

**PENGAMAL PERUBATAN UNTUK KEAMANAN DAN
TANGGUNGJAWAB SOSIAL, KUALA LUMPUR DAN SELANGOR**

**PHYSICIANS FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, KUALA
LUMPUR AND SELANGOR**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

- (1) **Name**
The organisation shall be called Pengamal Perubatan untuk Keamanan dan Tanggungjawab Sosial, Kuala Lumpur dan Selangor or Physicians for Peace and Social Responsibility, Kuala Lumpur and Selangor. The organisation is referred to hereafter in the Rules as the Society and abbreviated as PPSR.
- (2) **Place of Business**
The registered address, from which and to which communications may be addressed is Academy of Medicine, Academy House, No 19 Jalan Folly Barat, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, and shall not be changed except by a resolution of the Council or at a General Meeting of the Society and with the prior approval in writing of the Registrar of Societies.
- (3) **Motto**
The Motto of the Society shall be “Peace and Justice for All”

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS AND POWERS

(1) **Objects**

The objects of the Society are:

- (i) To act as a non-partisan, independent society of physicians who shall work towards peace, justice, human dignity and human security, and ecological sustainability, both locally and globally, through research, education and advocacy.
- (ii) To instill the values of ethical professional practice, promote equity in healthcare, and strengthen the role of physicians in achieving national objectives in the health and welfare of the people.

- (iii) To address militarism and prevent war, including nuclear war, by advocating the peaceful resolution of conflict and the abolition of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.
- (iv) To instill a sense of social responsibility in physicians and in the community in preventing social unrest and violence, by promoting and upholding socio-economic justice, human rights and the rule of just law.

(2) Powers

In the pursuit and furtherance of its objectives, the Society shall have the following powers:

- (i) To arrange periodic meetings of the members or any segment thereof.
- (ii) To conduct awareness programmes in healthcare and social security for members of the public.
- (iii) To affiliate itself to and cooperate with like-minded organisations, locally and globally, and achieve its objectives peacefully through research, education, advocacy and public discourse.
- (iv) To collect or otherwise acquire sums of money for educational, scientific and charitable purposes and to establish, manage and maintain funds for such purposes.
- (v) To purchase property as a means of promoting the activities of the Society.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

(1) The membership of the Society shall consist of the following categories:

(i) Ordinary Membership

Ordinary membership shall be open to every medical practitioner, residing in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, whether registered, provisionally registered or conditionally registered in the Register kept by the Registrar of Medical Practitioners, and those terms shall have the meaning assigned to them by the Medical Act, 1971. Ordinary members shall enjoy all privileges and rights of membership.

(ii) Associate Membership

Associate membership shall be open to:

- (a) every medical practitioner, residing outside Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, whether registered, provisionally registered or conditionally registered in the Register kept by the Registrar of

Medical Practitioners, and those terms shall have the meaning assigned to them by the Medical Act, 1971. Ordinary members shall enjoy all privileges and rights of membership.

- (b) Malaysian citizens who are not registered medical practitioners.

Associate members shall participate in all activities of the Society but shall not hold office or vote.

(iii) Student Membership

Student membership shall be open to *bona fide* medical students who are undergraduates in any medical school located in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, provided that no local University or College student shall be admitted as a member without the prior written approval of the Vice-Chancellor concerned. Student members shall participate in all activities of the Society but shall not hold office or vote.

(iv) Honorary Membership

Honorary membership shall be conferred upon any person who has contributed nationally or internationally to the aims and activities of the Society, proposed by the Council and adopted through resolution at a General Meeting of the Society. Honorary members shall not hold office or vote.

- (2) Applications for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two existing members and shall be forwarded to the Secretary who shall, at the first convenient opportunity, submit it to the Council for approval. The Council may at its discretion reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.
- (3) Every applicant, whose application has been approved, shall, upon payment of the prescribed subscription fee, be admitted as a member of the Society and be entitled to the respective privileges of membership.
- (4) Any member, who wishes to resign from the Society, shall give two weeks' notice in writing to the Secretary.
- (5) Any member, who fails to comply with the rules of the Society or has acted in a manner to bring disrepute upon the Society, may be expelled or suspended for a period of time as the Council deems fit. Before the Committee expels or suspends the member, the member shall be informed of the grounds for such expulsion or suspension in writing and be given an opportunity to explain and clear himself or herself in person. Such suspension or expulsion shall be enforced, unless otherwise reversed by a general meeting upon appeal by the said member.

ARTICLE IV - SUBSCRIPTIONS

Ordinary and Associate Members shall pay an entrance fee of RM100.00 and a one-time subscription fee of RM150.00, which will confer membership for life.

Student Members and Honorary Members shall be exempt from fees.

ARTICLE V - MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY

(1) Council

There shall be a Council of the Society which shall function as the principal body of the Society within the guidelines set out in the Articles and By-Laws of the Society.

The function of the Council is to organize and supervise the day-to-day activities of the Society and to make decisions on matters affecting its running within the general policy laid down by the Biennial General Meeting. The Council shall not act contrary to the expressed wishes of the general meeting without prior reference to it and shall always be subordinate to it. It shall furnish a report on its activities to each Biennial General Meeting.

(2) Composition of Council

(i) The Council shall consist of the following office-bearers and members:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) General Secretary
- (d) Deputy Secretary
- (e) Treasurer
- (f) Five Ordinary Committee Members

who shall hold office for two years until the next Biennial General Meeting. All office bearers shall be eligible for re-election.

(ii) All members of the Council and officers who perform executive functions in the Society shall be Malaysian citizens.

(iii) The Council shall authorize expenditure from the funds of the Society and keep accounts of the income and expenditure of the Society and submit such accounts to its members at the Biennial General Meeting.

(iv) In the event of a vacancy arising in the Council, the Council may fill such vacancy by the appointment of any Ordinary member, such member to hold office until the next Biennial General Meeting.

ARTICLE VI – COUNCIL

(1) The Council shall meet at least four (4) times in a year, or more frequently as may be necessary.

- (2) The quorum for meeting shall be six (6) Council members.
- (3) At least two weeks before the date fixed for the meeting, the General Secretary shall inform all members of Council in writing of the date, time and venue for the meeting. In the event of an emergency a shorter notice may be given by the General Secretary after approval by the President.
- (4) Where an urgent matter requiring the approval of the Council arises and it is not possible to convene a meeting, the General Secretary may obtain such approval by means of a circular letter. The following conditions must be fulfilled before a decision of the Council is deemed to have been obtained:
 - (a) The issue must be clearly set out in the circular and forwarded to all members of the Council.
 - (b) At least one-half of the Council members must indicate whether they are in favour or against the proposal.
 - (c) The decision must be by a majority vote. Any decision obtained by circular letter shall be reported by the General Secretary to the next Council meeting and recorded in the minutes.
 - (d) The Council shall have the authority to form by-laws to facilitate the functioning of the Society.
 - (e) The Council shall have the authority to interpret the Constitution of the Society.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES

- (1) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council unless he is absent from Malaysia or disabled by sickness or other causes.
- (2) In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside at the Council meetings. In the absence of both, the members present shall elect a Chairman to preside over that particular meeting.
- (3) The General Secretary shall conduct the business of the Society in accordance with the rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the general meeting and of the Council. He/She shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence and keeping all books, documents and papers, except the accounts and financial records. He shall attend all meetings, and record all proceedings. He shall keep a membership register, consisting of details such as name, identity card number, date and place of birth, occupation, name and address of employer and residential address. He shall, in conjunction with the President and Treasurer, sign all cheques

on behalf of the Society. He shall file returns within 60 days of the date of the Biennial General Meeting to the Registrar of Societies.

- (4) The Deputy Secretary shall assist the General Secretary in carrying out his duties and shall act for him in his absence.
- (5) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Society and keep accounts of all its financial transactions.
- (6) The Ordinary Committee Members shall carry out such duties as directed by the Council.

ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

1. Biennial General Meeting

- (i) The Biennial General Meeting of the Society is the supreme authority of the Society. The Biennial General Meeting shall be held once in two years, before 30th April of the material year, at a convenient venue, for the following purposes:
 - (a) To confirm and discuss matters arising from the minutes of the last Biennial General Meeting and Special General Meetings held in the last two years.
 - (b) To receive the Treasurer's report and adopt a report of the activities of the Society during the preceding two years.
 - (c) To receive from the Council and to adopt an audited Statement of Accounts for the preceding two years with reports of the External Auditors and the budget for the ensuing two years.
 - (d) To elect the President
 - (e) To elect the Vice-President
 - (f) To elect the General Secretary
 - (g) To elect the Deputy Secretary
 - (h) To elect the Treasurer
 - (i) To elect five (5) Council Members

- (j) To appoint the External Auditors for the ensuing two years.
- (k) To decide on any Resolutions to amend the Constitution and on other Resolutions which have been duly submitted to the meeting as provided for under sub-section (iii) of this Article.
- (l) To deal with any other matters as may be put before it.
- (ii) At least six (6) weeks before the date fixed for the Biennial General Meeting of the Society, the General Secretary shall inform all members in writing of the date, the time and the place fixed for the Meeting and he shall draw their attention to sub-section (iii) of this Article.
- (iii) Any member desirous of moving any resolution at the Biennial General Meeting shall give notice in writing duly proposed and seconded thereof to the General Secretary not less than four (4) weeks before the date of such meeting.
- (iv) At least fourteen (14) days before the Biennial General Meeting of the Society, the General Secretary shall notify all members of the agenda to be transacted at the Meeting and this shall include a report of the Society, the copies of minutes, the audited accounts for the financial year and any resolutions which members have indicated their intention of proposing under the previous sub-section of this Article.
- (v) All items on the Agenda for the Biennial General Meeting shall be open for discussion by all members present. but voting on any item shall be confined to Ordinary Members only.

(1) Special General Meeting

- (i) (a) A Special General Meeting of the Society shall be convened by the Council at any time for any special reason.
- (b) Upon the receipt of a requisition in writing from at least twenty (20) Ordinary Members in Benefit, stating the purpose in the form of one or more resolutions but devoted to one single topic in each resolution for which they require a Special General Meeting to be convened, the Council shall convene such a meeting within thirty days of the receipt of such a requisition.
- (ii) Notice summoning a Special General Meeting shall be sent to all members not less than fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for such a meeting and shall state the business to be discussed at the meeting.

- (iii) No business shall be dealt with by a Special General Meeting other than that for which it is specially convened.

(3) Minutes of General Meetings

The General Secretary shall forward to all members a copy of the draft minutes of each Biennial General Meeting and Special General Meeting as soon as possible after their conclusion.

(4) Quorum

- (i) The quorum at all Biennial and Special General Meetings of the Society shall consist of Ordinary Members making up twice the number of Council members.
- (ii) In the event of a lack of quorum on the day fixed for the Biennial General Meeting, the President shall postpone the Biennial General Meeting to a day not earlier than fourteen (14) days and not later than thirty (30) days from that day. At the postponed Biennial General Meeting the delegates present (whatever their number) shall constitute a quorum, provided that no amendment to the Constitution of the Society or decisions affecting the whole membership shall be made if there is insufficient quorum.
- (iii) In the event of a lack of quorum for the Special General Meeting summoned at the request in writing of twenty ordinary members, the President shall declare the meeting dissolved and no such Special General Meeting shall be convened for the same purpose for a period of six (6) months.
- (iv) No vote shall be taken on any business transacted at General Meetings unless there is a quorum present consisting of Ordinary Members with voting rights.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- (i) The Constitution may be amended, altered or added to after approval at a General Meeting of the Society, provided the appropriate notice had been given as in Article VII (1) (i).
- (ii) Any such amendment, alteration or addition shall be passed by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of Ordinary Members present and voting and provided a quorum is present.
- (iii) Any amendments to the Constitution of the Society shall be submitted to the Registrar of Societies within sixty (60) days of being passed by the General Meeting and enforced after being approved by the Registrar of Societies.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution of the Society

- (i) The Society shall not be dissolved except with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the total number of Ordinary Members of the Society expressed, either in person or by proxy, at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.
- (ii) In the event of the Society being dissolved, as provided above, all debts and liabilities incurred on behalf of the Society shall be fully discharged and the remaining funds shall either be divided equally amongst members or transferred to a medical association or charitable organisation in Malaysia, as decided by the majority of members at a General Meeting convened for the purpose of dissolving the Society.
- (ii) Notice of the dissolution shall be given within fourteen (14) days of dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.

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