

# BYLAWS OF THE OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED MEDICAL STAFF SECTION

## CHAPTER I – PURPOSE

1. **ORGANIZED MEDICAL STAFF SECTION.** There shall be a section of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) known as the Organized Medical Staff Section (OMSS) for physicians who are members of the medical staff of an Ohio hospital, other health-care delivery facility or an emerging delivery system registered with the Ohio Department of Health, to be addressed hereafter in these bylaws as organized medical staffs. To be eligible for representation in the OSMA-OMSS, the above entities shall have a medical staff organization, network panel, or group consisting of at least 50% practicing physicians and have a written document that provides a process for the physicians to elect their officers, conduct credentialing and peer review activities, and provide input to the utilization review and quality improvement programs.

A. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this section is to provide a forum to discuss the needs and concerns of physician members of hospital medical staffs and those who participate in organized medical staffs.

B. **PARTICIPATION.** Participation in the section's activities shall be open to all members of organized medical staffs who are licensed to practice medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of Ohio.

C. **PROVISIONAL PARTICIPATION.** Since some organized medical staffs, as defined above, will not have the written documents (bylaws) in place initially, participation shall be open to provisional participation and a representative for a period of one year.

Provisional representatives can testify regarding resolutions. They will be seated with the certified representatives and may have the privilege of the floor during the OSMA-OMSS annual meetings. They

72 D. **DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE.** The Delegate and Alternate  
73 Delegate shall represent the members of the OMSS at the OSMA  
74 House of Delegates.  
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76 3. **TERM.** Steering Committee members shall serve a term of two years,  
77 beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they were  
78 elected or appointed and ending at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting  
79 two years hence or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. No  
80 member shall serve as Chair for more than three consecutive terms. Any  
81 officer originally elected to serve a year or less of an unexpired term shall  
82 not be regarded thereby as having served a term. Nothing in these bylaws  
83 shall be construed as forbidding later reelection to any office, after an  
84 interruption in consecutive service.  
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86 4. **VACANCIES.** Any vacancy occurring at an OSMA Annual Meeting shall be  
87 filled in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 5 of the OSMA Bylaws. Any  
88 vacancy occurring of voting members on the Steering Committee, other  
89 than the position of Chair or those occurring at the Annual Meeting of the  
90 OSMA House of Delegates, shall be filled by the remaining members of the  
91 Steering Committee at their next meeting, by majority vote. The Chair may  
92 appoint individuals to fill any vacancy of members.  
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### 94 **CHAPTER III – BUSINESS MEETING**

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96 1. **BUSINESS MEETING.** There shall be a business meeting of members of the  
97 Section held on the first day of each Annual Meeting of the OSMA House of  
98 Delegates.  
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100 A. **VOTING REPRESENTATIVES.** The physician members of the  
101 organized medical staff may elect a voting representative to the  
102 business meeting of the Organized Medical Staff Section. The voting  
103 representative must be an OSMA member who is an active and  
104 voting member of the organized medical staff. Elected voting  
105 representatives to the business meeting shall be certified to the  
106 Secretary of the OMSS by an officer of the medical staff of the  
107 organized medical staff. The Chair of the OSMA-OMSS may be an

official voting delegate without being an organized medical staff representative from his/her affiliated organization.

**B. RULES OF ORDER.** The deliberations of the OMSS shall be conducted in accordance with parliamentary usage as prescribed in the then current edition of Alice Sturgis' The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, as revised by the American Institute of Parliamentarians.

**C. PURPOSES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING.** The purposes of the business meeting shall be:

1. to hear reports or presentations, including CME sessions
2. to consider and vote upon such matters as may properly come before the meeting including the passage of appropriate resolutions which shall be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting – distributed to medical staff representatives at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and emergency resolutions whose admission for consideration must be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the assembly;
3. to elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the OSMA House of Delegates for the OMSS.

#### **CHAPTER IV – ELECTIONS**

1. **NOMINATIONS.** Any voting representative to the OSMA-OMSS may be nominated for any of the five (5) elective offices. If the section so chooses, the Chair may be elected to also serve as Secretary, Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the OSMA House of Delegates. Only voting representatives may nominate candidates. Nominations will be made orally and each nominee has the right to address the Section.

#### **CHAPTER V – AMENDMENTS**

1. **METHODS OF AMENDING.** These bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the OMSS by a majority vote of the representatives present at

that session, provided that the proposed amendment(s) shall have been published on the OSMA web site and announced in *Ohio Medicine* at least thirty (30) days prior to the OSMA-OMSS Annual Meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL.** Any provision in the bylaws adopted by the representative assembly at the Annual Meeting of the OMSS will be subject to the approval of the Council of the Ohio State Medical Association prior to implementation.

DEI - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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