

**CONSTITUTION OF
THE ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY AND SPORTS MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP (OSSMIG)
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, REGIONAL CHAPTER**

ARTICLE 1-GENERAL

- Section 1 The official name of this organization shall be the Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine Interest Group, REGIONAL CHAPTER.
- Section 2 The club shall operate as a non-profit organization.
- Section 3 The club shall abide by the applicable rules and policies of the University of Washington the UW School of Medicine, and YOUR HOME INSITUTION pertaining to student organizations.
- Section 4 This organization shall exist to provide University of Washington Medical Students AT YOUR HOME INSTITUTION with opportunities to learn about and experience the fields of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine.

ARTICLE 2- MEMBERSHIP/IMPEACHMENT

- Section 1 Membership is open to all YOUR HOME INSITUTION students at the University of Washington School of Medicine.
- Section 2 Membership is open to all YOUR HOME INSITUTION UWSOM students without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, creed, marital status, public assistance status, or sexual orientation.
- Section 3 To become a member, one must subscribe to the OSSMIG member mailing list (http://mailman11.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/ossmig_members). Membership information will forwarded to the UWSOM Student Affairs Office by group officers.
- Section 4 By becoming a member, WWAMI regional students (Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Spokane) are automatically enrolled in OSSMIG and their respective OSSMIG WWAMI Chapter Groups.
- Section 5 Voting membership is limited to group officers.
- Section 6 Any member/officer may be impeached for misconduct to be defined by the group (for example, failure to perform duties, attendance, misuse of funds, etc.). The member or officer shall be given a seven-day notice and an opportunity to defend him/herself. This impeachment vote shall require a 2/3-majority of voting members.

ARTICLE 3-OFFICERS

- Section 1 The officers of this club shall consist of four Chapter Representatives, one from each YOUR HOME INSITUTION MS1, MS2, MS3, and MS4 class.
- Section 2 MS2 Chapter Representatives shall serve as the primary leadership of the group.
- Section 3 All officers must be currently enrolled at the YOUR HOME INSITUTION/University of Washington School of Medicine for at least 6 credits.
- Section 4 MS1 officers shall be selected at a January leadership meeting. All officers serve from time of selection until graduation. MS1 officers shall be elected by a majority of group officers.
- Section 5 The duties of the officers are as follows:
- Chapter Representatives: Preside over all meetings of the club. Act as official representatives of the club at other meetings and events. Record minutes of meetings as pertinent. Handle the club's correspondence. Handle all financial transactions of the club. Maintain thorough and accurate records of all transactions. Produce financial reports as required by the club. Coordinate with UW OSSMIG Seattle-based Co-Presidents.

Section 6 The officers of UW OSSMIG and affiliated OSSMIG WWAMI Chapter groups are recognized with special status.

ARTICLE 4-MEETING

Section 1 Regular meetings shall be held at a date and time designated by group officers.

Section 2 A quorum shall be present in order to conduct official business of the group. A quorum shall consist as least one Officer.

Section 3 Decisions of the club shall be enacted by a majority vote of the voting membership, unless otherwise stated in this constitution.

ARTICLE 5-FINANCIAL MATTERS

Section 1 The club shall not provide monetary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its officers or membership. This does not restrict the payment of wages, salaries, or incentives by the group for services rendered.

Section 2 Unless otherwise specified by the membership at the time of the dissolution of the organization, residual assets shall be distributed to the Office of Student Affairs for distribution to the Medical Student Association.

ARTICLE 6-BY-LAWS

Section 1 By-laws may be proposed by any member of the group and may be adopted by a majority of the voting membership.

ARTICLE 7-AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of the group. Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the group for a first reading, prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted on.