

AcademyHealth Student Chapter Model Bylaws

ARTICLE I - IDENTIFICATION

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be "(Student Chapter Name)."

Section 2: National Affiliation

(Student Chapter Name), hereinafter referred to as "The Chapter," shall be affiliated with AcademyHealth.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Chapter is formed:

1. To acquaint students with the fields of health services research and health policy.
2. To provide learning opportunities through interaction with health services research and health policy practitioners.

To achieve these purposes, there shall be no discrimination in individual membership or chapter affiliations because of race, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The Chapter must maintain at least ten (10) active members or membership equal to two-thirds of the academic program's enrollment to be an active chapter in good standing.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

1. The Chapter shall hold a meeting of its members at least two times each academic year.
2. At all meetings of the members, the President, or if absent, the Vice President, shall preside as Chairperson. In the absence of said officers, the Chairperson shall be elected by a majority of the members present.
3. Every active member of The Chapter in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on any matter of The Chapter's business to be acted upon by vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS & BALLOTING

1. Elections of officers shall be held each academic year.
2. Each officer shall be elected on the basis of a plurality of votes cast for that office. In the event of a tie vote, successive balloting shall be conducted until one candidate receives a plurality.

ARTICLE VI - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedures unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTER PROBATION

1. If the Chapter does not meet student chapter requirements established by AcademyHealth, The Chapter will be placed on probation for four months and will not be eligible for student chapter competitions.
2. If the requirements are not met by the end of the probationary period, The Chapter will be considered inactive and will lose all benefits of an AcademyHealth Student Chapter.
3. Individual membership will NOT be affected by a chapter's status.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT OR REVISION OF BYLAWS

The bylaws may be amended or revised by a majority vote of The Chapter membership.