

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This organization is known as Bell County Medical Alliance (BCMA) and is subsequently referred to as the Alliance.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

- A. To help the Bell County Medical Society in its program for the advancement of medicine and public health.
- B. To cultivate friendly relations between, to promote understanding among, and to provide moral support for physicians and their families.
- C. To promote good health in Bell County by conducting health related projects and educational programs for the community.
- D. To improve the public image of physicians and their families as active caring members of the community.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Alliance is composed of three categories: Active, Associate and Member-at-Large.

- A. Active members are eligible to serve as delegates to the Texas Medical Association Alliance (TMAA) convention and hold any office in the Alliance and include
 - 1. Spouses of physicians who are active (or eligible) members of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and the Bell County Medical Society (BCMS).
 - 2. Surviving spouses of physicians who were in good standing with the TMA and the BCMS.
 - 3. Spouses of retired physicians.
- B. Associate Members are ineligible to serve as delegates to the TMAA hold state office or be President or President-elect of the Alliance, and consist of Physicians who are members of the TMA but not married to a physician.
- C. Members-at-large are ineligible to serve as delegates to the TMAA, hold local or state office and consist of:
 - 1. Spouses of members in good standing (or eligible) in dental and podiatry associations.
 - 2. Former spouses of physicians unless they remarry outside of the medical profession.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

- A. Active and Associate members pay annual dues to the Alliance and the TMAA with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Surviving spouses pay reduced TMAA dues but no local dues.
 - 2. Spouses of retired physicians pay full TMAA dues but no local dues.
- B. Members-at-large pay local Alliance dues only.
- C. Local dues are determined by the Board of Directors and are mandatory.
- D. State dues are determined by the TMAA and are mandatory.
- E. National dues are determined by the AMAA and are optional.
- F. Members in the Temple-Belton area may also pay dues to the City Federation of Women's Clubs through this organization.

G. Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year will coincide with the calendar year.
2. Dues will be due January 1 and delinquent May 30.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Alliance officers consist of: President, First Vice-president, Second Vice-president, Third Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Press Reporter and Historian.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President carries out the usual duties and signs all checks along with the treasurer.

The First Vice-president is the President-elect, Program Chair and Advisor.

The Second Vice-president is the immediate Past President and Advisor.

The Third Vice-president is the Chair of the Membership Committee.

The titles and written job descriptions further define the duties of all officers.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee will be appointed by the president in September consisting of 5 members, one of whom shall be the immediate past president and one of whom shall be the president-elect (neither of whom will be eligible to serve as chair). Of the remaining three, at least two should be non-board members. No members may serve on the nominating committee for two consecutive years. The Board must approve the committee.

The committee will meet initially in the fall to consider a slate of officers for the following year.

The slate will be presented to the Board in February and published in at least one newsletter or member mailing prior to the April election.

ARTICLE VIII - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The elected officers of the Alliance and all committee Chairs make up the Board of Directors. To fill Board vacancies that occur during the year the president makes recommendations which the Board of Directors approve.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

The Alliance holds regularly scheduled meetings from September to May. The President and President-elect determine the schedule and publish it in the current member directory.

ARTICLE X - QUORUMS

Members with voting privileges at any regular or special meeting of the Alliance make up a quorum.

Members of the Board of Directors attending a scheduled Board of Directors meeting make up a quorum.

ARTICLE XI - COMMITTEES

The President and President-elect appoint the committees necessary to perform community health and other Alliance related projects with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII - REPRESENTATION

The Alliance is entitled to have the President and the number of delegates determined by TMAA serve as representatives to the annual TMAA convention.

ARTICLE XIII - EXPENDITURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the Texas Medical Association Foundation (TMAF) are at the discretion of the Board of Directors except that the Alliance sends \$25.00 to the TMAF upon the death of a member.

The President appoints a budget committee consisting of the current President and Treasurer and the incoming (or nominated) President and Treasurer. The committee begins meeting in March to propose an annual budget for the following year. After amendment and approval by the Board of Directors, members approve the budget at the May meeting.

The Board of Directors approves all non-budgeted payments or donations more than \$100.00. The Alliance and Bell County Medical Society (BCMS) present scholarships annually to worthy students preparing for medical or paramedical careers. The Alliance and BCMS Boards of Directors determine the number and dollar amounts of the scholarships annually. The Alliance scholarships committee selects recipients and presents the recommendations to the BCMS Board of Directors for final approval.

The Board of Directors screens all requests for donations to community charitable organizations. The Board determines the funds available for distribution and approves all proposed charitable contributions before presenting them to the members for approval.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

Alliance members may amend the bylaws at any regular Alliance meeting by a majority vote after a bylaws committee has published proposed changes in the newsletter or through a member mailing at least thirty (30) days before the vote.

ARTICLE XV - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised is the parliamentary authority in all matters not specified in these bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI - DISSOLUTION

All assets of the corporation are exclusively dedicated for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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