

CONSTITUTION OF CHOMS

The Calgary History of Medicine Society promotes the communication, research and study of the history of medicine and health care as broadly understood. In early 2009, CHOMS was reactivated at the University of Calgary and has since drawn its members from a broad range of professions and intellectual perspectives in medicine, health care and the humanities.

1. The Society shall be called The Calgary History of Medicine Society (CHOMS).
2. **Objective:** The objective of this Society shall be to further History of Medicine and Health Care in the medical, health care and humanities communities of Calgary and Southern Alberta.
3. **Membership:** Open to any students, physicians, health care professionals, academics, and others that have a serious interest in the rich history of medicine and health care.
Each candidate for membership shall indicate his/her interest to the Executive of CHOMS and will be approved and invited to join the Society by that body.
4. The Executive of CHOMS shall consist of at least 5 officers, who are members:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary (who is also the Auxiliary Treasurer)
 - Treasurer
 - Past-President

The Executive can also propose a reasonable number of Members-at-Large that may be elected by the attending membership during the annual business meeting.

Each officer shall serve for three years and be eligible for re-election. An officer can resign without reason at any time of their office.

The Auxiliary Treasurers shall scrutinize the bookkeeping before the annual business meetings and give their brief report.

There will be at least one annual business meeting to which the whole membership is invited to.

5. The officers shall be nominated and elected by all members in good standing who attend the annual business meeting, when there is a requirement to elect an officer for the Executive.
6. **Meetings:** There will be a minimum of 4 lecture meetings during the term time between September and April.

7. **Duties of Officers:**
 - a) **The President and Vice-President:**

The President shall preside at meetings of the Society. In his/her absence the Vice-President shall preside.
 - b) The secretary shall keep the minutes of the Society, shall issue notice of meetings, and keep the minutes of the annual meetings.
 - c) The treasurer shall receive all monies and funds of the Society. He/She shall disburse all monies approved by the Executive. He/She shall render all accounts for dues and report to the Executive the names of members in arrears. He/She shall present a brief annual report, which will be scrutinized by the Auxiliary Treasurers.
8. **Annual Dues:** The annual membership dues shall be sat for the recent year by the membership at its annual business meeting.
9. **Arrearage:** The treasurer shall notify in writing any member in arrears. If arrears are not paid within six months, the treasurer is to notify the Executive. If reasonable explanation is not forthcoming within a further two months, the member shall be notified again, before his/her name is stricken from the list.
10. **Invited Guests:** Guests are always welcome, if they likewise take an active interest in the aims and ideals of CHOMS. Any guest or their sponsoring member will be required to pay the same fee as an active member for those events he/she wishes to participate (as announced in the invitation to these events).
11. This constitution may be amended by the Executive, when perceived as necessary, and that amendment shall then be approved by the membership at the next business meeting of CHOMS.
12. All active members are strongly encouraged to bring their spouses, colleagues and friends to the academic meetings and actively seek out further members, who share the aims and ideals of CHOMS!
13. A general review of this constitution will take place every three years, at the time of the reelection of the CHOMS Executive, so that changing objectives of the society can be integrated.