

BYLAWS OF THE FORT WAYNE MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE

Article I Name

SECTION A. The name of this association shall be the Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance.

SECTION B. This Alliance is organized as a county unit of the Indiana State Medication Association Alliance and the American Medical Association Alliance.

Article II Purpose

The purposes of this Alliance shall be exclusively educational and charitable. They shall be:

1. To promote educational programs and charitable projects that are health-related and approved by the Fort Wayne Medical Society;
2. To support volunteer activity in relation to medical issues and public health;
3. To foster friendly feelings among medical families and to offer support.

Article III Membership

A member shall be the spouse, widow, widower, divorced spouse (who was an Alliance member at the time of the divorce and provided that person has not remarried outside the profession) of a physician who qualifies/is a member of the Fort Wayne (Allen County) Medical Society. A member shall enjoy all privilege of membership, including holding an elective office and voting.

Article IV Dues

SECTION A. The amount of dues shall be determined by the general membership. Dues shall remain in effect until changed by the general membership upon recommendation of the Budget Committee at the May general meeting.

SECTION B. Annual dues shall be paid by members, to include and encourage county, state and national dues.

SECTION C. Those eligible for membership shall be notified concerning the amount of dues and to who the dues shall be paid by August 15th.

Article V Officers

SECTION A. Designation

1. The elected officers of this Alliance shall be president, president-elect (a three year commitment), secretary, treasurer (a two year commitment) and immediate past president.
2. The appointed officer shall be parliamentarian.

SECTION B. Eligibility for Office

1. All nominees for elective office shall have been Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance members in good standing for at least the past two (2) years.
2. All nominees for president elect shall have been on the Alliance Board of Directors for one (1) year.
3. The parliamentarian shall have served as county president or be a Certified Parliamentarian.

SECTION C. The duties of these officers shall be stated in the Standing Rules of the Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance subject to annual review by the Board of Directors.

Article VI Executive Committee

SECTION A. The elected officers and the immediate past-president shall constitute the Executive Committee.

SECTION B. The Executive Committee shall conduct emergency business that arises between meetings of the Board of Directors.

Article VII Board of Directors

SECTION A. The officers and the chairpersons of the standing committees shall constitute the Board of Directors.

SECTION B. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Alliance between its business meetings.

Article VIII Elections

SECTION A. Officers shall be elected at the Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance May general meeting. The secretary shall serve for one year, the treasurer shall serve for two years, and the president elect shall serve one year of a three year commitment beginning immediately after installation at the general

meeting in May. Officers may serve more than one term but not more than three consecutive terms in the same office.

SECTION B. In case of vacancy in an elective office, with the exception of the office of president-elect, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the same. The Board of Directors shall meet with the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy in the office of president-elect. The new officer shall serve for the unexpired term of office.

SECTION C. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members, the immediate past-president as chairperson, the president-elect and one (1) member appointed by the chairperson. All nominees must have been Fort Wayne (Allen County) Medical Society Alliance members according to the eligibility requirements listed in Article V Officers, Section B.

SECTION D. When the above qualification cannot be met, Article VIII, Section C. may be set aside, by unanimous vote of the Nominating Committee, to select a person not meeting the specified requirements.

SECTION E. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of eligible candidates. This slate shall be presented to the membership not less than two (2) weeks prior to election. The slate shall consist of president-elect, secretary, and, in even number years, treasurer. Any voting member of the Alliance may make additional nominations with the write in ballot or from the floor at the May general meeting with the consent of the nominee.

SECTION F. A majority of the members present at the May general meeting shall elect the new officers.

Article IX Meetings

Regular general meetings of the Alliance shall be held from September to May, not more often than once a month or less than three (3) times a year.

Article X Committees

SECTION A. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed annually by the president. These Committees shall promote and facilitate the purposes of the Alliance.

SECTION B. Standing committees shall be AMA Foundation, Budget, Bylaws, Community Health Education (Doctors' Day), Event Fundraiser, Publicity(Historian/Photographer), Legislation, Medical School Liaison, Membership/Programs, Nominating, Scholarships, Share and Care, and Yearbook.

SECTION C. Special committees may be appointed by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee/Board of Directors.

Article XI Quorum

SECTION A. Two-thirds of the members present shall constitute a quorum at general membership meetings.

SECTION B. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

SECTION C. Nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Article XII State Alliance Annual Meeting

SECTION A. The Alliance shall be represented at the annual meeting of the Indiana State Medical Association Alliance by its president and president-elect or their alternates and by delegates.

SECTION B. The delegates shall be appointed by the President.

Article XIII Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present. Previous notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to members at a regular meeting or in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

Article XIV Rules of Order

The rules contained in "Roberts Rules of Order-Newly Revised" shall govern this Alliance in all cases where they are applicable, subject to the special rules which have been or may be adopted.

Article XV Disposition of the Organization and Assets

Upon dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to charitable organizations or foundations currently supported by the Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance.

