

Women in Medicine Discussion Group Bylaws
A Student Branch of American Medical Women's Association, Inc.--
AMWA

ARTICLE I

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Women in Medicine Discussion Group (WIM), a student branch of AMWA.

Section 2

The purpose shall conform with those of the American Medical Women's Association:

The objectives of the Association are to bring together women medical students and physicians; to promote their education and training; to educate them and the public on health issues of women; to encourage women to study and practice medicine; to ensure them equal opportunity to do so; to cooperate with other organizations having comparable interests; and to support medical relief services.

ARTICLE II

Active membership: There will be two (2) classes of active members.

- 1) Student member: a woman medical student of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.
- 2) Associate member: any male medical student of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

ARTICLE III

Section 1

The core officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, a secretary, and a community service chair. Additionally, representatives from each medical school class will be selected. The number of class representatives will be determined by the current officers.

Section 2

Officers shall be elected annually by the branch members. Officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the end of the meeting at which they are elected.

Section 3

The names of the officers should be forwarded to the National Office immediately after election has taken place and appointments made.

ARTICLE IV

The duties of the officers shall be consistent with their offices. They shall serve for a period of one (1) year. This year will be dated from May 1 until April 30.

ARTICLE V

There shall be at least four (4) meetings each academic year, with at least two (2) each fall and spring semester. Officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the spring semester.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the president, or at the request of any general member. Attendance will be taken at

all meetings; however, meeting attendance is not limited to WIM members.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1

There will be no branch dues. Members who wish to join AMWA as a student member may do so through the treasurer.

Section 2

When the AMWA dues are collected by the branch treasurer, remittances shall be sent to the National Office. Dues shall be remitted as received.

ARTICLE VII

The fiscal year shall be May 1 through April 30 of each year. The membership year shall conform with the fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII

It is permissible to conduct a vote by mail or electronic mail on emergency matters between meetings of the branch.

ARTICLE IX

To be eligible for membership in AMWA, a branch must have a minimum of 8 members, all of whom are, or who will become, members of AMWA.

ARTICLE X

Eight (8) voting members of this branch shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the actions of this branch in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and the Constitution and Bylaws of AMWA.

ARTICLE XII

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present, provided a quorum is present, and provided that notice has been given to members at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.

The application, with Bylaws duly executed, in duplicate, and membership forms and dues for each Charter member shall be sent to the National Office for approval of the President of AMWA, Inc. The official seal of the Association shall be affixed. One copy of the application and one copy of the bylaws shall be returned to the branch and one copy of each retained in the National Office for permanent records.

These Bylaws were adopted by Naomi Laventhal and Tamara Todd, on this 18th day of January, 2001.