

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PHILIPPINE COLLEGE OF CHEST PHYSICIANS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The organization shall be named “The PHILIPPINE COLLEGE OF CHEST PHYSICIANS or PCCP”.

ARTICLE II

GENERAL CHARACTER

- Section 1.* The organization is operated as a non-profit, non stock organization, declares no dividends and managed as such that none of its assets, earnings and properties may accrue to the material benefit of any of its officers or members individually or collectively.
- Section 2.* The office and business address of the organization is at 84-A Malakas St., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City.
- Section 3.* The organization may also establish chapters or offices or conduct operations at such places designated within or outside of the Philippines as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, as demanded by the program that the existence of the association may require.

ARTICLE III

OBJECTIVES

- Section 1.* The objectives of the organization shall be:
- 1.1 To promote the study of the lungs and the processes of breathing, the causes and diagnosis of various alterations that could lead to diseases and disturbance of function as well as their prevention and treatment.
 - 1.2 To promote continuing acquisition of knowledge and information on recent advances in respirology and their dissemination to the members of the organization and to all other physicians, technologists, nurses and other persons interested in this field and their application to the ultimate benefit of patients with pulmonary disease.
 - 1.3 To maintain an organization of qualified Filipino specialists in respirology and continuously ensure and elevate the standard of competence of these practicing pulmonologists.
 - 1.4 To encourage and stimulate exchange of ideas and experiences among members and peers outside of the country.
 - 1.5 To promote public and government awareness of the prevention and control of lung diseases for effective national health programs.

- 1.6 To promote social awareness and responsibility that shall include but not limited to community service, assistance and medical services extended to deserving areas or individual/s struck by calamities or disasters as determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1.* A Filipino citizen, of good moral character, and a member of the Philippine Medical Association (PMA) with an interest in the pursuit and advancement in knowledge of lung diseases are the basic requirements common to the different categories of membership.
- Section 2.* Admission to the membership of the organization shall be a function of the Membership Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3.* The Membership Committee is empowered to determine the qualification, privileges and obligations of all members subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and registration thereof as Annex to these by-laws at the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Section 4.* The members of the organization shall be categorized as Associate Members, Diplomates, Fellows, Life Members, Life Fellows, Senior Fellows and Honorary Members.

4.1 Associate Members

- 4.1.1 Associate members must satisfy at least one of the following requisite qualifications:

4.1.1.1. Undergoing training as Fellow in Pulmonary Medicine in an accredited hospital and endorsed by the Chair and Training Officer of the program.

4.1.1.2 Completed a pulmonary training in a PCCP-accredited program who has not passed the PCCP Diplomate Certifying Examination.

4.1.1.3 Graduates of a foreign training program in Adult Pulmonary Medicine with proper certification and endorsement from their training institution and endorsed by the PCCP Membership Committee.

4.2 Diplomates

- 4.2.1 Physicians who have trained and passed the corresponding examinations in internal medicine and adult pulmonary medicine as follows:

4.2.1.1 Completed a two (2) year training in adult pulmonary medicine in an accredited hospital of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.

4.2.1.2 Passed the written and oral examinations given by the Specialty Board of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.

4.2.1.3 Officially sworn in an appropriate ceremony.

- 4.2.2 A graduate of a foreign training program in Adult Pulmonary Medicine who has passed the Diplomate examination of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.

4.2.2.1 Is a Diplomate of the Philippine College of Physicians.

4.2.2.2 Completed training in adult pulmonary medicine with proper certification and endorsement from the training institution.

4.2.2.3 Officially sworn in an appropriate ceremony.

4.2.3 The conferment of Diplomate status shall be the responsibility of the Specialty Board as approved by the Board of Directors.

4.2.4 All active Fellows prior to March 15, 1983 are certified Diplomates of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians conferred the title of Diplomates.

4.3 Fellows

Diplomates of the College for two (2) years, a fellow of good standing, who applied for fellowship on the sponsorship of three (3) fellows of good standing, endorsed by the Membership Committee and duly approved without objection by the Board of Directors.

4.3.1 Nominations must be received by the Membership Committee not later than six (6) months before the next annual meeting.

4.3.2 Only Fellows are privileged to use the title of Fellow of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.

4.3.3 Life Members

Fellows of good standing for at least ten (10) years who paid the life membership dues equivalent to ten (10) years of the current annual membership dues.

4.3.4 Life Fellows

4.3.4.a Outstanding Fellow Awardees are automatically conferred the status of Life Fellows.

4.3.4.b Fellows who achieved exemplary distinction and have given outstanding contributions to the College as recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Executive Board.

4.3.4.c They are exempted from paying the annual membership dues and convention registration fees of the College.

4.3.4.d Past Presidents of the PCCP, Past Chairs of the Specialty Board, Past Chairs of the Accreditation Board, Past Members of the Executive Board who have served for at least 5 years and Past Chairs of the Councils for 3 consecutive terms are eligible to be life fellows.

4.3.5 Senior Fellows

4.3.5.a Fellows become Senior Fellows as of their 60th Birthday.

4.3.5.b Their attendance to annual meeting is optional.

4.3.5.c They are vested all the rights and privileges of any member including the right to vote.

4.3.5.d They are qualified to hold elective office.

4.3.8.e They are exempted from paying the annual dues of the College and convention registration fees.

4.3.6 Number of Fellows

There shall be no numerical limit.

4.4 Honorary Members

4.4.1 Specialists, physicians, scientists of any nationality with outstanding contributions and accomplishments in Pulmonary Medicine or any individual worthy of emulation are conferred the title Honorary Member by unanimous vote of the Executive Board upon recommendation of the Membership Committee.

4.4.2 They shall have no privilege to vote and be voted upon.

4.5 Lapse of Membership - The Membership Committee shall recommend to the Board the termination of membership

a. whose dues are in arrears for 2 consecutive years or

b. who has been absent without sufficient excuse from 3 consecutive Midyear or Annual Conventions or

c. who have failed to attend the Business Meeting for 2 consecutive years.

The member loses all rights and privileges, including his Fellowship status in the College after due process and notice of membership termination is served. The member may appeal to the Board for reconsideration but if no response nor appeal is made within 30 days from receipt of notice, after which, he/she waives his/her rights and he/she shall be deleted from the roster of the College and shall be stripped of the rights and privileges attached thereof.

4.6 Automatic Suspension of Membership Privileges – any member shall be automatically suspended from the rolls for non-payment of dues for five (5) consecutive years.

4.7 Reinstatement of Membership – Any member who has been suspended after due process may reapply if he/she has no pending litigation (against the College and/or against his/her peers) and upon written reaffirmation of his intentions; actively serve his/her Council of choice for 2 years; endorsement of at least 2 active Fellows and updating his/her dues. A 50% vote of current Board members is needed for the reinstatement of the applicant with payment of arrears.

4.8 No reinstatement of membership will be allowed for any member who has been expelled after due process due to ethical issues, immorality, malpractice, criminal offense and other justifiable causes.

Section 5 All candidates for membership either as Associate Member, Diplomate or Fellow should be physically present during the time of induction set by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS OFFICE

Section 1. Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors

- 1.1 The general management of the affairs of the organization shall be vested upon the Board of Directors.
- 1.2 The Board of Directors shall formulate policies, promulgate rules and procedures relative to the pursuit of the purpose and objectives of the organization.
- 1.3 The Board of Directors shall be vested with full powers to administer the funds of the organization, provided that such administration shall not be inimical to the financial interests of the association or personally beneficial to the members of the said Board, individually or collectively.
- 1.4 The Board of Directors may appoint employees as may be deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the organization, fix their compensation, conditions and terms of office.

Section 2. Composition of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of nine (9) members all of which are Fellows of good standing of the College and are to be elected by the general membership for a term of one (1) year.

The Immediate Past President and the incumbent presidents of chapters shall be for the term of their holding office be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors with rights and privileges of the regular Board of Directors to attend all meetings and participate in all its deliberations but may not be counted for quorum purpose and shall be without the privilege to vote.

Section 3. Officers of the Board

The Board of Directors shall elect from among themselves a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer each for a one(1) year term.

Section 4. To provide incentive for effective service and ensure the succession of experienced leadership, it shall be the policy of the Board to elect a Director for an office only if he has previously served in the next lower one. Thus, whenever possible, a Director can be elected President only if he/she has previously been a Vice-President: a Vice-President if he has previously served as Secretary; a Secretary if he has served as a Board member for at least three (3) years.

To this end, while the term of each Board member is only one (1) year, he may be repeatedly voted into the Board by the membership except at the instance when he is the outgoing President.

When the aforementioned policy cannot be implemented, the Board shall elect among themselves the officers they deem best fitted for the corresponding offices under the prevailing circumstances.

Section 5. The Board of Directors and its officers shall hold office immediately after induction to the time the next set of Board of Directors and its officers are inducted the following year.

In the event that any member of the Board shall be unable to finish his term for any reason whatsoever except removal or expiry of term, the remaining Board of Directors constituting a quorum, shall by majority vote fill the vacancy with the candidate that had garnered the most votes among those that did not win in the last election.

In the event an officer shall be unable to finish his term, the fully constituted Board shall by majority vote fill the vacant position with one among them to finish the unexpired term.

Section 6. Transaction of business at meetings of the Board will require a majority the members of the Board of Directors present in person.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Section 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer and responsible for the directions of the affairs of the organization. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall act as President in the absence or incapability of the President. He shall perform other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Secretary shall and must keep full records of the minutes of the meetings of the organization and the Board of Directors. He shall give or cause to be given all notices required by the Constitution and By Laws of the organization as well as notices of all meetings and program of activities of the Board of Directors. He shall be the custodian of all records, paper's seal and correspondence and duplicate copies of all properties and finances of the organization.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall and must keep records of accounts of all business and other transactions of the associations. He shall make the necessary reports of the finances of the association to the officers and members upon request and during annual meetings. He shall confer with the Auditing Committee for check and balances of the accounts of the association. He shall provide the Secretary with duplicate copies of all properties and finances belonging to the association. At the end of his term, he shall endorse all the properties, finances and all records pertaining thereof to the incoming Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII

SPECIALTY BOARD

Section 1. The Specialty Board of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians shall be composed of five (5) regular members. All members must be Fellows of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians of good standing for at least ten (10) years. They shall be selected by the Board of Directors based on any of the following qualifications:

1.1 Assistant Professor and Professor of Internal medicine or Pulmonary medicine with a minimum of ten (10) years appointment in the Faculty of a duly accredited Pulmonary training hospital/institution.

- 1.2 Past Chairperson of a Department of Medicine or Pulmonary Section with a duly accredited Pulmonary Training program.
- 1.3 Staff member for at least ten (10) years who is actively involved in the Pulmonary Training Program of a duly accredited hospital/institution with appropriate confirmation and recommendation from the Head of the Section/Department of the Pulmonary hospital/institution.
- 1.4 Past presidents of the organization and/or its chapter.

Section 2. No member of the Board of Directors shall be a member of the Specialty Board of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians concurrently on the same year with the exception of the President or his appointed representative from the Executive Board.

Section 3. The members of the Specialty Board shall hold office for two (2) years with two (2) and three (3) members being elected on alternate years. Members of the Board shall come from the different accredited Pulmonary training hospital/institution and/or PCCP provincial chapter preferably on a rotation basis. No two (2) members shall come from the same institution at the same time.

Section 4. The incumbent President of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians or his / her appointed representative from the current Executive Board, shall sit as non-voting member in the Specialty Board.

Section 5. The incumbent President shall call the first meeting of the Specialty Board. He/she shall also preside over the meeting until a chairman of the Specialty Board is elected among the regular members.

Section 6. The regular members shall elect the Chairman by a majority vote and shall have a term of office of one (1) year.

Section 7. The Chairman of the Specialty Board shall appoint a Secretary from among the regular members. He/she shall also have a term of office for one (1) year and is co-terminus with the chairman.

Section 8. Duties of the Specialty Board

8.1 The Specialty Board shall take charge in certifying qualified pulmonologists as Diplomate members of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians. In so doing, the Specialty Board shall formulate and execute policies, rules and regulations governing certification, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.

Section 9. Duties and Responsibilities of the Chairman and Secretary of the Specialty Board.

9.1 The Chairman of the Specialty Board shall have the following duties:

- 9.1.1 Preside over all meetings of the Specialty Board.
- 9.1.2 Set and call regular and special meetings of the Specialty Board.
- 9.1.3 Supervise all activities of the Specialty Board.

- 9.1.4 Submit a report of all activities and accomplishments at the end of his/her term to the Board of Directors.
- 9.2 The Secretary of the Specialty Board shall perform the following duties:
 - 9.2.1 Take records of the minutes of the meeting of the Specialty Board.
 - 9.2.2 Assist the Chairman in all functions and activities of the Specialty Board.
 - 9.2.3 Custodian of all examinations and records of activities and functions of the Specialty Board

ARTICLE VIII

PULMONARY TRAINING PROGRAM ACCREDITATION BOARD

- Section 1.* The Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians shall be composed of five (5) members. All members must be Fellows of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians of good standing for at least Five (5) years. Five (5) regular members shall be selected by the Board of Directors based on any of the following qualifications:
- 1.1 Assistant Professor of Internal medicine or Pulmonary medicine with a minimum of Five (5) years appointment in the Faculty of a duly accredited Pulmonary training hospital/institution.
 - 1.2 Past Chairperson of a Department of Medicine or Pulmonary Section with a duly accredited Pulmonary Training program.
 - 1.3 Staff member for at least Five (5) years who is actively involved in the Pulmonary Training Program of a duly accredited hospital/institution with appropriate confirmation and recommendation from the Head of the Section/Department of the Pulmonary hospital/institution.
 - 1.4 Past presidents of the organization and/or its chapter.
 - 1.5 Previous member of the Board of Directors or the Specialty Board of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.
- Section 2.* The incumbent President of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians shall sit as non-voting member of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board. He/she shall call and preside over the first meeting until a chairman of the Accreditation Board is elected among the regular members. The regular members shall elect the Chairman by a majority vote and shall have a term of office of one (1) year.
- Section 3.* The regular members of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board shall hold office for two (2) years. Regular members of the Board shall come from the different accredited Pulmonary training hospital/institution preferably on a rotation basis. No two (2) members shall come from the same institution at the same time.
- Section 4.* The Chairman of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board shall appoint a Secretary from among the regular members. He/she shall also have a term of office for one (1) year and is co-terminus with the chairman.

- Section 5.* Duties of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board
- 5.1 The Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board shall accredit and certify hospitals or institutions for adult pulmonary medicine training, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.
 - 5.2 The Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board shall formulate and execute policies, rules and regulations governing certification, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.
- Section 6.* Duties and Responsibilities of the Chairman and Secretary of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board.
- 6.1 The Chairman of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board shall have the following duties:
 - 6.1.1 Preside over all meetings of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board.
 - 6.1.2 Set and call regular and special meetings of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board.
 - 6.1.3 Supervise all activities of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board.
 - 6.1.4 Submit a report of all activities and accomplishments at the end of his/her term to the Board of Directors.
 - 6.2 The Secretary of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board shall perform the following duties:
 - 6.2.1 Take records of the minutes of the meeting of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board.
 - 6.2.2 Assist the Chairman in all functions and activities of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board.
 - 6.2.3 Custodian of all records of activities and functions of the Pulmonary Training Program Accreditation Board.
- Section 7.* The Accreditation Board shall notify and provide all hospitals and training institutions for accreditation with a written list of such policies, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

- Section 1.* In order that the affairs, program and other activities of the association may not suffer interruptions and to ensure continuing commitment of succeeding administrations to these affairs, programs and activities, there shall be the following standing committees:
- 1.1 Membership Committee

This committee shall be composed of Three (3) members, two of who are Past Presidents of the association who are not members of the Specialty Board and its Chairman who is a member of the Board of Directors.

The committee shall evaluate applications for membership or advancement, review the standing of every member in relation to maintenance of the membership qualification and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding these matters.

1.2 Scientific and Research Committee

This committee shall formulate the program, policies and implementations of scientific investigations concerning the respiratory system and allied matters.

1.3 Finance Committee

This Committee shall formulate the ways and means, policies of raising funds for the support of the association's activities. The Vice-President shall be the Chairman of this committee.

A sub-committee on Budget shall function under this committee chaired by the Treasurer with the function of formulating a budget for the current fiscal year.

1.4 Continuing Medical Education Committee

This committee shall formulate programs for the continuing education of the members of the association in particular and the medical profession in general.

1.5 Nominations and Election Committee

This committee shall accept written-in nominations for the candidates to the next Board and submit such names to the Board of Directors two(2) months before the Annual Meeting.

It shall receive the accomplished write-in ballots and hold them in sealed safekeeping provided for the purpose until the Annual Election or canvassing. A corresponding list of members who voted through the write-in ballots shall be kept.

It shall conduct the proceedings of the Annual Election. It shall also act as Board of Canvassers.

The Nominations and Election Committee shall be composed of three (3) Past Presidents of the organization with the Immediate Past President acting as chairman.

1.6 Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

The committee shall annually review the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws to formulate amendments deemed essential and pertinent to the purposes of the Organization and its changing needs.

1.7 Awards Committee

This committee shall formulate policies, rules and regulations governing awards given by the association. It shall establish awards and categories giving recognition for exemplary and outstanding performances of the members.

The Outstanding Fellows Awards Committee shall be a sub-committee of this committee.

1.8 Committee on Long-Range Planning

This committee shall formulate plans for future directions, goals and activities of the organization.

1.9 Committee on Publication

This committee shall take charge of all official publications of the organization such as scientific journals, newsletters, newspaper items, literature and other press release.

1.10 Committee on Councils

1.10.1 The following councils shall be formed:

1.10.1.a Council on Critical Care and PVD

1.10.1.b Council on Diagnostics and Therapeutics

1.10.1.c Council on Interstitial and Occupational Lung Diseases

1.10.1.d Council on COPD and Pulmonary Rehabilitation

1.10.1.e Council on Tobacco or Health and Air Pollution

1.10.1.f Council on Pulmonary Infection

1.10.1.g Council on Tuberculosis

1.10.1.h Council on Asthma

1.10.1.i Council on Lung Malignancy

1.10.2 The Committee will appoint with the approval of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of each council. In turn, each council Chairman shall appoint at least three (3) members. The terms of office of the Council Chairman and its members shall be for three (3) years without prejudice against re-appointment.

1.10.3 The Committee shall also supervise and coordinate all activities of the councils.

1.10.4 The Council shall serve the following purposes:

1.10.4.a To serve as centers for collecting data on various diseases of the lungs and its circulation, seen locally, for the purposes of characterizing diseases, defining problems and finding solutions.

1.10.4.b To develop criteria for diagnosis and treatment of specific diseases of the lungs and its circulation.

1.10.4.c To coordinate researches of diseases of the lungs and circulation in different research centers in the country in cooperation with the Scientific and Research Committee of the organization.

1.10.4.d To undertake the publication of professional and lay information about the lungs in coordination with the Committee on Publications.

1.10.4.e To provide a pool of resource specialists for the purpose of lecturers, seminar and post-graduate education.

1.10.4.f To undertake the establishment of a material registry for the diseases of the lungs.

1.10.5 The Council is required to submit an annual report through its Chairman of all its proceedings and recommendations to the Committee on Councils and to the Board of Directors.

1.10.6 The Committee Chairman will make an annual report during the Scientific Convention of the Organization.

Section 2. The tenure of any member of any committee shall automatically expire at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may create and name such other Ad Hoc Committee as may deem it necessary for the activities of the organization. Specify in each and every instance its functions as well as tenure of officers.

Section 4. All Diplomates and Associate Members are mandated to sign up and actively serve his/her Council of choice for a minimum of 2 years as a prerequisite for Fellowship application.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Organization shall hold its annual business meeting during the Annual Convention at a place, date and time designated by the Board of Directors within the first two (2) weeks of March of each year. Election of officers shall be held during each Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Fellows shall sign a registry of attendance to the business meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary shall give notice of the annual meeting of the organization as well as all special scientific and other meetings of the organization by mailing such notice of said meetings to the membership. The notice shall state briefly the purpose of the meeting and in case of special meetings, no business may be transacted thereat, other those specified by the purpose.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet once a month at a place and time designated by themselves. Special Meetings could be called anytime by the President as he deem necessary. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum in the Board Meeting.

Section 5. Majority of all Fellows of good standing shall constitute a quorum in an annual business meeting.

Section 6. In so far as it does not conflict with the provision of the By-Laws nor with the interests of the association, the Roberts Rule of Order (revised) shall be final authority on parliamentary procedures to be observed during the meetings of the organization.

ARTICLE XI

ELECTION

Section 1. Only Fellows in good standing in the College shall have the right to vote and be voted upon in the election of membership in the Board of Directors of the organization.

Section 2. The members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by means of write-in votes and votes by the members present in person in provided ballots during the Annual Meeting: provided that all members in good standing present in the Annual Meeting who have already sent write-in votes may invalidate their write-in votes if they choose to do so and instead cast their votes in person in the said Annual Election.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Nominations and Election Committee to submit all the names of the nominated candidates to the Board of Directors two (2) months before the Annual Meeting. Two (2) weeks from receipt of the list, the incumbent board will send the necessary write-in ballots with the list of nominees to all members in good standing.

The accomplished write-in ballots shall be received and held in sealed safekeeping provided for the purpose until the annual election and canvassing. The Nominations and Election Committee shall tally the votes cast.

Section 4. The elected members of the Board of Directors shall meet within forty eight (48) hours of election and vote among themselves the officers of the organization.

ARTICLE XII

FUNDS

Section 1. Funds shall be generated exclusively for the furtherance of the objectives and purposes of the Association and the activities and operations requisite thereof and attendance thereto.

Section 2. Funds shall be generated from dues, fees or other duly authorized assessments from its members, both individual and institution; it may also accept, receive, hold and administer gifts, legacies bequests, devices, donations, contributions, endowments, funds benefits of trusts (but not act as trustee of any trust), and other forms of financial assistance, and property of any sort or nature without limitations as to amount or value from any legitimate governmental or private source, whether in the Philippines or abroad, as well as enter into any working agreements with any institution or entity for the above purpose.

Section 3. The Association, through its Board of Directors, may use, apply, employ, expend, disburse or donate the income and exclusively for the furtherance of the purposes and intent of the Association strictly within the limitations specified in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII

MEDICAL ETHICS

Section 1. For the information and guidance of its members and the medical profession as well the general public, news and announcements regarding the association's activities shall be released for proper dissemination by the President, the Secretary or such other officer as may be designated for the purpose by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Any member of members of the Association may release for the Information of the general public any scientific work, discovery or achievement, provided:

- a. that the project is not under the Scientific Research Committee
- b. that such work, discovery or achievement shall have been presented previously at a scientific meeting of the association or any other medical association of good standing, or published in the Philippine Journal of Chest Diseases, or any other scientific journal or publication of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians.
- c. that the acquisition of such information by the public will redound to the benefit of the public and/or lead to the furtherance of scientific knowledge.
- d. that such publication shall not sacrifice truth and accuracy for readers' interest.
- e. that such public dissemination will not serve simply for the glorification and/or financial advantage of any member or members of the association; and
- f. that such new notices, articles shall not violate in its substance or form, the Code of ethics incorporated in the Medical Act of 1959 (RA 2382), revised in 1962, and of any subsequent revisions thereof nor any such other code, rule, regulation, or any other issuance that is applicable or may there after apply or govern the practice of the profession.

Section 3. No member of the Association shall take part or be involved, directly or indirectly, in unethical advertising.

Section 4. Any member of the Association who violates any of the provisions of these By- Laws shall, upon due and proper investigation and conviction, be subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion from the Association according to the considered judgment of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. All nominees to elective and appointed positions of the College are required to submit full disclosure of their affiliations to the membership and nomination committees, respectively.

ARTICLE XIV

PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. The College shall have an official publication or journal and reserves the right to publish in its official organ all papers read at its scientific meetings, seminars and symposia.

- 1.1. The board of Directors shall appoint the Editor-in-Chief of the journal who shall serve a term of four (4) years without prejudice to re-appointment.

- 1.2. The Editor-In-Chief shall appoint his/her staff subject to the subject to the approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV

SEAL, TITLE, ACADEMIC COSTUME

- Section 1.* The College shall have a seal or emblem which will appear on all stationeries, streamers, certificates, official documents and mementos of the college.
- Section 2.* Only Fellows in good standing and Honorary Fellows of the College shall be privileged to affix the initials (FPCCP) after their name.
- Section 3.* On special occasions as may be designated by the Board of Directors, Fellows of the College may elect to wear the official academic costume of the College consisting of an academic gown or toga, prescribed hood, cap, tassel and color.

ARTICLE XVI

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

- Section 1.* The Association may organize chapters in areas within the country upon approval by the Board.
- Section 2.* These Chapters as part and parcel of the national association shall be organized to facilitate organizational setup and implementation of projects.
- Section 3.* A chapter may be organized only if it shall have a minimum of ten (10) Fellows in its membership.
- Section 4.* In addition to the duties and responsibilities to the College, the chapters:
 - 4.1. shall elect their own set of officers, namely, President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer
 - 4.2. Provincial chapters shall retain 20% of the annual membership dues which they collected from their local membership provided however that the Executive Board by 2/3 votes adjust the said percentage.
 - 4.3.a may generate their own funds and form their own activities in accordance to the mission and vision of the College and coordinate annual plans with the current Board.
 - 4.3.b that hosting of the Midyear Convention shall be part of the chapters' activities and sharing of funds will be upon the mutual agreement of the current board upon submission of proposed activities of the incoming year.
 - 4.4 submit annual financial and other reports deemed necessary by the current Board.

ARTTICLE XVII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be in accordance with provisions of the Corporation Code of the Philippines pertaining to non-stock, non-profit corporations.

Notice of such proposed amendments must have been circulated and mailed to each member three (3) months before the amendment is taken upon a meeting held for the purpose.

ARTICLE XVIII

EFFECTIVITY

Section 1. This Constitution and By-Laws, as amended shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Prepared by the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, March 2013, with the following members:

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**Rodolfo M. Carungin, MD, FPCCP
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Member**

Presented to the PCCP Members of good standing and approved in a referendum during the 2013 Election of the PCCP Board of Directors.