

# **Physicians for a National Health Program**

## **Western Washington Chapter**

### **BY-LAWS**

Adopted: November 29, 2006

#### **Article I Name, Objectives, and Fiscal Year**

##### **Section 1.1**

The name of this organization shall be Physicians for a National Health Program, Western Washington Chapter

##### **Section 1.2**

The organization shall act exclusively as a charitable, educational and scientific research and public education organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal tax code, and shall operate within activity supervision and reporting guidelines of the national organization as contained in the national organization's corporate articles of organization, bylaws and any affiliation agreement between the chapter and the national organization.

##### **Section 1.3**

The chief purpose of the organization shall be identical to that of the national organization, Physicians for a National Health Program, Inc., namely to promote universal access to health care with no financial barriers to care. The organization will promote discussion about health-policy reform and engage in other charitable and educational tax-exempt activities within the scope of objectives of the national organization.

##### **Section 1.4**

The fiscal year of the organization shall extend from January 1 to December 31.

#### **Article II Membership**

##### **Section 2.1**

Membership shall be open to all doctors of medicine, osteopathy and dentistry, and students and residents of those disciplines and other concerned health professionals and individuals who support the purposes of the organization.

## **Article III Board of Directors**

### **Section 3.1**

The Board of Directors shall be the organization's administrative body. It shall consist of at least 12 members elected for 1-year terms by the membership.

### **Section 3.2**

The Board of Directors shall elect its officers to include a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary/Coordinator. Officers shall be elected for 1 year.

### **Section 3.3**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and, eventually, the most recent Past President. It shall be empowered to make decisions on behalf of the Board on those matters requiring action.

### **Section 3.4**

The President shall preside at meetings and shall act as a liaison with the committees of the organization. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. The Secretary/Coordinator shall be responsible for records of meetings and communications. The Treasurer shall be responsible for collection of funds and shall maintain the financial records of the organization.

### **Section 3.5**

The Board of Directors may fill vacancies of officers that occur by a simple majority vote at its next regular meeting. The Board may add new members subject to approval at the next general membership meeting.

### **Section 3.6**

An officer may be removed by a majority vote at a regular meeting of members provided that members are advised of the proposed action at least 20 days before such a meeting.

## **Article IV Meetings**

### **Section 4.1**

An annual meeting shall be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Notices shall be mailed to members between 20 and 40 days before the meeting. Proposals shall be

approved by a simple majority of members present. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

#### **Section 4.2**

Special meeting may be called by the Board of Directors or at the written request of at least 10 members of the organization.

#### **Section 4.3**

One third of the current Board members shall constitute a quorum at scheduled Board meetings.

#### **Section 4.4**

Sturgis Rules of Order shall govern meetings.

### **Article V      Bylaws**

#### **Section 5.1**

These by-laws shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of members present at a scheduled meeting. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members at a scheduled meeting provided members receive written notice of proposed amendments or repeals between 20 and 40 days before a meeting.

Any amendment of article 1 must be approved by the national organization.