

Student Interest Group In Ophthalmology (SIGIO)

The University Of Tennessee Health Science Center
Department of Ophthalmology

Constitution and Bylaws

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be Student Interest Group In Ophthalmology (hereafter referred to as SIGIO)

Article II - Affiliation

The organization shall be affiliated with and sanctioned by The University of Tennessee College Of Medicine.

Article III - Mission

The mission of the SIGIO shall be the following:

1. To educate medical students about the specialty of Ophthalmology as a career choice.
2. To increase medical students' knowledge of diseases of the eyes and their adnexae, examination techniques, and the eyes' relationship to systemic diseases.
3. To offer opportunities for medical students to become involved in community service, research, or other scholarly activities of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

Article IV - Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all full time medical students at The University of Tennessee College of Medicine.
2. Membership shall be open to Residents in Ophthalmology at the University of Tennessee Ophthalmology Residency Program.
3. Membership shall be open to any full time or clinical faculty member of the Department of Ophthalmology of The University of Tennessee College of Medicine.
4. Membership shall be open to other interested high school, undergraduate, and graduate students interested in the specialty of Ophthalmology.

Article V – Officers

The SIGIO shall have two officers: (1) The President and (2) The Faculty Advisor. Other officers may be elected as required by the majority of the membership. The President shall be a full time medical student at The University of Tennessee College of Medicine, shall be elected by a majority of the membership present at the election meeting, and shall serve a one-year term of office. The Faculty Advisor shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and serve until he/she relinquishes the position or is removed by the Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and a new Faculty Advisor is appointed.

The President of SIGIO shall preside at meetings of SIGIO. Committees may be appointed by the President if required.

The Faculty Advisor shall assist the President with program material, speakers, community service opportunities, research possibilities, and other resources as needed.

Election of Officers shall take place at the second quarterly meeting of each academic year. The first meeting of each academic year will serve as an introduction to new medical students and other members. The President shall be elected by a majority vote of those members present at the meeting.

Article VI – Meetings

Meetings will be held quarterly or as called by the President. The first meeting of the academic year shall be held in proximity to the beginning of each year's new class of medical students.

Article VII – Bylaw Changes

Proposed changes in the Bylaws of the SIGIO shall be submitted to the President at least thirty (30) days prior to a regular scheduled meeting. Changes shall be approved by a majority of the members present.

Article VIII – Dues

There shall be no dues for members of SIGIO.

Article IX – Non-Discriminatory Clause

The SIGIO will adhere strictly to the Non-Discriminatory Policy of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Enacted: June 26, 2006

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