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Article 1-Name

The name of this organization shall be: Patients for Alternative Medicine, (PfAM) (formally The Patient Coalition for Naturopathic Physicians, PCNP)

Article 2-Purposes

The Purposes of the PfAM are:

1. A strong grass roots base of activated, educated, informed patients and concerned individuals who will take a stand for alternative care providers and natural medicine on state and Federal legislative and International arenas.
2. To give a clear message that a significant body of patients want access to alternative care providers and natural medicine.
3. To increase the range of procedures naturopaths are licensed to provide on a state by state basis and be supportive of alternative care providers in this area also.
4. Campaigns for state licensing of health care providers in unlicensed states.
5. To issue legislative alerts to counteract pending Congressional bills and federal regulations which negatively impact freedom of access.

- A. Medical treatment in general, especially for chronic conditions.
- B. Natural alternatives to allopathic medicine.
- C. Availability of dietary supplements and herbal products.

Article 3-Membership

Section 1. Types of membership shall consist of active, corporate, life and honorary. Active corporate will receive a membership card.

- A. Active membership requires that the member will pay annual, and are welcome to attend Executive Board meeting and take an active part in the decision making process.
- B. Corporate membership shall have the same requirement and privileges as active members, excepting that corporate members may not hold office. Corporate dues of \$30 per year would entitle corporate members to be listed in each newsletter which entitles them to receive a quarterly newsletter and legislative alerts and also participate in an annual questionnaire to give feedback on the decision making process. Active members will be entitled to attend Board meetings without a vote on Board decisions.
- C. Honorary membership involves the exchange of information with other organizations or support the PfAM in ways other than monetary contributions.

Section 2. Qualifications for admittance to the PfAM are an expressed desire to support the mission statement and goals of the PfAM. Meetings will follow the Roberts rules of order.

Section 3. Application for membership will be reviewed by the PfAM Board. or by a membership committee.

Section 4. Names of members of the PfAM will not be given out with out expressed written permission

from the member.

Article 4-The Executive Board

Section 1. The board shall include but not be limited to elected officers and the appointed committee heads and liaison.

Section 2. The executive board shall handle the regular business of the organization. The board may submit recommendations to the membership for approval.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum for conducting the business of the executive board shall be not less than 60% members of the board empowered to vote.

Section 4. Each outgoing board must leave in the treasury a sum equal to the unpaid bills or obligations for which the administration is responsible.

Article 5-officers and Committee Chairpersons

Section 1. There shall be the following elected officers.

- A. President
- B. Vice-president or vice-presidents
- C. Recording secretary
- D. Treasurer

Section 2. An officer who does not comply with assigned responsibilities may be relieved of office majority vote of the executive board. Appointment of a replacement shall be made by the president with the approval of the board.

Section 3. The heads of committees shall be appointed by the president immediately after installation. They are approved by the elected board.

Article 7-Duties of Officers

Section 1. The president shall

- A. Preside at all meetings of the executive board and general meetings of the organization, and at any special meetings;
- B. Appoint the a committee heads immediately after installation;
- C. Make interim appointments as needed with the approval of the executive board;
- D. Sign all checks with the treasurer;
- E. Sign all contracts with the secretary after approval of the Executive Board.
- F. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except that of the nominating committee; and
- G. Call a special meeting when it is necessary.

Section 2. The vice-president shall perform the duties of an absent president and perform such duties as are assigned by the president.

Section 3. The recording secretary shall record the minutes of all proceedings of the board and membership meetings and with the president, shall sign all contracts for the organizations.

