

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 Alberta.
3. **Membership:** Open to any physicians, health care professionals, academics, and students that have a serious interest in the rich history of medicine and health care. Each candidate for membership shall indicate their interest to the Board of CHOMS and will be approved and invited to join the Society by that body.
4. The Board of CHOMS shall consist of at least 5 officers:
 - President
 - Past-President
 - Secretary (who is also the Auxiliary Treasurer)
 - Treasurer
 - Social Medica Officer

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

Each officer shall serve for three years and be eligible for re-election.

The 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 (~ "AGM").

5. The officers shall be nominated and elected by the membership.
6. **Meetings:** There will be a minimum of 4 academic meetings during the term time between September and April.

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

The President shall preside at meetings of the Society. They shall prepare an address at the last meeting before the completion of their term. In their absence the Past-President (or their delegate) 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. They shall disburse all monies approved by the Board. They shall render all accounts for dues and report to the Board the names of members in arrears. They shall present a brief annual report, which will be reviewed by the Auxiliary Treasurer. The Treasurer is supported by the Co-ordinator of the History of Medicine and Health Care Program upon availability.
8. **Annual Dues:** The annual membership dues shall be \$30 for full members, \$20 for Postdocs/Residents, and \$10 for students. Higher “sponsoring membership” can be individually agreed to (“Sponsoring Members” who are willing to pay \$50 or more will be publicly recognized on the homepage/social media releases and annual business meetings, if they so wish). As a further option, there is also a “Life-long membership,” which is \$500 and exempts the “Life-long member” from any further membership dues or increases of such fees.
9. **Arrearage:** The treasurer shall organize notification of any member in arrears. Only members in good standing can attend and vote during the annual general meetings.
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 they wish to participate (as announced in the invitation to these events).
11. This constitution may be amended by the Board, 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 significant others, 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.