

REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

FOR

**THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY
INCORPORATED**

ABN 44 172 133 231

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Part o – Definitions

'Constitution' means the Constitution of The Western Australian Medical Students' Society Incorporated (ABN: 44 172 133 231);

'Regulations and By-Laws' means the Regulations and By-Laws of The Western Australian Medical Students' Society Incorporated (ABN: 44 172 133 231). That is, this document.

'Register of Resolutions' means the Register of Resolutions of The Western Australian Medical Students' Society Incorporated (ABN: 44 172 133 231);

'Standing Orders' means the Standing Orders of The Western Australian Medical Students' Society Incorporated (ABN: 44 172 133 231).

'Official Documents' refers to the Constitution, Regulations and By-Laws, Register of Resolutions, Standing Orders, and any similar document of the Incorporation's subcommittees as a collective.

'Member' is as defined in sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 of the Constitution of the Association. The term 'any member' in the Register of Resolutions pertains only to members in this sense (i.e. not associate members).

'Associate member' is as defined in sections 5.2.1 and 5.1.2 of the Constitution of the Association.

'Executive' means the Executive Committee of Management

'Chair' holds the same meaning as in the Constitution;

'Secretary' holds the same meaning as in the Constitution;

'Portfolio Chair' holds the same meaning as in the Constitution;

'Attendee' means any individual eligible for membership of the Association who is present at the meeting;

'Quorum' is defined in the Constitution. Per the Constitution, "a quorum at any Committee meeting shall be at least five members of the Executive and at least half of the Committee members who have a deliberative vote."

'Motion' means any matter tabled before the committee meeting that requires a vote. It is an umbrella term for Procedural Motions, Ordinary Resolutions and Special Resolutions.

'Procedural Motion' means a Motion to alter the manner, order, form or duration of proceedings. (See the specific section for further rules regarding Procedural Motion)

'Special Resolution' means a Motion that requires a 75% absolute majority to be carried, and shall not be altered or rescinded without a 75% absolute majority;

'Priority Resolution' holds the same meaning as a 'Special Resolution';

'Ordinary Resolution' and **'Ordinary Motion'** means a motion other than a Procedural Motion and Special Resolution. Where possible the term Ordinary Motion should be used in preference to Ordinary Resolution;

'Internal policy' means a series of rules that govern the administrative, human resources, and event management processes of the Association.

'External policy' means a document that outlines the political position of the Association on an issue affecting or effecting medical students of UWA.

'Level 1' refers to students studying either Year 1 of the UWA Doctor of Medicine course, or Year 3 of the UWA Integrated Medical Sciences and Clinical Practice Major.

'Level 2' refers to students studying Year 2 of the UWA Doctor of Medicine course.

'Level 3' refers to students studying Year 3 of the UWA Doctor of Medicine course.

'Level 4' refers to students studying Year 4 of the UWA Doctor of Medicine course.

1. General Terms

1.1. Version

- (a) This document is current and effective as of 25th November 2021.

1.2. Interpretation

- (a) Throughout this document the use of numbering and lettering is for convenience only and should not influence its interpretation.
- (b) The interpretation of these standing orders, their appendices, and any other relevant document will be conducted as specified in the Regulations and By-Laws and Constitution
 - (i) to an extent which is reasonable;
 - (ii) where such application is not inconsistent with the document or its meaning; and
 - (iii) with the final interpretation being that of the Chair.
- (c) If any clause within these Standing Orders is determined to be unlawful and/or unenforceable, the clause will be considered to be struck out, and the remainder of the clauses will continue in effect.

2. Committee of management

Requirements of Committee members

2.1. All Committee members must –

- (a) be members of the Association and have paid their subscription fee;
- (b) not commit the Association to any expenditure unless an estimate of such expenditure has been submitted to the Treasurer and has been approved by the Executive; and
- (c) not commit the Association to any sponsorship agreement unless such an agreement has been submitted to the Vice President External and has been approved by the Executive.

Committee structure

2.2. The committee shall consist of –

- (a) the Executive (as defined in the rules of the Association); and
- (b) the Education portfolio, comprising of –
 - (i) two First Year Representatives;
 - (ii) two Second Year Representatives;
 - (iii) two Third Year Representatives;
 - (iv) two RCS Representatives;
 - (v) two Fourth Year Representatives; and
 - (vi) one WAMSS Electives and Exchanges Officer.
- (c) the External portfolio, comprising of –
 - (i) up to two Marketing Officer/s;
 - (ii) one Undergraduate Communications Officer;
 - (iii) one Website & Information Technology Officer;
 - (iv) one AMSA Representative;
 - (v) up to two Interhealth Chair/s; and
- (d) the Social portfolio, comprising of –
 - (i) three Social Representatives;
 - (ii) up to two MD Orientation Events Coordinator/s; and
 - (iii) up to two Red Party Chair/s.
 - (iv) four Sports Representatives.
 - (v) up to 3 Medical Ball Representatives
- (e) the Welfare portfolio, comprising of –
 - (i) up to two Indigenous Chair/s;

- (ii) up to two Mature Chair/s;
- (iii) up to two Queer Chair/s;
- (iv) one International Officer;
- (v) up to two WAMSS Mental Health Chair/s; and
- (vi) one WAMSS Volunteering Officer.
- (vii) up to 2 Teddy Bear Hospital Coordinators
- (f) the Academic Programs portfolio comprising of –
 - (i) two or three Student Grand Rounds Coordinators;
 - (ii) two or three Academic Events Coordinators;
 - (iii) up to two Students in Health and Medical Research Conference Convenor/s
- (g) one Foundation Chair;
- (h) the Immediate Past President.

- 2.3. With the exception of the RCS representative, International Officer, WAMSS Electives and Exchange Officer, Foundation Chair, Website and IT Officer and Immediate Past President, all positions shall comprise at least one member of the association who is not enrolled in the Rural Clinical School of WA for the year that they hold their position.

Executive Portfolio

- 2.4. The President shall be a student who has completed level 2 of their degree and who has held any office on the Committee.
- 2.5. The Vice President Internal shall be a student who has completed level 2 of their degree and who has held any office on the Committee.
- 2.6. The Vice President External shall be a student who has completed level 2 of their degree and who has held any office on the Committee.
- 2.7. The Vice President Academic shall be a student who has completed level 2 of their degree and who has held any office on the Committee.
- 2.8. The Vice President Social shall be a student who has completed level 2 of their degree and who has held any office on the Committee.
- 2.9. The Vice President Welfare shall be a student who has completed level 2 of their degree and who has held any office on the Committee.
- 2.10. The Treasurer shall be a student who has completed level 1 of their degree or who has held any office on the Committee or its associated subcommittees.
- 2.11. The Secretary shall be a student who has completed level 1 of their degree or who has held any office on the Committee or its associated subcommittees
- 2.12. All members of the Executive shall have one deliberative vote each.

Education Portfolio

- 2.13. The Year Representatives shall be enrolled students in the year group they are representing who –
 - (a) are elected by students of the same year group
 - (b) shall each have one deliberative vote.
- 2.14. The RCS Representative shall be two UWA RCS students, one Level 3 student and one Level 4 student, who –
 - (a) has been elected by the RCS student body via the Rural Clinical School; and
 - (b) shall share one deliberative vote.
- 2.15. The WAMSS Electives and Exchanges Officer shall be a student who
 - (a) self-nominates for the position and shall be selected based on a written application, by the outgoing WAMSS Electives and Exchanges Officer, outgoing President and the incoming President; and
 - (b) shall have one deliberative vote.

Externals Portfolio

- 2.16. The Marketing Officer/s shall comprise one or two students who –
(a) shall share one (*have a*) deliberative vote.
- 2.17. The Website and Information Technology Officer shall be selected based on a written application, by the outgoing Website and Information Technology Officer, and the current Executive. They –
(a) shall have one deliberative vote.
- 2.18. The Undergraduate Communications Officer shall be a student who –
(a) shall be elected by medical students and associate members; and
(b) shall have one deliberative vote.
- 2.19. The AMSA Representative shall be a student who
(a) has completed at least one year of their degree;
(b) self nominates for the position, by submitting an application outlined on the separate AMSA Representative selection guide, which would be compiled by the outgoing AMSA Representative and approved by the current Executive; and
(c) is selected after a nomination by a panel, involving the outgoing AMSA Representative, a member of the current Executive and one other senior member of WAMSS who is familiar with AMSA.
(d) shall have one deliberative vote.
- 2.20. The Interhealth Chair/s shall comprise one or two students who
(a) self-nominate/s for the position, by submitting an application as outlined on the separate selection guide, which would be compiled by the current Chair/s and approved by the current Executive;
(b) is/are selected after nomination by a panel, involving the current Chair/s, a member of the current Executive and a member of the incoming Executive; and
(c) shall share one deliberative vote.

Social Portfolio

- 2.21. The Social Representatives shall comprise of three students who –
(a) shall share one deliberative vote.
- 2.22. The MD Orientation Events Coordinator/s shall comprise of one or two students who –
(a) have completed level 1 of their degree; and
(b) shall share one deliberative vote.
- 2.23. The Red Party Chair/s shall comprise of one or two students who –
(a) shall share one deliberative vote.
- 2.24. The Sports portfolio, subject to subrule 2.2 (d) (iv), shall consist of at least one male Sports Representative and one female Sports Representative who –
(a) shall share one deliberative vote.
- 2.25. The Medical Ball Representative/s shall comprise of up to three students who –
(a) have completed level 1 of their degree; and
(b) shall share one deliberative vote.

Welfare Portfolio

- 2.26. The Indigenous Chair/s shall comprise one or two students –
(a) at least one of whom identifies themselves as being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;
(b) shall share one deliberative vote; and
(c) shall be elected by medical students identifying themselves as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.
- 2.27. The Mature Chair/s shall comprise of one or two students who –

- (a) at least one of whom identifies themselves as belonging to the Mature age community
- (b) shall share one deliberative vote; and
- (c) shall be elected by medical students identifying themselves as belonging to the Mature age community
- 2.28. The Queer Chair/s shall comprise of one or two students who –
 - (a) at least one of whom identifies themselves as belonging to the LGBTIQ+ community
 - (b) shall share one deliberative vote; and
 - (c) shall be elected by medical students identifying themselves as belonging to the LGBTIQ+ community
- 2.29. The International Officer shall be a student who has been elected by the international student body who –
 - (a) shall have one deliberative vote.
- 2.30. The WAMSS Mental Health Chair/s shall comprise of one or two students who –
 - (a) shall share one deliberative vote
- 2.31. The WAMSS Volunteering Officer who –
 - (a) shall have one deliberative vote.
- 2.32. The Teddy Bear Hospital Coordinator/s shall comprise of up to two students who –
 - (a) self-nominate for the position and shall be selected based on a written application, by the outgoing Teddy Bear Hospital Coordinator, outgoing President and the incoming President; and
 - (b) Shall share one deliberative vote.

Academic Portfolio

- 2.33. The Student Grand Rounds Coordinators shall be students,
 - (a) at least one of whom has completed level 2 of their degree;
 - (b) shall share one deliberative vote.
- 2.34. The Academic Events Coordinators shall be students –
 - (a) at least one of whom has completed level 2 of their degree;
 - (b) shall share one deliberative vote.
- 2.35. The Students in Health and Medical Research Conference Convenor/s shall comprise one or two students who
 - (a) self-nominate/s for the position, by submitting an application as outlined on the separate selection guide, which would be compiled by the current Convenor/s and approved by the current Executive;
 - (b) is/are selected after nomination by a panel, involving the current Convenor/s, a member of the current Executive and a member of the incoming Executive.
 - (c) shall share one deliberative vote.

Other Offices

- 2.36. The Immediate Past President shall –
 - (a) be the President of the Association from the previous year of office; and
 - (b) not have a deliberative vote.
- 2.37. The Foundation Chair shall –
 - (a) be the current Chair of the WAMSS Foundation; and
 - (b) not have a deliberative vote.

3. Subcommittees of the Association

- 3.1. Members of the Committee may appoint a subcommittee as required, subject to approval by the Executive.
- 3.2. The subcommittees of the Association shall include, but are not limited to–

- (a) Interhealth Committee
 - (b) Red Party Committee
 - (c) Students in Health and Medical Research Conference Committee
 - (d) Fourth Year Subcommittee
 - (e) WAMSS Mental Health Committee
 - (f) Undergraduate Communications Subcommittee
 - (g) WAMSS Foundation Committee
- 3.3. Governance of these subcommittees is as per the relevant Regulations and By-Laws, if applicable.
- 3.4. Membership of these Subcommittees shall be decided by the relevant Committee member/s and the Executive.
- 3.5. The Undergraduate Communications Subcommittee will comprise of associate member representatives, who:
- (a) must be associate members; and
 - (b) may be enrolled in any year of any UWA undergraduate course.

4. Honorary Awards

- 4.1. The Association shall have the following awards –
- (a) The Terry Ivan Quickenden Award for WAMSS Person of the Year
 - (b) The Joel Carson Memorial Award for Service to WAMSS
 - (c) The Pre-clinical Teacher of the Year
 - (d) The Clinical Teacher of the Year
 - (e) The Inter-year Sports Awards:
 - (i) Champion Year
 - (ii) Hunt Cup Champions
 - (iii) Sportspeople of the Year
 - (f) WAMSS Honorary Life Membership
- 4.2. *Terry Ivan Quickenden Award for WAMSS Person of the Year*
- (a) The Terry Ivan Quickenden Award for WAMSS Person of the Year shall be available to any student who –
 - (i) is eligible for membership of the Association
 - (ii) has been nominated by any student who is a member of the Association following a call for nominations from the Secretary; and
 - (iii) in the opinion of the nominator, has contributed significantly beyond their role to the activities and development of the Association during the year that the Award is conferred.
 - (b) The Secretary shall call for nominations and shall set an appropriate period within which people may submit nominations, with a clear closing date.
 - (c) Nominations shall be advertised to the entire student body.
 - (d) All Committee members shall judge the merit of each nomination and decide whether to accept or reject each nomination by an absolute majority vote.
 - (i) Votes by members of the Executive shall receive double weighting.
 - (e) The Award shall be presented at the annual Association Medical Dinner.
- 4.3. *Joel Carson Memorial Award for Service to WAMSS*
- (a) The Joel Carson Memorial Award for Service to WAMSS is conferred to final year students who contributed significantly to the day-to-day activities of the Association and to the development of the Association during their period of membership.
 - (b) The Joel Carson Memorial Award for Service to WAMSS shall be available to any final year student who –

- (i) has never received the Award previously;
 - (ii) has been a financial member of the Association for at least half of their time enrolled within the medical degree;
 - (iii) has held at least one position on the Committee of the Association;
 - (iv) has been nominated by any member of the Association following a call for nominations from the Secretary.
- (c) The Secretary shall call for nominations and shall set an appropriate period within which people may submit nominations, with a clear closing date.
- (d) All nominations will be presented to the Committee.
- (e) Nominations will be accepted where the nominee –
 - (i) meets the criteria in 4.3.(b)
 - (ii) has held a position on the Committee of the Association or a subcommittee of the Association in at least two levels of their degree
 - (iii) has accumulated at least four points during their degree, as follows –
 - (1) four points for each Executive position held
 - (2) two points for each Committee position held
 - (3) one point for each subcommittee position held
- (f) The decision to accept or reject each nomination not accepted by the criteria in 4.3.(e) shall be made by all Committee members by an absolute majority vote.
- (g) Committee members may raise concerns regarding the significance of the contributions in nominations accepted by the criteria in 4.3.(e).
- (h) The Award(s) shall be presented at the annual dinner of the Association.

4.4. *Pre-clinical Teacher of the Year Award*

- (a) The Pre-clinical Teacher of the Year Award shall be available to any Faculty member who –
 - (i) has contributed to pre-clinical teaching at some time in the year that the Award is conferred;
 - (ii) has been nominated by a level 1 medical student following a call for nominations from the Secretary
 - (iii) in the opinion of the nominator, has contributed significantly to pre-clinical teaching within the Faculty.
- (b) The Secretary shall call for nominations and shall set an appropriate period within which people may submit nominations, with a clear closing date.
- (c) Level 1 students will vote to decide upon the recipient of the Award.
- (d) The Award shall be presented at the annual dinner of the Association.

4.5. *Clinical Teacher of the Year Award*

- (a) The Clinical Teacher of the Year Award shall be available to any Faculty member who –
 - (i) has contributed to clinical teaching in the year that the Award is conferred;
 - (ii) has been nominated by a level 2, 3 or 4 medical student following a call for nominations from the Secretary
 - (iii) in the opinion of the nominator, has contributed significantly to clinical teaching within the Faculty.
- (b) Secretary shall call for nominations and shall set an appropriate period within which people may submit nominations, with a clear closing date.
- (c) Level 2, 3 and 4 students will vote to decide upon the recipient of the Award.
- (d) The Award shall be presented at the annual dinner of the Association.

4.6. *Sports Awards*

- (a) The Sports Representatives shall be responsible for organising the inter-year sports Awards.
- (b) The Inter-year Sports Awards shall be presented at the annual dinner of the Association.
- (c) The Champion Year Award shall be judged by the Sports Representatives:
 - (i) The Sports Representatives shall record the results of all inter-year events throughout the year.
 - (ii) The year group that finishes with the highest rank shall be awarded the Champion Year Award.
 - (iii) The Award shall be accepted by the Year Representatives of the winning year on behalf of their year group.
- (d) The Hunt Cup Champions Awards shall be judged by the Sports Representatives:
 - (i) The first male competitor to complete the Hunt Cup cross-country run shall be awarded a Hunt Cup Champion Award.
 - (ii) The first female competitor to complete the Hunt Cup cross-country run shall be awarded a Hunt Cup Champion Award.
- (e) The awards for Sportspeople of the Year shall be judged by the Sports Representatives:
 - (i) The Award(s) shall be given to one male and one female
 - (ii) The Award(s) shall be available to any student who –
 - (1) is eligible for membership of the Association;
 - (2) has made a consistent and outstanding contribution to WAMSS sport; and
 - (3) has demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, fairness and integrity in WAMSS sport.

4.7. *Honorary Life Membership*

- (a) Honorary Life Membership is conferred to a person who has provided exemplary service to WAMSS and medical students at UWA.
- (b) The Secretary shall accept nominations at any time, given that if nominations are not received with sufficient time to be discussed at a meeting of the Committee prior to the annual Association Medical Dinner, that nomination will roll over to the following year.
- (c) All Committee members shall decide whether to accept or reject each nomination by an absolute majority vote.
- (d) It is not mandatory that an Honorary Life Membership be awarded each year.
- (e) The Award(s) shall be presented at the annual Association Medical Dinner.
- (f) Recipients of WAMSS Honorary Life Membership –
 - (i) shall not be conferred the rights of a member of the Association;
 - (ii) are welcome to attend meetings of the Committee.

5. **Subscription fee**

- 5.1. The subscription fee to be paid for membership of the Association shall be ten Australian dollars per year, with an optional multi-year discount scheme as determined by the Executive.
- 5.2. Associate membership of the Association shall be free of charge.

6. **Restriction on the use of bonds, debentures & other financial loans**

- 6.1. The Association shall not enter into any financial loan contracts, agreements or arrangements which have the effect of rendering the Association liable in debt

without the approval of a 75% majority of the Committee and at least two members of the Executive.

- 6.2. Any such contract, agreement or arrangement which is approved by the Committee shall be executed under the common seal of the Association.

7. Elections & Nominations

- 7.1. In addition to Rule 10 of the Constitution, the WAMSS Election Guidelines Policy (2021) shall govern the procedure for the election of the Committee.

8. Policy

Power of the Committee over policy of the Association

- 8.1. Members of the Committee, if they choose, will direct the internal and external policy of the Association, including:
 - (a) Directing the advocacy priorities of the Association; and
 - (b) Considering proposed policies or policy changes.

Formulation and adoption

- 8.2. Any Member of the Association may present a new or revised policy for consideration at any Committee Meeting, as pursuant to Section 15 of the Constitution.
- 8.3. New or revised policy shall be passed by an ordinary resolution of the Committee, as pursuant to Section 17 Clause 7 of the Constitution.
- 8.4. On external advocacy issues where no policy exists, and there is not sufficient time to consult the Committee, the Executive and their advocacy team will use their discretion in good faith to advocate on the issue with a position that they believe would be supported by the majority of members.

Compilation of policy statements

- 8.5. The Secretary shall maintain a true and accurate record of the policy statements of the Association. This record shall be:
 - (a) updated in a timely fashion following changes in policy; and
 - (b) available to any Member of the Association through the WAMSS website.

Public use of policy statements

- 8.6. The President, or any Member of the Committee nominated by the President, may make public statements in accordance with the policies of the Association.

Internal use of policy statements

- 8.7. The Committee shall be bound by processes and procedures described in the internal policies of the Association.
- 8.8. A copy of policies adopted by the Society is available in Appendix 1.

9. Campaigning

- 9.1. The Association strives to educate the public, advocate on important public health issues, and campaign for key stakeholders to take action on these issues:
 - (a) All advocacy campaigns shall be based upon a policy statement, and adopted by the WAMSS Committee by absolute majority.
 - (b) Any member of WAMSS may then propose a campaign to the Committee. They will then be directed by the committee to carry out the campaign on behalf of WAMSS. The campaign must be based upon a policy statement.
 - (c) At any time, the WAMSS Committee may choose to review the campaign, and may discontinue or inquire into the workings of a campaign.

- (d) Should the campaign leader wish to approach any organisation affiliated with WAMSS (for example: UWA Student Guild; UWA Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences), they must do with the prior approval of the WAMSS Executive.
- (e) Campaign material should be approved by the WAMSS Executive prior to distribution.

10. Associate Members

10.1. The following benefits shall be granted to associate members:

- (a) Activities that aim to provide information on and promote the medical profession and studying medicine at the University of Western Australia, including:
 - (i) Associate member academic program;
 - (ii) Associate member bulletin, distributed via the mailing list;
 - (iii) Associate member social events;
 - (iv) Involvement in the association's subcommittees as defined in the Regulations and By-Laws, with the exception of the Foundation Subcommittee;
 - (v) The opportunity to apply for the Undergraduate Communications Subcommittee;
 - (vi) Opportunity to attend WAMSS social events throughout the year;
 - (vii) Participation in sports events run by the Association;
 - (viii) Involvement in social justice events of the Association.

10.2. The following restrictions will be placed on the Associate Members of the Association:

- (a) Nominating to become a "committee member" as defined in the Constitution of the Association.
- (b) Voting in the elections of the association, except for the position of Undergraduate Communications Officer.

Appendix 1. List of adopted policies as of 23rd November 2023

WAMSS Election Guidelines (2022)

Election Social Media Campaigning Guidelines (2022)

Appointed Positions Guidelines (2015)

WAMSS Reimbursements Policy (2017)

WAMSS Safe, Inclusive and Accessible Events Policy (2023)

WAMSS Welfare Officer Policy (2015)

WAMSS Financial Management Policy (2017)

WAMSS Refund Policy (2021)

WAMSS Foundation Regulations & By-Laws (2015)