

**Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc.
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. The abbreviation GA HOSA may be used to designate the organization.

**ARTICLE II
OBJECT**

The object of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. shall be to sponsor the student organization Georgia HOSA and to promote and strengthen the HSTE-HOSA Partnership.

**ARTICLE III
Organization**

- Section 1.** The Georgia Department of Education will serve as the sponsoring agency for the student organization, GA HOSA, with a DOE Program Specialist serving as the HOSA, Inc. designee.
- Section 2.** The Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors will be the fiscal and operational management body. The board will manage all GA HOSA finances and maintain an accounting system of debits and credits and will furnish an annual review by a certified public accountant, approved by the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors.
- Section 3.** The organization, bylaws, policies and procedures of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. will be compatible with that of the International HOSA Organization.
- Section 4.** Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. will oversee and be responsible for Georgia HOSA. It will approve all bylaws and policies and procedures for the organization.

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS**

- Section 1.** The officers of the corporation shall be a Chair of the Board, a Chair-elect, Immediate past Chair and a Secretary. These officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed or elected by the board of directors. Any officer may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the board. Removal from office shall not prejudice any contract rights of the person removed.

- Section 2.** A vacancy occurring in any office of the corporation may be filled by a member of the Board of Directors until the next full board meeting.
- Section 3.** The duties of the various officers shall be such as are specified in these bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order, as well as those duties assigned by the Board of Directors and/or set forth in policies or procedures.
- Section 4.** Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the Chair of the Board shall appoint, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- Section 5.** The salaries, if any, of officers of the corporation shall be set by the Board of Directors, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving a salary because of simultaneous service on the board of directors.
- Section 6.** The Chair of the Board serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc., with responsibilities as specified in policies and procedures.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- Section 1.** A minimum of two meetings of the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors shall be held annually, the date and place to be set by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called, except as provided by law, by the Chair of the Board or members of the Board of Directors with a notice of not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting.
- Section 3.** Written notice of the date, time, and place of any meeting must be mailed or e-mailed to each member not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
- Section 4.** 50% plus one of the membership shall constitute a quorum
- Section 5.** Balloting of the membership by mail, e-mail, or conference call for expedience in conducting corporate business may be carried out at the direction of the Chair of the Board or by members of the Board of Directors. A quorum for mail, e-mail, or voice ballot shall be a majority of the membership.
- Section 6.** The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors. In the absence of the Chair, the Chair-elect will preside.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1.** The Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors shall consist of the following appointed or elected members with voting rights:
- a. One Regional Advisor representing each region
 - b. One GA HOSA Alumni-at-Large
 - c. Industry Representatives and Professional members whose total members are no more than 30% of the board members

*Additional board positions are possible if and when the Board Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, and/or Secretary do not hold one of the standing board positions.

The following shall be ex-officio members without vote:

- 1) The Executive Director of Georgia HOSA
- 2) One DOE Designee (Program Specialist)
- 3) The President of Georgia HOSA
- 4) The President-Elect of Georgia HOSA

- Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall:
- A. Perform duties as specified in these Bylaws and Policies as may be adopted by the Board.
 - B. Recommend to the Chair and the Chair-elect creation of such committees, standing or special, as may be deemed appropriate to meet the goals of the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc.
 - C. Ratify Chair and committee members appointed by the Executive Committee. The Chair-elect shall be ex-officio member, as assigned, of committees appointed by the Board.
 - D. Amend the Bylaws and take other actions necessary to implement the purpose of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc.

- Section 3:** A vacancy in the Board of Directors will be filled by the application process as outlined in the policy and procedures. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Board directors currently in office will confirm the new director.

- Section 4.** Any director may be removed by a majority of the membership, except, as otherwise provided by law.

- Section 5.** Any Board Director who is absent from a scheduled meeting must submit to the Executive Committee a written explanation of absence within 5 business days of the missed meeting. Recommendation will be made for removal of any board director who is absent from two scheduled board meetings within his/her term.

- Section 6.** Directors shall be entitled to such compensation for their services as directors. Reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in attending directors' meetings may be fixed by the Board of Directors. Directors receiving such compensation and reimbursements shall not be thereby prohibited from receiving

compensation and reimbursements for other services performed for the corporation.

- Section 7.** Members of the Board of Directors may participate in meetings by means of telephone conference calls or any other technologies available deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
- Section 8.** Members of the Board of Directors will serve a term of service for two (2) years. Members of the Board of Directors may serve a maximum of two (2) terms. Any former board member (after 2018) may reapply for an additional term of two(2) years after one full board term has been completed.
- Section 9.** All Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Director meetings and discussions of Board related issues are to remain confidential, as allowed by law, in efforts to promote individual board member's the freedom of uncensored dialogue and to provide subsequent recommendations.
- Section 10.** Each director agrees to promote Georgia HOSA, National HOSA, Healthcare Science, the Georgia Department of Education, and all professional affiliations positively in a true leadership capacity.
- Section 11.** The Board of Directors, through the Executive Director, shall submit the appropriate documentation, as designated by the CTSO/RESA Memorandum of Understanding, to receive an annual grant from the Georgia Department of Education to offset the cost of operating the Georgia HOSA State Association and will be held fiscally responsible for the operation of the state organization.

ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1.** The Chair of the Board, Secretary, Chair-Elect, and Immediate Past Chair shall constitute the voting members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director shall serve as a nonvoting members of the Executive Committee.
- Section 2.** The Board of Directors may authorize the Executive Committee to perform such duties as the Board may set forth in policies and procedures, or at times deemed expedient, between Board meetings.
- Section 3.** The Executive Committee shall meet prior to each Board meeting and at the call of the Chair of the Board or upon request of three (3) of its members.
- Section 4.** The Executive Committee may participate in meetings by means of telephone conference calls and/or electronic correspondence or any other technologies available deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5.** The Executive Committee works with the Chair of the standing committees to plan and accomplish the program of work as specified in policies and procedures.

**ARTICLE VIII
STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Section 1.** The Chair of the Board, with approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a Chair, vice Chair and members to the standing committees.
- Section 2.** The standing committees may include: Strategic Planning, State Conference Planning, Competitive Events, Policy and Nominating, Publications, Marketing and Partnership Development, and Scholarship.
- Section 3.** The standing committees function and perform those duties as set forth in policies and procedures, or at times deemed expedient by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.
- Section 4.** The Chair of the Board or the Board of Directors may establish ad-hoc committees or task forces as specified in policies and procedures.
- Section 5.** The state Competitive Events committee will operate under the direction of the Board of Directors as outlined in the policies and procedures. The committee will function under the leadership of the Deputy Executive Director.

**ARTICLE IX
Fiscal Responsibilities**

- Section 1:** The fiscal year of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. shall be July 1 through June 30.
- Section 2:** A certified accountant shall oversee the financial records of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. and will prepare financial reports to be presented by the Board Chair or Executive Director at the bi annual board meetings.
- Section 3:** Accounting Books and records of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. may be reviewed at any reasonable time.
- Section 4:** The Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors will direct a financial review at the end of the fiscal year by a third party agent representing Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc.

**Article X
DISSOLUTION**

Upon final dissolution or liquidation of this state association, and local chapters, and after final discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, its remaining assets shall be disbursed by the Board of Directors of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc., in accordance with one or more of the purposes of this association, or be transferred to a government instrumentality or a qualified exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors, provided the amendment has been proposed by the Board of Directors, or by a committee authorized by the corporation, and has been sent in writing to the secretary, and a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent to each Board member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such amendment is adopted.