

## **CGEA CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION SECTION BYLAWS**

The name of the section shall be the Section on Continuing Medical Education (CME) of the Central Group on Educational Affairs (CGEA) of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Section on CME of the CGEA shall be to promote excellence in the continuing education of physicians after graduation thereby contributing to the health of the public.

The Section on CME of the CGEA fosters:

1. The development and continued improvement of continuing medical education programs to enhance performance as graduate physicians.
2. The professional development of all of the teachers of medical students.
3. The application of research to continuing medical education.
4. The development of policies, locally, regionally and nationally, that recognize the fundamental importance of continuing medical education.
5. Communications specific to issues pertaining to continuing medical education.

### **Membership**

The membership of the Section on CME shall consist of those members of the CGEA (as identified in the CGEA by-laws) who have self-identified as interested in Continuing Medical Education. In addition the Section would encourage membership for those providing leadership in continuing medical education for Specialty Societies (i.e. ACS, ACP, ACOG, etc.). Voting members of the section will be all such members.

### **Section Steering Committee**

The purpose of the Section Steering Committee shall be to conduct the business of the Section, to coordinate with the other sections and with the CGEA Steering Committee, and to provide for liaison with the GEA's national Section on CME.

The Steering Committee shall be comprised of the Section Representative, Section Past Representative, the Section Representative-elect depending upon which is active during that year of the Representative's term. All shall be considered full voting members of the Steering Committee of the Section.

The Representative will serve as the CGEA's CME Representative to the GEA and will serve on the GEA CME Section Steering Committee. Additionally, the Representative will serve as Central Region representative for the Society for Academic CME (SACME).

**Terms of Office**

The terms of office shall be as follows:

Past Representative - one year

Representative - two years

Representative-elect - one year

**Nomination and election process**

As set forth in the CGEA bylaws, "for the purpose of staggering terms of office, for the first election of Section Representatives, the Continuing Medical Education Representative shall be elected for a three-year term During subsequent elections; all four Sections Representatives shall serve for two years."

The Representative-elect shall be elected in alternate years; the following year the Representative-elect rises to become Representative of the Section. That year, the former Representative will become Past-Representative and will serve one year in that position. Upon the election of the Representative-elect, the Past-Representative will no longer be a member of the Steering Committee. Nomination for Representative-elect shall be handled as outlined in the CGEA by-laws by the Nominating Committee of the CGEA. Elections shall be handled in conjunction with the CGEA election of Chair-elect and Section Representatives. All individuals who have self-identified as members of the Section are eligible for holding any office in the Section. The nomination and election process shall be in compliance with the CGEA by-laws.

**Meeting of the Section and Steering Committee**

The section shall meet annually in conjunction with the annual spring regional meetings of the CGEA. The Steering Committee shall meet twice annually, once at the annual meeting of the AAMC and at the spring regional meetings. The Steering Committee is charged with carrying out the business of the section between the annual business meetings of the section.