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## Constitution & Bylaws

### Mission Statement

To promote the principles of excellence of The Aga Khan University and its alumni in the field of health by developing ways and means to organize their resources.

### Bylaws:

#### Bylaws: Article I

The name of the organization will [SHALL] be North American Chapter of The Aga Khan University Alumni Association.

#### Bylaws: Article II

##### PURPOSE

The organization will [SHALL] develop ways and means to contribute to the growth and development of The Aga Khan University by organizing the resources of its alumni.

It will [SHALL] foster professional opportunities and educational forums for the professional, personal and intellectual growth of its alumni.

It will [SHALL] be responsible for maintaining a liaison between the medical community in the United States and the Aga Khan University that will help redirect its resources into the development of Pakistan and AKU.

#### Bylaws: Article III

##### COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND ELECTIONS

The Executive Committee of the Chapter (EC) will be composed of eight members; 1 President, 1 President elect, 1 Immediate past president, 1 General Secretary, 1 Treasurer, 1 mandatory junior medical and nursing representative. A Vice-President from amongst the nursing alumni will be selected for the first two years. This position will be reviewed at the end of two years and deleted if EC so desires [DELETE]. The President will [OFFICERS SHALL] serve a two-year term that may not be renewed consecutively [DELETE]. Other members will each serve a two-year term that may be renewed once.

The elections for the above positions will be held every two years by a ballot of the alumni association members who have stayed active by their payment of dues. All alumni of the university except the associate or honorary members are eligible for election.

The alumni may nominate themselves or be nominated by other alumni to all the offices at least 6 weeks before the voting date. The General Secretary will be responsible for coordinating these elections. The election of the junior representative will be limited to members who have graduated within the last five years. An opportunity for mail ballots will be provided to the dues paying members. The mail in ballots must reach the general secretary at least two weeks before the reunion [ELECTIONS].

Apart from the above offices, the structure of the alumni association will consist of various sub-committees. These may include finance/ fund-raising, reunion/ CME activities and career development for alumni. These sub-committees will be chaired by the treasurer, general secretary and immediate past president respectively. At the discretion of the EC the V-President may be elected as a chair of the committee also. The members of these sub-committees will be from the general membership and will at least include one nursing school and one medical school alumnus at all times. [DELETE] Nominations for these will be obtained from among the membership. In case of several volunteers for a sub-committee position, the President of the organization (ASSOCIATION) will nominate members in consultation with the rest of the RC. In addition to the above, sub-committees work-groups may be formed by the approval of the RC as needed. The chairs of the additional committee will report directly to the President and will be expected to file a report at the business meeting.

#### Bylaws: Article IV

The President will be responsible for the overall organization and functioning of the committee. He/she will chair all the meetings of the committee and cast vote in case of a tie. He/she will also be responsible for maintaining the liaison with AKU in this capacity.

The General Secretary will be responsible for recording minutes, keeping bylaws and will chair the Sub-committee responsible for organizing the reunion.

The treasurer will be responsible for organizing a budget and chairing the sub-committee on fund-raising and resource development. He/she will also be responsible for collecting annual dues and any other dues that are deemed necessary by the RC.

The immediate past president will chair the sub-committee on career development for alumni. The junior representatives will also be part of this sub-committee.

**Bylaws: Article V****MEETINGS**

The business meeting of the general membership will be held at the reunion. Presence of more than fifteen members will form a quorum. The President will chair this meeting. In his/ her absence, the general secretary, treasurer or the immediate past-president may chair the meeting respectively in that order. Decisions will be made by a majority vote of the membership. Should an issue arise, that merits the opinion of the general membership in a year other than the reunion year, opinion of the membership will be elicited through a mail ballot. The RC will meet every year at a site determined by the President. The RC will also hold regular conference calls. The sub-committees will meet at each reunion. They will also hold conference calls at least biannually.

**Bylaws: Article VI****AMMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended, in whole or part, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the alumni association present at the reunion upon recommendation of the full RC. [ADD: provided at least 15% of the voting members are present at the reunion. If 15% of the voting members are not present at the reunion, then the proposed amendments shall be sent to all voting members for a mail ballot. A simple majority among those who respond shall carry the amendments.] RC will hold the right to bring the issue to a full mail ballot in contentious cases.

**Bylaws: Article VII**

While the formation of the RC is in line with the existing by-laws of the AKU alumni association, and the RC will continue to maintain liaison with the CEC and the University. It will be fully autonomous in its functioning at Q regional level in all its activities. The RC prior to any action will review recommendations of the university administration and GEC. The implementation out only by a majority vote of the membership (CONSIDER DELETING)

**Bylaws: Article VIII**

The following clauses will be provided in the bylaws for a period to be determined by the general membership in order to ensure a smooth start to the new organization:

- 1) An advisory board of previously active members will be formed in order to assist the RC to initiate its various activities. This will consist of individuals responsible for the organization in its current form. The board will be disbanded when this objective has been achieved upon the advice of the RC. The board's role will be advisory and its members will be non-voting members of the EC.
- 2) The current treasurer of the association will continue to perform his duties along with the newly elected treasurer till such time that latter is ready to assume charge of the organization's financial affairs [DELETE.]