Article I Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be called Allied Health Student Association, hereafter, called AHSA.

Article II Purpose and function of the Organization

Section 1.
The purpose of AHSA is to assume responsibility for contributing to the spiritual, social, and intellectual needs of Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences allied health students.

Section 2.
To provide encouragement for continuing education in medical radiography, nuclear medicine, sonography, radiation therapy, respiratory care, and health care management.

Section 3.
To provide programs representative of fundamental and current professional interest and concern.

Section 4.
To aid in the development of the whole person, and his/her responsibility for the health care of people in all walks of life.

Section 5.
To promote and encourage participation in community affairs and activities within Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences.

Section 6.
To have direct input into the standards of allied health education and influence the educational process.

Section 7.
To represent allied health students to the consumer, to institutions, and to other organizations.

Section 8.
To promote and encourage student participation in sponsored activities.

Section 9.
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, creed, color, national origin, or disability that does not interfere with performing as a student of allied health in the administration of its admission or academic policies, financial aid program or other college administered programs.

Section 10.
To promote and encourage collaborative relationships with the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), American Society of Radiological Technologist (ASRT), Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SDMS), Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists Section (SNM/TS), Tennessee Society for Respiratory Care (TSRC), Tennessee Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist (TSNMT), Tennessee Society of Radiological Technologist (TSRT), and other related health care organizations.
Article III
Membership

Membership in AHSA is extended to any allied health student enrolled at Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences expressing a desire to become a member of the organization. No minimum or maximum number required.

Article IV Officers of the Organization

The elected officers of the organization shall be as follows:

1. President
2. President-Elect
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Health Care Management Representative
6. Respiratory Care Representative
7. Medical Radiography Representative
8. Radiation Therapy Representative
9. Sonography Representative
10. Nuclear Medicine Representative

Article V
Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all elected officers of the Allied Health Student Association.

Article VI
Meetings

The voting body when deemed necessary shall schedule meetings. Any officer shall have the opportunity to call a meeting other than these with a 24-hour notice.

Article VII
Quorum

A quorum shall consist of one-half plus one of the voting members.

Article VIII
Amendments

The Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a quorum, if notices of the proposed amendments have been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
By Laws of the Allied Health Student Association

**Article 1**

**Membership**

Section 1. Membership in AHSA is extended to any allied health student enrolled at Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences (BMCHS) expressing a desire to become a member of the organization. No minimum or maximum number is required. Membership in the organization is terminated when the member ceases to be enrolled at Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences or withdraws his/her membership.

Section 2. No formal application procedure shall be required for membership.

Section 3. Categories of Membership

Members of AHSA shall be:
1. Active Members - students enrolled in BMCHS
2. Honorary Non-Voting Members - Faculty and staff at BMCHS

**Article II Officers of the Organization and Committees**

Section 1. The elected officers of the organization shall be:
1. President
2. President-Elect
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Health Care Management Representative
6. Respiratory Care Representative
7. Medical Radiography Representative
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Section 2. The responsibilities of the President are to:
1. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and general AHSA meetings
2. Promote AHSA activities and emphasis.
3. Carry out responsibilities in consultation with the faculty advisor or other staff person(s) supervising this organization
4. Serve as an elected representative to the Student Government Association (SGA).

Section 3. The responsibilities of the President-Elect are to:
1. Assume the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President.
2. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of President, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of President.
3. Shall be responsible for program meetings of the association.
4. Perform other duties assigned by the President.

Section 4. The responsibilities of the Secretary are to:
1. Prepare the minutes of all business meetings of the association and the Executive Committee.
2. Keep on file an accurate list of names and phone numbers of all members.
3. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 5. The responsibilities of the Treasurer are to:
1. Act as a custodian of organizational funds and so that an annual financial report is prepared.
2. Make recommendations for checks for monetary disbursements as the bylaws provide.
3. Serve as Chairperson of the Finance Committee when such a committee is established by the membership.
4. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 6. The responsibilities of the Representatives are to:
1. Inform fellow classmates of AHSA meetings and AHSA-sponsored activities.
2. Encourage communication and information between the association and the allied health students of whom they represent.

Section 7. Upon the resignation or vacancy of any office, the position shall be filled by a quorum vote of the membership.

Section 8. Each elected officer may select other voting members to serve as members of a committee to accomplish assigned tasks. Each committee chairperson shall call meetings as deemed necessary.

Article III Election Procedures
Section 1. General Rules
1. Terms of office shall be for one academic year, beginning in the Fall Semester. Elections are to be held in the Spring Semester each year.
2. Each AHSA member shall be eligible to have his/her name submitted for any office. A person may submit his/her own name.
3. A deadline for submitting names and suggestions will be established by the Executive Committee to allow the Nominating Committee ample time to perform their function. The Executive Committee will determine this date.
4. All officers must maintain 2.0 grade point average (GPA). Officers who do not may be asked to resign by a quorum vote of the membership.

Section 2. Nominating Committee
1. The Executive Committee shall act as the Nominating Committee.
2. The committee shall approve and compile a slate of nominations.
3. The nominations will be made public at least two weeks prior to the election.

Section 3. Petitions
1. If a person, or group of persons, wishes to place someone other than the nominees on the ballot, a petition signed by at least five AHSA members must be presented to the Nominating Committee within one week of the posting of the nominations. A person may sign only one petition per office.

Section 4. Election
1. If two or more people are nominated for the same office, a membership election will be held. The election will occur two weeks after the nominations are posted. Elections shall be by secret ballot. The winners will be determined by a majority of votes cast. Voting is restricted to active voting AHSA members. A tie vote shall be decided first by re-vote, and if necessary, then by a quorum vote of the Executive Committee.

Article IV Official Publication

The voting body of members shall name the official publication of the AHSA. Copies of so named publication shall be made available for each member.

Article V Parliamentary Authority

All meetings of this association shall be conducted according to Parliamentary laws set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised unless rules applied are in conflict with these bylaws.

Article VI Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the organization shall be May 1 to April 30 of each year.

Article VII Amendments

These bylaws may be changed at any time by the Executive Committee or by a petition consisting of ten names of AHSA members presented to the Committee for consideration. If the Committee does not agree with the change, then the petition will be posted for a minimum of one week to be voted on by the AHSA membership as a whole body by secret ballot. The change shall be effective if it receives at least a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

Article VII Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the organization, all the assets remaining, after payment of its obligations, shall be used for scholarships to be awarded to a BMCHS allied health student.