

Case Western Reserve University Biomedical Graduate Student Organization Constitution

Article I. Name of the Organization

The name of the organization shall be the Biomedical Graduate Student Organization, hereafter referred to as the BGSO.

Article II. Purpose

The Biomedical Graduate Student Organization (BGSO) has been developed to help unite the biomedical graduate students in the multiple biomedical programs of the Medical School with each other and the Medical school as a whole. Our goal is to enrich the bio-medical graduate career through developing and promoting career/professional development and unity of disciplines throughout Case Western Medical School.

Article III. Membership

All graduate students enrolled in the biomedical graduate programs at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, shall have the ability and be encouraged to become members. Further, the BGSO shall accept applications from all CWRU graduate or professional students outside the SOM biomedical science graduate programs for membership in the BSGO based on genuine interest.

A. Members

1. There is no limit to the number of members from each SOM biomedical graduate program.
2. There shall be an invited member from the MSTP program and School of Arts and Sciences Biology department.

B. Representatives

1. There shall be one Representative from each SOM biomedical graduate program.
2. The Representatives shall be elected annually by the membership as set forth in the bylaws
3. Each Representative shall have one (1) vote at meetings which may be cast in person or by proxy.

Article IV. Administration

A. Officers

1. The officers of the BGSO shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasure, Secretary, and Social Coordinator
2. BGSO officers shall be elected annually by the membership as set forth in the bylaws.
3. The BGSO officers shall perform such duties as are specified in the bylaws.
4. Each Officer shall have one (1) vote at meetings which may be cast in person or by proxy.

B. Committees of BGSO

The BGSO shall have no standing committees but shall create committees as deemed necessary. These committees will be headed by a chairperson of the committee.

Article V. Meetings

A. It is intended that a regular BGSO meeting shall be held each month of the academic semester, but no less than two (2) meetings shall be held each semester.

B. All meetings shall be conducted under the direction of the President, or the Vice-President if the President cannot attend.

Article VI. Amendments to this Constitution or Bylaws

A. Any member may propose an amendment to this constitution or Bylaws.

1. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the President at least two (2) weeks before it can be considered.

2. The President shall distribute copies of the proposed amendment to the BGSO members within one (1) week of its receipt.

B. Any amendment to this constitution shall require approval at a meeting by a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the quorum.

C. Any amendment which receives approval shall become effective immediately after adjournment of the meeting at which it is adopted, unless the motion to amend specifies a time that the amendment shall take affect.

Article VII. Quorum

A quorum shall be considered one-third of all eligible members.
