Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP)

Constitution & Bylaws

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OSHP Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME and OBJECTIVES

A. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists, hereinafter referred to as OSHP.

B. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of OSHP shall be:

- 1. To provide the benefits of a qualified health-system pharmacist to our patients, to the institutions which we serve, to the members of allied health professions with whom we are associated, and to the profession of pharmacy.
- 2. To assure a high quality of professional practice through the establishment and maintenance of standards of professional ethics, education, and training.
- 3. To promote research and education in health-system pharmacy practice and in the pharmaceutical sciences in general.
- 4. To disseminate pharmaceutical knowledge by providing for interchange of information among health-system pharmacists and members of allied specialties and professions.
- 5. To support the Mission, approved by the Board of Directors, consistent with the above objectives.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of OSHP shall consist of active, associate, and honorary members as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The officers of OSHP shall be a President, an Immediate Past President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall serve as the members of the OSHP Executive Committee. The President-Elect shall be elected annually for a term of one (1) year and shall ascend successively to the office of President and Immediate Past President, serving one (1) year in each position. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected on alternate years for a two (2)-year term of office.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be a Board of Directors of OSHP consisting of Officers, two (2) Board Members-at-Large, Chapter Chairpersons, Chapter Chairpersons-Elect, Council Chairs, Student Chapter Presidents, and Technician Chapter President, as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

Every proposition to alter or amend this Constitution shall have been submitted in writing by three (3) active members or by the Organizational Affairs Council to the Board of Directors and disseminated to the membership. The proposed amendment shall then be submitted to ASHP for review and approval. Approval or disapproval of any amendment to the Constitution of OSHP shall be submitted to the entire Active Membership for a vote by ballot. A majority of the votes cast is required for approval. Minor grammatical changes that do not alter content or intent of the Bylaws do not require a vote of the membership.

End of Constitution -

OSHP Bylaws

CHAPTER ONE. MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE I. Members

The membership of OSHP shall consist of individuals who support its objectives.

A. Active Members

Active Members shall be licensed pharmacists with a board of pharmacy, or retired pharmacists. The privileges of Active Members shall include, but are not limited to: voting on all matters submitted to them; holding elective or appointed positions after meeting all other qualifications.

B. Associate Members

Associate membership shall consist of technician members, student members, and supporting members. Associate Members shall receive publications and general communications of OSHP, may attend meetings, and may be granted the privilege of the floor, but shall not be entitled to vote or hold elected office, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

- 1. Supporting Members may be individuals, other than health-system pharmacists, who by their work in the health services, the teaching of prospective health-system pharmacists or pharmacy technicians, or otherwise contributing to health-system pharmacy, make themselves eligible for membership.
- 2. Student Members must be enrolled in graduate or undergraduate programs in accredited colleges or schools of pharmacy.
- 3. Technician Members shall be licensed, registered, and/or certified pharmacy technicians with a board of pharmacy. These members should follow the Technician Chapter bylaws.

C. Honorary Members

Honorary Members may be elected from those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to health-system pharmacy practice. Honorary Members shall not pay dues but may vote or hold office if otherwise eligible for active membership.

ARTICLE II. Area Chapter Affiliation

Each Active and Associate Member shall be assigned membership in the local chapter geographically closest to the member's residence or place of practice or, if the member so requests, another chapter of their choice.

ARTICLE III. Dues

the dues structure require a majority vote of the returned ballots of the active membership of OSHP.

ARTICLE IV. Applications

A. Active and Associate Members

Applications for active and associate membership shall be submitted to the Society for verification of qualification for membership by the Board of Directors. Dues must accompany the applications for membership. When an individual changes vocation so as to no longer fit the definition of an Active Member, the member shall automatically become an Associate Member with the rights and privileges of associate membership.

B. Honorary Members

Nominations for honorary membership must be submitted by at least two (2) other active members of OSHP, and must be approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER TWO. OFFICERS

ARTICLE I. Composition

The officers of OSHP shall be the President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall serve as the members of the OSHP Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II. Nomination

The President shall appoint a Committee on Nominations which shall solicit nominations of Active Members from the floor of a chapter meeting or by mail or electronic communications. The Committee on Nominations shall present candidates for the office of President-Elect to the membership. Candidates for the office of President-Elect must be current active members of OSHP, with at least 1 year history of service to or on either the board of OSHP, a similar state health-system pharmacy affiliate outside of Oregon, or ASHP. Every other year, the Committee on Nominations shall present candidates for Secretary (even years), or candidates for Treasurer (odd years), of OSHP.

ARTICLE III. Election

Within sixty (60) days after their nomination, the Committee on Nominations shall submit, to every Active Member of OSHP, the names of the candidates, together with a brief review of their professional background. The member shall indicate on the ballot the member's choice of candidates for the offices to be filled and return it within twenty (20) days of the date listed on the ballot. Election shall be by mail or electronic ballots as allowed by Oregon law.

ARTICLE IV. Ballots

The ballots, received within twenty (20) days of the date listed on the ballot, shall be counted by the Committee on Nominations. In instances where two (2) or more

members have been nominated for the same position, election shall be by plurality of vote. In the event of a tie, a second vote of that position will occur. This committee shall present to the Board of Directors, for certification, the results of the election. The President or a member of the Committee on Nominations shall notify all candidates of the results of the election.

ARTICLE V. Terms of Officers

Terms of office for the President, Immediate Past President and President-Elect are one (1) year. Terms of office for the Secretary and Treasurer are two (2) years. Officers shall take office on June 1 following the election. They may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.

ARTICLE VI. Duties of Officers

A. President

The President shall be the principal elected official of OSHP. With approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint all chairpersons of the councils and committees. The President shall appoint additional committees as needed. Except as otherwise provided, the President shall fill all vacancies by appointment. The President shall be a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and serve as Chairperson of both.

B. Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall be a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. In the absence of both the President and the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President shall serve as Chairperson of the Board and Executive Committee.

C. President-Elect

The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President when the President is unable to do so. The President-Elect shall be a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and serve as Vice Chair of both. The President-Elect shall assume other responsibilities as directed by the President.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve as custodian of OSHP funds. The Treasurer shall invest and disburse funds at the direction of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall present periodic statements on the financial condition of the organization, and present a report and financial statement at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be elected on odd years.

E. Secretary

The Secretary shall be a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and shall serve as Secretary of both. The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and other meetings when

directed by the President. The Secretary shall conduct OSHP's correspondence as directed by the President. The Secretary shall be elected on even number years.

ARTICLE VII. Vacancies

The Board of Directors shall fill unexpired terms of elected officials which may occur.

If the President becomes unable to perform the duties of office, the President-Elect shall immediately ascend to the Office of President. If both the President and President-Elect become unable to perform the duties of their offices, the Board of Directors shall appoint a current Board member, to serve as President for the balance of the unexpired term. At the next election, nominations shall be presented by the Committee on Nominations for the offices of President and President-Elect. They shall be elected according to the provisions of these Bylaws.

If the Secretary or Treasurer becomes unable to perform the duties of office, the Board of Directors is empowered to fill such vacancy until the next election when nominations will be made according to the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. Removal of Board Members or Agents

Any officer, member or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors, may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of all members then serving on the Board whenever in their judgment the best interests of the association will be served thereby. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contractual rights, if any, of the person so removed.

CHAPTER THREE. BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

ARTICLE I. Composition

There shall be two (2) elected Board Members-at-Large.

ARTICLE II. Election

Election shall be in the manner described for the election of officers of OSHP, Chapter II, Articles II and IV of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. Term

Board Members-at-Large shall serve for a term of two (2) years beginning June 1 following the election. They may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. One (1) shall be elected each year to serve a two (2)-year term.

ARTICLE IV. Duties

Board Members-at-Large shall serve as members of the Board of Directors of OSHP.

ARTICLE V. Vacancies

If the office of a Board Member-at-Large becomes vacant, it shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors. At the following election, the Committee on Nominations shall present a slate of candidates to serve a full term as Board

Member-at-Large.

CHAPTER FOUR. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE I. Composition

The Board of Directors shall consist of 17 voting members:

- 1. President
- 2. President-Elect
- 3. Immediate Past President
- 4. Secretary
- 5. Treasurer
- 6. Junior Board Member-at-Large
- 7. Senior Board Member-at-Large
- 8. Northern Chapter Chairperson
- 9. Southern Chapter Chairperson
- 10. Northern Chapter Chairperson-Elect
- 11. Southern Chapter Chairperson-Elect
- 12. EAC Council Chair
- 13. OAC Council Chair
- 14. PAC Council Chair
- 15. Student Chapter President: Oregon State College of Pharmacy
- 16. Student Chapter President: Pacific University School of Pharmacy
- 17. Technician Chapter President

No person shall have more than one (1) vote on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II. Officers

The President of OSHP shall serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors. The President-Elect shall serve as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall serve as Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III. Committees of the Board

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall meet separately from the rest of the Board of Directors as needed between Board meetings when circumstances indicate that action is required.

B. Special Committees

The Board of Directors or the President of OSHP shall appoint such additional committees as are deemed necessary to carry out the responsibilities and programs of OSHP.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings

A. Meeting Definition

Board meetings are defined as a gathering of a quorum of the Board of Directors at the same time and place to hear, discuss, or deliberate upon any item of business that is within the authority of the Board.

B. Meeting Frequency

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly. In addition, it shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, or upon application, in writing, of any three (3) Members of the Board.

C. Meeting Notice to Board Members

Members of the Board of Directors must be given notice of the time and place of the Board meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Notice may be given by mail, email, electronic communication, newsletter or similar means of communication. Notice must include an agenda.

D. Allowable Meetings

- 1. In Person: The Board of Directors can meet in person at a physical location.
- 2. Tele-Video Conference: The Board of Directors can meet via teleconference, whether by telephone or video conference.
- 3. Unanimous Written Consent: Unanimous written consent is required for actions without a meeting.

E. Emergency Meetings

An emergency meeting is defined as one where there are circumstances that could not have been reasonably foreseen which require immediate attention and possible action by the Board, and which of necessity make it impracticable to provide notice as required by the Bylaws (Chapter IV, Article IV, item C). An emergency meeting of the Board may be called by the President or by any two (2) members of the Board of Directors other than the President. Providing notice and an agenda is not necessary since the meeting, by its nature, is unexpected and immediate. Emergency meetings may be held in person, by telephone- or video- conference, by unanimous written consent.

F. Executive Sessions

An executive session meeting may be called by the President or Board of Directors. Executive session meetings can be held in person, by telephone- or video- conference.

ARTICLE V. Quorum

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI. Responsibilities

The Board of Directors shall represent OSHP as the official voice for health-system pharmacists in Oregon. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the property of

OSHP and shall establish regulations for receipt, expenditure, and investment of funds. They shall manage the affairs of OSHP. They shall also have authority: to make contributions of State Society funds and properties to foundations or other organizations for research and educational activities of benefit to the health-system pharmacy field; to supervise the editor of OSHP publications; to make ultimate decisions regarding the acts of councils, committees, and officers on professional policy matters; to accept, on behalf of OSHP, grants, contributions, gifts, bequests or devices to further the purpose of OSHP; and to perform all acts and functions consistent with these Bylaws.

CHAPTER FIVE. SOCIETY COUNCILS

ARTICLE I. Function

In working toward the achievement of goals of OSHP, each council shall function in an advisory capacity developing and implementing programs and policies authorized by the Board of Directors in the major areas of interest to which they are assigned.

ARTICLE II. Areas of Interest

A. Council of Professional Affairs (PAC)

The Council on Professional Affairs shall be responsible for professional matters including the development and improvement of the professional practice of pharmacy in organized health care settings, the development of standards, guides and related materials, development and dissemination of materials promoting the profession of pharmacy to the public, cooperation with allied organizations and agencies, and the review and interpretation of proposed legislation and changes in laws, rules and regulations that affect public health, pharmacy and in health-system pharmacy practice.

B. Council on Educational Affairs (EAC)

The Council on Educational Affairs shall be responsible for guidance and assistance in developing OSHP's educational and training activities, development of standards and training guides, and encouragement of research in health-system pharmacy practice.

C. Council on Organizational Affairs (OAC)

The Council on Organizational Affairs shall be responsible for encouragement of Society membership, development of Society services, establishment of Area Chapters, strengthening of relationships with Area Chapters, evaluation of state Society activities, interpretation and application of state Society principles and ethics, and review of the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. Composition

A. Chairperson

The Chairperson of each Council shall be a member of the Board of Directors, appointed annually by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Chairperson will coordinate activities of the Council and report activities and recommendations to

the Board of Directors.

B. Members

The Council Chairperson shall appoint as many members as may be deemed necessary to carry forward the work of each Council. Demographics of the council shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson.

C. Vacancies

The Council Chairperson shall be authorized to fill vacancies on a Council.

ARTICLE IV. Authority of Councils

The Board of Directors shall have authority to assign a specific matter to a Council for its consideration.

Any matter presented for consideration directly to the Board of Directors may, prior to action by the Board of Directors, be referred for consideration and recommendation to the Council within whose area of responsibility the matter falls. In the event the Board of Directors does not act favorably upon a recommendation received from a Council, the matter shall be returned with explanation to the Council for its further consideration.

The Board of Directors shall have final authority over Council recommendations and over any project requiring the expenditure of Society funds.

Councils shall not secure or attempt to secure funds independently from sources outside OSHP without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

At the time a project is proposed, the Chairperson of the Council or individuals originating the proposal shall state the objectives, estimate the cost and manpower requirements, state the means of liquidating the costs, and describe the overall effect on the profession and society. Final approval of such proposals shall be subject to their practicality, budgetary constraints, and priority needs of OSHP.

Councils shall not independently act on behalf of OSHP or develop independent relationships with other organizations unless authorized by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

CHAPTER SIX. Liaison with other Organizations

ARTICLE I. Representation

The President may appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, a member of OSHP as a representative or liaison to another organization. Such appointed persons shall represent the objectives of OSHP. In the spirit of reciprocity, the Board may accept a liaison from another organization to attend as a guest of OSHP board meetings but will not be able to vote.

ARTICLE II. Authority

Appointed persons acting as representatives or liaisons shall not be authorized to commit OSHP without prior approval by the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER SEVEN. Area Chapters

ARTICLE I. Definition

Area Chapters shall consist of members of OSHP representing distinct geographical locations.

ARTICLE II. Organization

Active members of OSHP wishing to form an Area Chapter for a distinct geographical location shall petition the Board of Directors, which has final authority over establishment of Area Chapters. The area Chapter may adopt a Constitution and Bylaws, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III. Representation

Area Chapters shall elect a Chairperson-Elect to serve a one (1)-year term. The Chairperson-Elect shall succeed the Chairperson of the Chapter, who shall serve as Chapter Chair for a one (1)-year term. The Chairperson and Chairperson-Elect shall coordinate activities of the Area Chapter and represent the Area Chapter as members of the Board of Directors of OSHP. In the event an Area Chapter is not formed, active members shall be represented on the Board of Directors by the Board Members-at-Large.

ARTICLE IV. Dues

Dues shall not be collected by Area Chapters. Dues shall be paid directly to OSHP.

ARTICLE V. Responsibilities

A. Area Chapter Responsibilities (in relation to OSHP):

- 1. Active participation in the development and fostering of the objectives of OSHP.
- 2. Provision of continuing education meetings for members; such meetings shall be conducted with approval of the Board of Directors of OSHP.
- 3. Avoidance of adoption, publication, or promotion of any policy or principle in the name of the Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists, which has not been officially adopted by OSHP.
- 4. Avoidance of solicitation of funds or promotion of programs under the auspices of OSHP unless approved by the Board of Directors.

B. OSHP Responsibilities (in relation to Area Chapters):

 Representation of all health-system pharmacists in Oregon through OSHP councils and committees.

- 2. Collection of all dues as authorized by the Board of Directors and outlined in the Bylaws.
- 3. Routine communication to all members of OSHP, information for all meetings, including Area Chapter meetings.
- 4. Development of a planned year of action and financial budget to foster the objectives of OSHP, including coordination of statewide activities with Area Chapter activities.
- 5. Allocation of funds available from membership dues to Area Chapters to foster local membership services.

ARTICLE VI. Reports

Minutes of Area Chapter proceedings shall be sent to the Secretary of OSHP within ten (10) days.

CHAPTER EIGHT. Affiliated Chapters

Affiliated chapters shall include the Technician Chapter and the Student Chapters. The Constitution and Bylaws of affiliated chapters shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER NINE. Annual Meeting

OSHP shall hold an annual statewide business meeting.

CHAPTER TEN. Publications

ARTICLE I. Official Publication

OSHP shall have an official publication.

ARTICLE II. Editor

The Editor of the OSHP official publication shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER ELEVEN. Affiliation

OSHP shall be affiliated with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Members of OSHP should be members of ASHP.

CHAPTER TWELVE. ASHP Delegates

Delegates to the ASHP House of Delegates shall be elected only by and from the active Oregon ASHP members as identified by ASHP. The OSHP President-Elect must be a member of ASHP and shall be included as a nominee on the ballot for a two (2)-year term as one (1) of the ASHP delegates. Delegate terms are for the period of Jan 1 – Dec 31. Additional delegates allotted to Oregon will be elected to three (3)-year terms. An alternate delegate will also be elected to a three (3)-year term, and shall serve as

delegate to ASHP if an elected delegate is unable to serve. If all delegates are unable to attend, the Board of Directors shall appoint an alternate to fulfill the obligation and notify ASHP.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN. Liquidation

In the event of the liquidation and dissolution of OSHP, properties, funds or monies, securities or other assets remaining in the treasury of, or to the account of, or otherwise belonging to, OSHP shall be disposed of as follows:

- A. All liabilities and obligations of OSHP shall be paid and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefore.
- B. Assets held by OSHP subject to legally valid requirements for their return, transfer or conveyance, upon dissolution and liquidation, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirement.
- C. All remaining assets held by OSHP shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to any successor organizations, if none, divided equally between Oregon schools of pharmacy for educational purposes which would then qualify for exemption under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code as now stated, or as it may be hereafter amended.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year for OSHP shall start on January 1 and end on December 31 of the same year.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN. Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, latest revised edition, shall prevail at all meetings of OSHP except where contrary to this Constitution and Bylaws or any standing rule.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN. Indemnification

Indemnification will be provided as described in the Articles of Incorporation

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN. Severability

If any provision of these Bylaws should, for any reason, be held to be invalid, the validity of any other provision is not hereby affected.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN. Amendments

Every proposition to alter or amend these Bylaws shall be submitted in writing by three (3) active members or by the Organizational Affairs Council to the Board of Directors and disseminated to the membership. The proposed amendment shall then be submitted to ASHP for review and approval. Approval or disapproval of any proposed amendment to the Bylaws of OSHP shall be voted upon by ballot. A majority of the votes cast is required for approval. Minor grammatical changes that do not alter content or intent of the Bylaws do not require a vote of the membership.

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