# BY-LAWS OF MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA AT AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY RESIDENTS' ORGANIZATION

Recognizing that the rendering of professional service to patients in accordance with the precepts of modern scientific medicine and the maintenance of the efficiency of the individual physician may be best served by coordinated action, the housestaff who are training at Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and AUMC Health Systems, do hereby organize themselves into a Residents' Organization to provide such coordination in conformity with the following by-laws.

# **ARTICLE I**

The name of this organization shall be the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University Residents' Organization.

# **ARTICLE II**

The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University Residents' Organization shall be composed of physicians who are residents appointed by and currently under contract with the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University.

### ARTICLE II OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### Section 1 Officers and Executive Committee

The officers of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University Residents' Organization Executive Committee shall be the president, the president-elect (vice-president), the secretarytreasurer, and two members-at-large. They shall make up the Executive Committee, which shall meet at least once a month and other times as deemed necessary.

The president shall call and preside at all meetings and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. He/she shall represent the Residents' Organization on the Graduate Medical Education Committee. The first president shall be elected by the residents of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Subsequent presidents shall be the former president-elect to ensure continuity of the organization.

The president-elect (vice-president), in the absence of the President, shall assure all his/her duties and have all his/her authority. He/she shall be president the following year after serving the term as president-elect. Nominees for the position shall be named by the voting representatives of the clinical departments and then voted on by the entire resident body of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University.

The secretary-treasurer shall keep accurate records of all meetings, call meetings on order of the President, and perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to his/her office. Nominees for the position shall be named by the voting representatives of the clinical departments and then voted on by the entire resident body of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. The secretary-treasurer shall take direction from the president, vice-president and the Executive Committee. He/she shall act as treasurer of the Residents' Organization when necessary.

The members-at-large shall be present at all meetings and have equal voting power as other officers. There shall be two members-at-large nominated by the voting representatives of the clinical departments and then voted on by the entire resident body of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University.

The following of the Executive Committee shall be reconstituted annually: the president-elect, the secretary-treasurer and members-at-large.

### Section 2 Resident Organization's Representatives Committee and Standing Committees

The Residents' Organization shall have a committee, which shall be called the Resident Organizations' Representatives Committee which shall meet with the Executive Committee at least once quarterly and other times when deemed necessary

The membership of the Representatives Committee shall consist of one voting representative of each of the clinical departments of Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology and Surgery, including their respective subspecialty divisions. The housestaff members of each department shall select their representative(s); the chief residents of each department are responsible for the process by which this is done in their respective departments. Internal Medicine shall have two representatives because of its size. A member of the Executive Committee may suffice as the representative of a department if that department wishes.

The quarterly meetings shall be open to all residents of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University; however, only representatives and Executive Committee members shall be recognized and have voting power. Residents should voice concerns and matters for discussion to their respective representatives.

Representatives shall be appointed by the President to sit as voting members on standing committees of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University as deemed necessary.

The Representative Committee and members of standing committees shall be reconstituted annually.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEETINGS**

### Section 1 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held monthly or at the discretion of the president. Quarterly meetings shall be held for the Executive Committee and Representative Committee. The quarterly meetings shall be open to any member of the housestaff of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University.

# Section 2 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Executive Committee or the Representative Committee or any standing committee may be called at any time by the president of the Executive Committee.

### Section 3 Quorum

Any three members of the Executive Committee present at any given meeting shall constitute a quorum.

### Section 4 Agenda

The agenda at any regular meeting shall be:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Reading of the minutes of the last regular and all special meetings
- c. Unfinished business
- d. Communications
- e. Reports, as indicated, from representatives
- f. New business
- g. Adjournment

The agenda at special meetings shall be:

- a. Reading of the notice calling the meeting
- b. Discussion of the business for which the meeting was called
- c. Adjournment

### AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these by-laws shall be proposed by resolution at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee. Proposed amendments shall be voted on at a scheduled quarterly meeting and shall require a two-third majority of those present and voting for adoption. A copy of the resolution shall be transmitted in writing to all members of the Residents' Organization 30 days prior to such a meeting.

### ARTICLE VI ADOPTION

These by-laws have been adopted by a majority of the Residents' Organization present at a scheduled meeting.