

OPALS Constitution

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This Constitution details the operating procedures of Your Group. The Constitution of Your Group was revised May 15, 2012.

ARTICLE I: Statement of Purpose

Section 1-The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine organization known as Oncology Patients and Loving Students (OPALS) is established to:

- a Promote awareness of the importance of providing care to the pediatric oncology community.
- b Provide a venue for students to volunteer at the Children's Hospital with the oncology patients.

ARTICLE II: Meetings

Section 1 - OPALS will hold at least one general meetings per academic semester

Section 2 - Meetings will consist of discussion of news, events and topics related to OPALS.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1 - Active membership: Full time students of PittMed who have attended OPALS training.

Section 2 - OPALS membership will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, economic status, religion, sexual orientation or national origin.

ARTICLE IV: The Executive Board of Your Group

Section 1 - The following officers shall constitute the Executive Board of Your Group

- a Three co-coordinators

Section 2 - Permanent positions or offices can be created or deleted by amending the Constitution.

Section 3 - Temporary positions or offices can be created or deleted at the discretion of the Executive Board. The procedure of creating temporary positions and offices shall be determined by the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE V - Responsibilities of the Executive Board of Your Group

Section 1 - All officers shall exercise supervision of activities and shall be responsible for the general operation of the organization.

Section 2 - The Co-coordinators shall serve as chairpersons of meetings and be responsible for the undertaking and organization of all activities. In addition, one of the Co-Presidents shall represent the Association to the Student Executive Council (SEC).

Section 3 - It is the responsibility of the executive board members to fund raise and attend all meetings.

ARTICLE VII- Impeachment of Officers

Section 1 - The procedure for impeaching an officer shall be as follows:

The impeachment may be initiated by a petition with the signatures of at least one-third of the active members. An active member must submit the petition to the Executive Board. The hearing must be held within two weeks after the

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petition is submitted. During the hearing the charges and/or the reasons for the impeachment of the officer shall be stated. The accused officer (or an authorized representative) shall have the right to address the related issues in the hearing. After the hearing, a vote by active members is held. A two-third-quorum vote is required for impeachment.

Section 2 - An impeached officer may be removed from office by a separate voting of active members. A three-fourths vote of active members is required for removal of the impeached officer. No officer shall be removed from office without formal impeachment.

Section 3 - The vote of removal shall follow immediately after the vote of impeachment.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendment of the Constitution

Section 1 - Proposal of amending the Constitution may be initiated by two-thirds of the active members or by one-half of the Executive Board. The proposed amendment shall be discussed in a general meeting.

Section 2 - Announcement of a meeting during which amendments would be discussed must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance.

Section 3 - A three-fourth vote at the general body shall be required to ratify the amendment to the Constitution.