BY-LAWS

THE NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC WOMEN PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION
A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY

PREAMBLE

We, students in the Osteopathic Medical Colleges recognized by the American Osteopathic Association, realizing the mutual benefit to be obtained from a closer association in our work, and in order to become more proficient in practical work, do accept the following By-Laws for the National Osteopathic Women Physicians Association- KCOM (NOWPA-KCOM).

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the National Osteopathic Women Physicians Association- KCOM (NOWPA-KCOM).

ARTICLE II
Place

NOWPA-KCOM shall be a professional organization of students of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine at 800 W. Jefferson, Kirksville, MO 63501.

ARTICLE III

The objective of NOWPA shall be the further study of Osteopathy as a philosophy a science and an art. The organization shall endeavor to maintain a high standard of ethics among all osteopathic students, to elevate moral, intellectual, and social conditions of our fellow women and men and to promote love, loyalty, and charity among members.

ARTICLE IV
Membership

Sec. 1 Active members shall include people of good moral character and scholarship in regular attendance at A.T. Still University. Active members should participate in service to the profession or to the local organization.

Sec 2. An active member who transfers from one osteopathic college organization to another college organization may become a member of NOWPA-KCOM by presenting the proper credentials, signed by the officers of the organization from which they are transferring.
ARTICLE V
New Members

New members should be informed three things (1) The name of the organization, (2) the objectives, (3) the expenses of membership.

ARTICLE VI
Officers

The officers of NOWPA-KCOM shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and two first year representatives.

ARTICLE VII
Duties of Officers

Sec. 1 The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, ensure completion of service projects, and perform such other duties as devolve upon such officer.

Sec. 2 The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to her. The Vice President is also in charge of organizing the Mentor/Mentee program.

Sec. 3 The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings, and keep all the records of NOWPA-KCOM, and shall conduct all correspondence of the organization.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall have charge of all money, shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, pay all bills to be paid by NOWPA-KCOM, keep a record of the financial standing of each member of the organization, and present a written report at the regular meeting, and collect dues from new members.

Sec. 5 The Historian shall keep track of all events held or sponsored by NOWPA-KCOM by written, photo, or video documentation. The historian shall also assume the role of Risk Manager assuring that all activities performed by the club are safe for participants.

Sec. 6 The first year representatives shall assist officers with organizing activities and relaying information to and from the first year class.

ARTICLE VIII
Installation of Officers

Sec. 1 Installation of first year students into second year officers should take place at any meeting after the election in March and before the close of the year.

Sec. 2 First year representatives should be elected in September and hold position throughout out the year.

Sec. 3 Newly elected officers should transition into their position by organizing the last meeting of the year under the supervision of previous officers.

ARTICLE IX
Power to Vote
Only Active Members in good standing shall have the right to vote.

**ARTICLE X**

*Quorum*

A quorum shall consist of a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the Active Members present of NOWPA-KCOM.

**ARTICLE XI**

*Dues*

There shall be dues payable by all Active Members and regulated by the By-Laws of the organization and at the discretion of each organization.

**ARTICLE XII**

*Attendance at National Conference*

Active Members of college organizations in good standing may attend the National NOWPA conference.

**ARTICLE XIII**

*Amendments*

Sec. 1 These By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Active Members of NOWPA-KCOM.

Sec. 2 NOWPA-KCOM does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, or handicap in admission or access to its programs and activities.

Sec. 3 The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages during any NOWPA-KCOM event or any event endorsed by the organization must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulation of the state, county, city, and A.T. Still University. The illegal possession, sale, and use of any illegal drugs at any NOWPA-KCOM event or sponsored event is strictly prohibited. Violating these policies is deemed a violation of the membership policies of NOWPA-KCOM.

**ARTICLE XIV**

*Last Updated*

The bylaws were last updated July 2009.