

MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS PROGRAM DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the **Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association** (henceforth called the Association or MPPDA).

Article II: Purpose

The Association was formed to advance medical education in combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics (Med-Peds) Residency Programs, which are approved by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics. These programs should be located in the United States. International programs may be included by the action of the Executive Committee. MPPDA will work in conjunction with the Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) and the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM) to improve medical education, promote the growth of combined Internal Medicine Pediatrics residencies, educate medical students as to the existence and curriculum of Medicine Pediatrics residencies, and promote the growth of the field of Med-Peds. References hereinafter in these bylaws to the "Residency Review Committee (RRC)" shall mean the RRC for Internal Medicine or Pediatrics or both, as stipulated.

Article III: Members

The Members of the Association shall be any

1. Medicine-Pediatrics Program Director
2. Assistant and Associate Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors
3. Medicine Program Director or co-Director
4. Pediatric Program Director or co-Director
5. Medicine-Pediatrics Program Coordinator
6. Medicine-Pediatrics Chief Resident
7. Medicine-Pediatrics trained physicians who have national leadership roles
8. Physicians who are actively working to open a Med-Peds training program or who are actively involved with Med-Peds education.
9. Other individuals as approved on a case by case basis by the Med Peds Program Directors Association Executive Committee

These members may have sole or shared responsibility for a combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency, as described in Article III. The Executive Committee will establish membership fees on an annual basis.

The Med-Peds program director should have membership in each Program Directors Association for which he/she is eligible, with each component specialty program demonstrating membership in good standing within both APPD and APDIM.

Article IV: Meetings

There will be an annual meeting of the Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association each spring. Ideally, the Association will meet in alternate years with the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine and the Association of Pediatric Program Directors (henceforth termed "sponsoring Associations"). Additional meetings may be scheduled if called by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will fix the precise date of these meetings with the sponsoring Association. Registration fees will be set with discussion with the sponsoring Association.

Article V: Executive Committee

A) Governance

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members: President Elect, President, Immediate Past-President, Past-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Member Representative, and Chair of the Association of Medicine-Pediatrics Program Administrators (AMPPA). The Executive Vice President of AAIM shall be associated full time with the Association, manage the Association. The Presidents and Secretary Treasurer must either be, or have been, a Program Director or Associate Program Director, as defined by Article III, and a current member of the MPPDA.

B) Duties and terms

Official duties and terms for each elected officer shall begin July 1st following their election and last until the next June 30th. The President shall serve 1 year as President Elect, then President, Immediate Past-President, and Past-President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also serve for 4 years, but with the same title. Member representatives shall serve for 2 years. The term length of the AMPPA representative will coincide with that of serving as Chair for AMPPA. The Chair for AMPPA is a non-voting representative. The period between the spring meeting and July 1st will be used to assist with transition and completion of duties for that year, with newly elected officers participating in executive committee activities.

The Executive Committee member assigned to a national organization shall attend association meetings for that organization for the duration of his/her term whenever possible.

The role of the Executive Vice President is to insure the overall management of the Association and the implementation of goals and objectives set forth by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary, and shall act on behalf of the membership in furthering the purposes of the Association and in conducting its business.

The President shall call meetings of the Committee. The Committee shall, if deemed appropriate, solicit opinions from the membership to assist in guiding the judgment of the Committee on any issue. The Committee shall report its activities to the membership at least quarterly.

In the event that a Committee member cannot complete his/her term in office, it shall be the option of the Executive Committee to select a replacement. The replacement shall serve only until the next scheduled election, and the vacancy shall be treated in the same fashion as any other position on the Committee to complete the specific term which they are replacing.

Members of the Executive Committee are limited in running for two consecutive or non-consecutive terms.

Article VI: Committees

Working committees shall be identified to address the needs, interests, and mission of the MPPDA during the spring meeting, Executive Committee meetings, and as the need arises. Membership on these committees will be voluntary, and may draw from active members of the MPPDA, as well as non-aligned Med-Peds practitioners.

Article VII: Nominations, Voting and Elections

A) Nominations

Nominations shall be solicited electronically by the Past President to the entire current membership every January. Any current member of the Association may nominate a candidate, or become a candidate for the Committee.

The final slate of candidates will be composed by the Executive Committee.

B) Elections

Elections will be conducted prior to the spring meeting. In the event of a tie, the majority vote from the executive committee will decide the successful candidate.

C) Voting for the Executive Committee

Program Director and Associate Program Director members of the MPPDA are allowed one vote each to elect the President, Member Representative, and Secretary-Treasurer.

D) Voting for other Non-Election Matters

Each MPPDA member in good standing shall be allowed one vote.

Article IX: Annual Dues and Fiscal Matters

The Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association will levy annual dues, to be set by the Executive Committee. At the discretion of the executive committee, members may not receive member services if dues are not paid.

The Executive Committee has the ways and means to generate revenues. However, the Association will not accept direct funding from the biotechnology, medical device, or pharmaceutical industries.

Article X: Amendments to the Bylaws

Review of the Bylaws shall be initiated by the Executive Committee periodically, prior to the spring meeting. Any changes shall be presented to, reviewed by, and agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

Amendments to the bylaws will be made in accordance with the following procedure:

1. A copy of the bylaws including the proposed changes will be presented to the members prior to the spring meeting.
2. Members shall submit comments to the Executive Committee in a predetermined time frame.
3. A vote to approve the proposed amendments will be held prior to the spring meeting.
4. The proposed amendments shall be adopted upon the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the votes received as defined in Article VII, Part D.
5. The election results will be presented in the Secretary-Treasurer's annual report at the spring meeting.

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