

EMRAF BYLAWS
2009

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this association, a non profit corporation in the state of Florida, shall be the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "EMRAF". EMRAF will operate by the purposes and objectives of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians, hereinafter referred to as "FCEP."

ARTICLE II – Purposes and Objectives

1. To provide a unified voice for Emergency Medicine Residents and Medical Students Interested in Emergency Medicine in the State of Florida
2. To provide a forum for communication and exchange of ideas among Emergency Medicine Residents and Students in Florida
3. To increase involvement of Florida EM Residents within EMRA
4. To promote education and involvement of Florida EM Residents in issues facing Emergency Medicine
5. To increase involvement of Florida EM residents in FCEP and provide representation of residents' issues to the college

ARTICLE III – Membership

Qualifications for membership shall be the same as those for membership in FCEP. All members shall, in addition, be engaged full time in an allopathic or osteopathic emergency medicine residency program within the State of Florida, as a fellow under a Department or Section of Emergency Medicine in the State of Florida, or a full time student at an ACGME allopathic or AOA osteopathic accredited medical school in the state of Florida.

ARTICLE IV – Ethics and Accountability

The American Medical Association Principles of Medical Ethics and the Policy Statements of the American College of Emergency Physicians as set forth by the bylaws of the American College of Emergency Physicians, shall be the principles of ethics of EMRAF and shall be hereby made part of these bylaws.

If any member is believed in good faith to have violated the Principles of Medical Ethics and/or the Policy Statements of the American College of Emergency Physicians, or to be otherwise guilty of conduct justifying censure, suspension or expulsion from this organization, any member may prefer charges against him in the form and manner specified by the bylaws of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Members of EMRAF are held accountable for their actions and may be removed from the organization or the offices they hold if they violate the requirements set up by EMRAF.

ARTICLE V – DUES

Dues for EMRAF shall be determined by the Board of Directors of EMRAF. They are payable on the anniversary date of the individuals membership. Any member whose membership has been canceled due to failure to pay dues shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

EMRAF shall be run by a Board of Directors made up of 2 representatives from each approved residency in the State of Florida. Each residency shall select their own representatives. Officers shall be elected from this Board of Directors of EMRAF. The election shall take place at an EMRAF meeting held during the FCEP annual membership meeting. No more than one officer shall be from the same residency Program.

ARTICLE VII – Duties and Terms of Office

- Chairman -

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings. He/she shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and an ex officio member of all other committees. He/she will be the official spokesperson for EMRAF. The term of office of the Chairman shall last one year. The Chairman will be responsible for reporting through EMRAF and FCEP publications any pertinent news or activities of FCEP committees and to input residents concerns to FCEP. In the event of death or resignation of the Chair during his term of office, or if unable or unqualified to serve for any reason, the vice-chair shall succeed to the office of Chair for the unexpired portion of the Chair's term. In the event of death or resignation of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, the FCEP Board Representative shall succeed for the unexpired portion of the Chair's term.

- Vice Chairman -

The Vice-Chair shall serve a one year term and be a member of the executive committee. He/She shall be responsible for assisting the Chairman in his/her responsibilities and for coordinating resident representatives to FCEP Committees and Meetings. The Vice Chair will also record and distribute minutes of all meetings of EMRAF and will explore possibilities for funding for EMRAF events and

- FCEP Board Representative -

The Board Representative shall hold a full voting position on the FCEP Board of Directors as outlined in the Bylaws of FCEP. The Board Representative will serve a 1 year term and will be a member of the executive committee of EMRAF. The Board Representative will be responsible for communicating the views of EMRAF members to the Board of Directors of FCEP and will serve as the liaison between EMRAF and FCEP. In the event of death or resignation of the FCEP Board Member, the alternate board representative will succeed for the unexpired portion of the Board Representative's term

- Alternate Board Representative -

The Alternate Board Representative shall serve a one year term and be a member of the executive committee. The alternate board representative will work with the FCEP Board Representative to make certain EMRAF attends all FCEP Board and committee meetings and will attend Board meetings as a voting member in the absence of the Board Representative. The Alternate Board representative shall also help the Vice Chair with his/her function as designated by the executive committee.

- Secretary/Treasurer -

The Secretary/Treasurer will record and distribute minutes of all meetings of EMRAF and will explore possibilities for funding for EMRAF events and recruitment.

ARTICLE VIII – Residency Representatives

The Residency representatives to EMRAF shall be the EMRA Representative Council member and alternate from each of the Florida Programs. In the event that a program has no representative, the Chair of EMRAF will attempt to have the Residency Director of the program or its Chief Resident appoint such a person. These representatives will be members and have a vote on the Board of Directors and their term of office shall be equal to the term of the EMRA representative council. Residency representatives are encouraged strongly to attend all EMRAF Board of Directors meetings and are responsible for the coordination and promotion of EMRAF and FCEP activities and membership at their residency programs.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments to the Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the EMRAF members present and voting at any annual meeting or special meeting; provided that such proposed amendments are

given to the EMRAF Board of Directors at least sixty days prior to the said meeting.

ARTICLE X – Committees

The Chair of EMRAF may appoint such committees as deemed necessary. Each committee shall consist of a minimum of two members, one designated as chairman of the committee by the chair.

ARTICLE XI – Rules of Order

Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, except when it is in conflict with the Bylaws of EMRAF, shall control all parliamentary proceeding of EMRAF meetings.

ARTICLE XII – Scheduled Meetings

EMRAF will hold a minimum of four board meetings during the year. The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with FCEP Symposium by the sea.