



**Articles of Agreement
Missouri Association of Osteopathic
Physicians and Surgeons
2024**

ARTICLE I

NAME AND DURATION – The name of this Association shall be the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and its duration shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITION – The term “Osteopathic Medicine” shall include the fields of prevention, diagnosis, rehabilitation, and treatment of diseases and trauma by use of manipulations, surgery, medicines and drugs, and any other recognized medical procedures.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES – The purposes of this Association shall be:

- a) To improve public health by promoting the art and science of Osteopathic medicine in the healing arts; advancing the profession’s knowledge in the use of surgery, obstetrics, rehabilitative medicine, and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases and trauma; stimulating original research and investigation; and collecting and disseminating the results of such works for the education of the profession and the health and welfare of the general public.
- b) To promote a close relationship between the Osteopathic profession and other organizations interested in the advancement of public health and welfare.
- c) To promote a close relationship between members of this profession and encourage free exchange of information and ideas.
- d) To develop, maintain and protect the separate identity of Osteopathic medicine as a distinct profession within the practice of the healing arts.
- e) To promote, develop and assist colleges of Osteopathic medicine and educational institutions.
- f) To act as a designated representative of members in relationships with Federal, State, County and Municipal governments, insurance carriers, hospitals, and nursing homes, or any agents thereof, in matters of practice rights, and obligations under sponsored public health programs.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS OF ASSOCIATION – This Association shall have all the powers necessary or proper for the accomplishment and furtherance of the above-stated purposes and all other powers incidental or related thereto, including but not limited to the following powers:

- a) To purchase, receive and take by gift, grant, devise or bequest, real or personal property; to hold, administer, sell, invest and reinvest such property, and to use, disburse and distribute

such property, and the income therefrom, for the scientific uses for which this Association is constituted.

- b) To enter into contracts and to acquire, own, hold, mortgage and dispose of such real and personal property as shall be necessary for proper maintenance and conducting of its purposes.
- c) To obtain funds by charging dues to the members thereof or in any other lawful manner.
- d) To loan or donate its funds, regardless of how such funds were received, to Osteopathic colleges, students, and post-graduates studying Osteopathic medicine.

ARTICLE V

NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION – This Association is not organized for profit or to engage in any activity ordinarily carried on for profit; and no part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

Upon dissolution of the Association, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes of the Osteopathic profession as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such Osteopathic organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VI

EXCEPTION FROM LIABILITY – The officers, trustees, and members of this Association shall be exempt from liability, debts or obligations of any kind of this Association.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP – The membership of this Association shall consist of the present members and such others as shall be selected in the manner prescribed by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS – The officers of this Association shall be: President, President-Elect, Vice Presidents, and the Executive Director whose duties shall include those of the Secretary-Treasurer. The duties of the officers shall be those designated in the Bylaws and other duties which are usual for such offices.

The Executive Director shall be employed by the Board of Trustees, and all other officers shall be elected by the Board of Trustees during their annual meeting. Such officers shall take office during the annual meeting to serve for the ensuing year or until their respective successors are elected and installed in office.

ARTICLE IX

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – The Board of Trustees of this Association shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and at least four and up to twelve member Trustees. These trustees shall be elected by the membership as provided in the Bylaws. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees without the right to vote.

The Board of Trustees shall be the administrative and executive body of the Association and may formulate and adopt bylaws for this association. The Board of Trustees shall perform all duties provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS – The annual membership meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall give 30 days' notice to all members of the Association of such time and place; however, such time and place may by necessity be changed by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments – These Articles of Agreement may be amended at the annual membership meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the accredited members present and voting. Proposed amendments to the Articles of Agreement shall be submitted to the Executive Director not less than 60 days before the annual membership meeting. The Executive Director shall promptly forward true copies of said Amendments to the Board of Trustees and publish same in the official state publication prior to the annual membership meeting.