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Granite State Physicians for a National Health Program

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PNHP CHAPTER: Granite State

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Article I

Name, Objectives, and Fiscal Year

Section 1.1

The name of this organization shall be Physicians for a National Health Program, The Granite State Chapter, known also as Granite State Physicians for a National Health Program.

Section 1.2

The organization shall act exclusively as a charitable, educational and scientific research and public education organization within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Federal tax code, and shall operate within activity supervision and reporting guidelines of the national organization as contained in the national organization's corporate articles of organization, bylaws and any affiliation agreement between the chapter and the national organization.

Section 1.3

The chief purpose of the organization shall be identical to that of the' national 'organization, Physicians for a National Health Program, Inc., namely to promote universal access to health care with no financial barriers to care. The organization will promote discussion about health-policy reform and engage in other charitable and educational tax-exempt activities with the scope of objectives of the national organization.

Section 1.4

The fiscal year of the organization shall extend from January 1 to December 31.

Article II

Membership

Section 2.1

Membership shall be open to all NH doctors of medicine, osteopathy and dentistry, and students and residents of those disciplines and other concerned health professionals and individuals who support the purposes of the organization.

Section 2.2 **Voting members will consist of New Hampshire members who have paid dues to the National PNHP**

Article III **Governance**

Section 3.1 **The Steering Committee shall be elected by a majority of the members at an annual meeting.**

Section 3.2 **The Steering Committee shall consist of up to 5 members who have attended 9 out of 12 meetings per year (telephone attendance is included).**

Section 3.3 **The Steering Committee shall designate a member of the Committee to function as the Director, President, Convener, etc**

Section 3.4 **The Steering Committee shall be empowered to make decisions regarding policy, finances and other related decisions on behalf of the members on matters requiring action.**

Article IV **Meetings**

Section 4.1 **Meetings are open to all members. In addition, any meeting is open to the public**

Section 4.2 **Meetings will be held once per month on a date determined by the Steering Committee.**

Section 4.3 **Executive meetings are to be attended by the steering committee members, and are non-public.**

Section 4.4 **Proposals shall be approved by a simple majority vote.**

Section 4.5 **The annual meeting will be held in September. Members eligible to vote will be provided with ballots.**

Article V

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Section 5.1

These by-laws shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of members present at a scheduled meeting. The by-laws may be amended by a majority of members at a scheduled meeting. *Any amendment of article I must be approved by the national organization.*