

**The Center for Prehospital Medicine
Association of Paramedic Students Constitution**

Section 1-Name

The name of this organization shall be the The Center for Prehospital Medicine Association of Paramedic Students (CPMAPS).

Section 2-Mission and Objectives

The mission of CPMAPS is to be an advocate for the paramedic student to health care organizations, health professionals and the North Carolina Association of Paramedics.

Objectives of the Association:

- A. To provide a unified voice in representing the members to institutes of learning, government agencies, and other organizations.
- B. To provide a resource for the exchange of ideas for the advancement of the Paramedic profession.

Section 3-Membership

Membership in the Association shall be open to any individual who is interested in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the organization. Membership shall be offered without consideration to ethnic background, race, sex, age, or religion. Association membership shall be divided into two (2) categories and shall be defined as follows:

- A. Active Member- A person who meets the general requirements (as defined below) and is currently enrolled as an CPM EMS student pursuing certification as a paramedic. An active member is granted voting privileges and is eligible to hold elected office in the Association.
- B. Associate Member- A person who meets the general requirements (as defined below), does not meet the requirements for active membership, but wishes to participate in the organization. An associate member may not vote nor hold elected office.
- C. General Requirements- An individual must make application to the Association, be approved by the membership committee, and pay annual dues.
- D. Dues to the Association shall be \$10, payable on becoming a member and due annually on the anniversary of membership.
- E. The officers of the association have the right to recommend the suspension or revocation of the membership of any individual proven to have been involved in unprofessional, illegal, or unethical activities. A simple majority (50 percent plus one) vote of the active membership is necessary to invoke this action.

Section 4-Meetings

- A. A duly constituted meeting of the members shall be a meeting called by the president or secretary of the association.
- B. Notice and the proposed agenda of meetings shall be made to each active member of the Association by the president or secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- C. General meetings shall be held at least one (1) time per semester.
- D. An annual meeting shall be at the beginning of the spring session. Content of this meeting shall include the election of officers and representatives.
- E. The active members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- F. No votes by proxy will be accepted.

Section 5-Officers

Officers of the Association shall be elected by active members and shall consist of the following:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice-President
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer

The terms of all officers shall be one (1) year and/or end at the next annual meeting.

Section 5-1-Election of Officers

- A. Officers shall be nominated from the active membership.
- B. Voting shall occur on written ballot.
- C. Ballots shall be counted by a faculty advisor.
- D. Election shall be by simple majority (50 percent plus one).
- E. In the event that one (1) nominee does not receive a simple majority, the nominee with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot and an additional ballot shall be cast. In the event of a tie, an additional ballot will be cast.
- F. Vacancies in office shall be filled by a vote at any meeting. Normal election procedures will follow.

Section 5-2-Duties of Officers

- A. President: shall preside at all meetings of the Association. Shall be responsible for establishing agendas and will be the Spokesperson for the Association. The president will authorize expenditures and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of president.
- B. Vice-President: shall, in the event of the absence of the president, possess all duties as may be designated to the president. In addition, the vice-president will chair various committees as directed by the president or faculty advisor.
- C. Secretary: Shall see that the minutes are kept of all meetings of the Association, and shall sign, with the president, all contracts. The secretary shall be responsible for mailing lists, and ensure a copy of the minutes are available for members upon request and any other duties related to the office of secretary.
- D. Treasurer: Shall collect and receive all monies due to the Association. The treasurer shall keep all records current, present statements at meetings, and comply with all tax reporting rules and regulations for the Association. All accounts must be established to require the signature of the one student officer and a faculty advisor.
- E. The officers shall meet at least once each during each course to discuss all Association business.

Section 5-3-Impeachment Process

Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active membership for cause, particularly failure to perform or abuse of the office. This vote shall be supervised by the president and the faculty advisor. If the president is involved, the vice-president and the faculty advisor shall supervise the vote.

Section 6-Committees

The president shall appoint such committees as are deemed necessary for the successful operation of the Association, and which are not in conflict with the constitution. Duties of such committees shall be prescribed by the president at the time of appointment. All committees appointed by the president may be dissolved at the leisure of the president.

- A. Membership Committee: Shall consist of association officers and will be chaired by the vice-president. This committee shall be responsible for the membership status and appropriate recruiting drives. The membership committee shall meet at least once a semester.
- B. The Fund Raising Committee: Shall consist of one active member from both first and second year classes and will be chaired by the treasurer. This committee shall be responsible for all fund raising activities for the Association and shall meet at least once per course.

Section 7-Order of Business

The order of business and rules shall be as determined by the association officers and follow standard business practices.

Section 8-Constitution

The Constitution of CPMAPS will be reviewed yearly by a committee assigned by the president. Revisions must be presented to all active members at least one month prior to approval and must be approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members at any general meeting.