not limited to the FORECAST and the Yearbook.

g. Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach Committee shall include:

(i) Project Planning

a. The Project Planning Committee shall review existing MAP projects and investigate the needs of the community in relation to the aims of MAP.

b. The Project Planning Committee Chairman shall chair the annual joint community project of the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society and MAP.

(ii) AMA-Foundation

The purpose of the AMA-Foundation committee shall be to raise monies to support the efforts to aid medical students, medical schools, and the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society MAP Nurses Scholarship Fund. The duties of this committee shall be to conduct the Holiday Sharing Card project and/or any other new project.

ARTICLE XIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, "Robert's Rules of Order," Newly Revised, shall be the authority for the conduct of all Meetings of MAP.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting, provided such amendment(s) have been presented and approved by the Board, and the membership shall have been notified in writing whether by regular mail, electronic mail, or internet posting, of pending changes thirty(30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XV - ENDORSEMENTS

MAP shall not endorse any commercial interest. Neither the name of any officer nor a chairman in her official capacity shall be used in connection with commercial concerns.

ARTICLE XVI - DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

No person shall possess any property rights in or right to the property or assets of this organization. Upon dissolution of the organization and after all obligations are satisfied, all assets shall be distributed exclusively to charitable organizations/foundations currently supported by The Medical Alliance of the Piedmont.