

**AMRITSAR MEDICAL AND DENTAL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
AMDAANA**

Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this nonprofit organization shall be Amritsar Medical and Dental Alumni Association of North America.

Article II: Purpose

1. Said association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue Law).
2. To promote interests of Medical College, Amritsar (India) and Dental College, Amritsar (India) and of Amritsar Medical and Dental Alumni.
3. To establish a scholarship fund for support of brilliant, needy students at Medical and Dental Colleges, Amritsar (India).
4. To establish an educational fund to supply current medical journals and textbooks and other necessary equipment to Medical and Dental Colleges, Amritsar (India).
5. To arrange an annual meeting of its members to exchange information, discuss policies, establish future course of action, to consider amendments to this Constitution, hold elections for the office bearers and for transaction of all other proper business.
6. Arrange lectures by the members at Medical and Dental Colleges, Amritsar.
7. To guide desirous graduates from Amritsar about prospects in North American and help them to locate suitable residency and practice opportunities.
8. To help visiting faculty from Medical and Dental Colleges, Amritsar.
9. To establish any other activity which will promote our general purpose.
10. No part of net earnings of the association shall incur to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, officers or other private persons. Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses of any founder, officer or member will be permitted subject to availability of satisfactory proof of expenditure which must be solely for the benefit of AMDAANA. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by the organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue Laws) or (b) by any organization, contributions to, which are deductible under section 170 (C)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue Law).

Article III: Capital

The Association shall raise capital in the form of donations to this nonprofit organization plus dues for the different levels of membership. Further funds shall be raised by sponsoring events, the proceeds derived shall be used to further the Association's purposes.

Article IV: Membership

1. There shall be three types of memberships.

a. ACTIVE

All those who have been graduated from Medical College, Amritsar (India) or from Dental College, Amritsar (India), and now reside on the North American continent, are eligible for active membership of the organization. To become active members, they will be required to pay the annual dues as assessed from time to time.

b. HONORARY

All ex-faculty members of Medical and Dental College, Amritsar who now reside on the North American continent, are eligible for honorary membership of this organization. For this purpose, faculty is defined as Registrar and up. No dues will be assessed of honorary members. They will not have a right to vote or hold an office.

c. AUXILIARY

Spouses of active and honorary members, if themselves not eligible for neither of those memberships, will be auxiliary members. No dues will be assessed of auxiliary members and they will not have a right to vote or hold an office.

2. General Body

General Body of the association shall consist of all active members in good standing. There shall be one annual meeting of the general body every year. This meeting will provide a forum for exchange of information, discussion of policies, consideration of amendments to this constitution, holding elections for officers and members of the Executive Council and for transaction of all other proper business.

3. Elections and Voting

Elections for the officers and members of the Executive Council shall be held at the annual meeting of the general body. Voting is limited to active members, each having one vote on all matters placed before the general body. Active members must pay their annual dues before the election in order to be eligible to vote. Honorary and auxiliary members shall have no voting rights.

The Executive Council will appoint from within its own ranks, a three member election committee. The Election Committee will be responsible for making arrangements for the annual elections. It shall give its own recommendations and also invite nominations from the floor for the various vacancies in the Executive Council. The Election Committee will then submit all the names so received and proposed by itself to the general body and conduct elections as per the constitution of the Association. A voice vote or secret written ballot may be adopted as deemed fit by the Executive Council. A plurality of votes cast shall be sufficient to elect. The following procedure shall be adopted in case of a tie:

- a: if there are only two contestants and the election ends up in a tie, it shall be decided by the toss of a coin;
 - b: if there are more than two contestants and the election ends up in a tie, the candidates getting fewer votes than the tied candidates will be dropped and the election will be reheld amongst the tied candidates.
4. A quorum for the general body meeting shall consist of at least 20[DAG] of active members and a majority vote shall be required for passage of any issue. The sole exception to this rule shall be any amendments to the constitution which shall require an affirmative vote from 66[DAG] (two-thirds) of the voting members physically present before it can be adopted.
5. Term of Office
In all cases, a year of office shall begin at the conclusion of the annual banquet.

Article V: Officers

1. The Secretary-Treasurer Elect and the members at large are elected each year. All officers from the Secretary-Treasurer Elect and up will automatically move onto the next position after the first term of office.
- a. The President
The term of the President shall be for one year at the conclusion of which he/she will continue as a member of the Executive Council for another one year. The President will chair all Executive Council and general body meetings.
 - b. The President Elect
The term of the President Elect shall be for one year, the following year he/she will succeed to the Presidency of the AMDAANA. In the event of inability of the President to serve, the President Elect shall serve in his/her absence.
 - c. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer
The term shall be for one year. The Executive Secretary Treasurer will be responsible for day-to-day working of the association and management of funds as authorized by the Executive Council.
 - d. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer Elect
The term of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer Elect shall be for one year. The following year, he/she will succeed to the office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the AMDAANA. In the inability of the Secretary-Treasurer to serve, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer Elect shall serve in his/her absence.

Article VI: Executive Council

1. A controlling board shall be appointed to direct the work of AMDAANA and shall be known as its Executive Council. All powers of AMDAANA shall be vested in the Executive Council, hereby created, subordinate only to this constitution.
2. Members of the Executive Council
Members of the Executive Council shall consist of:
- a. The President, President Elect, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Elect and Immediate Past President.

- b. Five members will be elected from the general body. In order to make a wide representation, due consideration will be given to the year of graduation and geographical location of such candidates.
3. Meetings of the Executive Council

There shall be two meetings of the Executive Council each year, one of them at the time of the annual meeting of the general body. Special meetings may be called by the President of the association. A majority of the Executive Council members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote shall be required on all issues.
4. Midterm Vacancies

The Executive Council will fill all vacancies occurring in their own body or in any of the offices of the organization for the unexpired term.

Article VII: Financial Powers of the Executive Council

The Financial Powers of the Executive Council shall be such that the Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be obligated to carry out their will with regard to the collection and/or disbursement of all funds. A financial report shall be rendered at the annual meeting.

Article VIII: Rules of Order

The rules of parliamentary procedure as laid down in Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern all the Executive Council and general body meetings of this association.

Article IX: Amendments to Constitution

The Constitution may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the general body, for which notice has been properly given and such amendment is adopted by at least two-thirds vote of the votes cast, held and voted by members of the association at the meetings so called; provided, however, that all proposals to amend shall be presented at the annual meeting and the amendments adopted shall be substantially the same as proposed.

Article X: Dissolution

To dissolve the association, a resolution in writing, asking for such dissolution shall be adopted by the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall then call a special meeting of the general body for purpose of considering and action upon resolution and if, at such a meeting, a majority of the members vote for dissolution, the Executive Council shall take the necessary steps to wind up the affairs of the association in accordance with statutory requirements existing at the date such action is taken.

Upon dissolution of the association, the Executive Council shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the association in such a manner, or to such an organization or organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue Law) and the Executive Council shall determine.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article XI: Schedule

This Constitution shall be effective immediately upon its acceptance by two-thirds of voting members of the general body of AMDAANA. Thereupon, any previously existing constitution is superseded.

*Adopted at the First Annual Meeting of Membership
by a two-thirds vote on the 27th day of October, 1979.*