

Mid-West Bylaws

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Society of General Internal Medicine, Midwest Region.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of improved patient care, teaching, and research in primary care internal medicine and to meet the following specific goals:

1. To hold an annual regional meeting which will include a scientific program and a regional business meeting.
2. To promote recruitment of new members of SGIM and to promote involvement of members in national SGIM organization.
3. To facilitate regional implementation of the educational and policy goals of the national SGIM organization.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Qualifications for membership will be determined by the National Society of General Internal Medicine constitution. All members of the national organization who reside within the following states will be enrolled as members of the Midwest Region.

North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, (and the province of Ontario).

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

SECTION I. Candidates for regional offices and the regional council shall be members in good standing of the national SGIM organization. The officers of the Society shall be the President, Past-President, and President-Elect. The President will also serve as Secretary-Treasurer. The Past-President will serve as Membership Coordinator. The President, Past-President, and President-Elect shall each serve one year or until a successor is elected. The term of office shall commence immediately following the regional SGIM annual meeting, and shall end at the end of the following year's regional SGIM annual meeting. No officer may serve more than one consecutive term in a given position.

SECTION II. The Council shall consist of the officers and two elected Council members each of who shall be elected for staggered two year terms. The new council member's term will commence immediately following the regional SGIM meeting, and shall end at the end of the regional SGIM annual meeting approximately two years hence.

SECTION III. The President shall appoint an annual Program Committee, and other committees as necessary.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

SECTION I. The immediate Past-President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, two of who shall not be current officers or members of the Council. The chair of the Nominating Committee shall be the immediate Past-President. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates to fill vacancies among the officers and council members.

SECTION II. The slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be mailed to the voting membership at least 60 days prior to the Annual Regional Meeting. Votes will be returned by mail and must be received 30 days prior to the meeting. Write-in votes may be cast for members not listed on the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee.

SECTION III. Officers and Council members shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast for each individual office or position.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

SECTION I. This organization shall meet at least annually.

SECTION II. The Council shall meet at least two times annually --- during the Annual Regional Meeting, and during the Annual National Meeting. Additional meetings may occur either in person or via telephone conference.

SECTION III. The Annual Regional Meeting shall consists of two parts:

A. Professional Meeting

This portion of the program shall include presentations of scientific papers dealing with teaching, patient care, research of other matters related to primary care internal medicine. The selection of papers for presentation shall be the responsibility of the Program Committee.

B. Business Meeting

This portion of the meeting will include those items identifies on an agenda prepared and distributed by the officers, and any additional business raised from the floor following discussion of the prepared agenda.

ARTICLE VII DUES

The dues for membership, if any, shall be established annually by the Council and voted on.

ARTICLE VIII ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

The SGIM, Midwest Region shall maintain an account under the auspices of the national SGIM organization, to receive and disburse funds. Funds shall be used to support the Annual Regional Meeting, to conduct regional mailings, and for other purposes in direct support of regional business as determined by the regional officers. The President and immediate Past-President shall be empowered to sign disbursements, which shall require either signature. The President shall provide a financial report to the Council at the end of his or her term.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the by-laws shall first be submitted to the Council for approval and recommendation. The recommendation of the Council shall then be presented to the membership of the Society at least two weeks prior to the Annual Regional Meeting at which the amendment will be considered. A two-thirds vote of the members entitled to vote and present in person at the Annual Regional Business Meeting shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.