

The NYMBCG Constitution

Article I - Name

The official name of this corporation shall be the New York Metropolitan Breast Cancer Group, Inc.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to study the epidemiology, diagnosis, and treatment of human breast cancer, to conduct research on it and to disseminate knowledge about it to the medical professions as well as to the general public.

Article II - Composition

The Group shall consist of medical specialists of multiple disciplines from medical institutions in the New York Metropolitan area (except for Corresponding and Associate Members) as well as people in allied services who have a major interest in breast cancer.

Article III - Membership

Section 1 Membership shall be restricted to medical specialists and members of allied services who have demonstrated a major interest in cancer, who are supported by two letters of recommendation, and who are affiliated with medical institutions in the New York Metropolitan area (except for Corresponding and Associate Members).

Section 2 The medical specialists and members of the allied sciences shall be multidisciplinary including the fields of bio-statistics, chemotherapy, endocrinology, general oncology, immunology, pathology, radiology, rehabilitation medicine and surgery as well as other fields as designated by the Group.

Section 3 Medical institutions shall include medical schools, hospitals, medical groups and research organizations who have a section or service with a primary interest in breast cancer.

Section 4 Membership shall be composed of the following classes of members:

1. Founding members
2. Honorary members
3. Emeritus members
4. Corresponding members
5. Associate members

Article V - Certificates

All candidates who have been elected to membership shall be entitled to receive a certificate indicating their membership in the Group.

Article VI - Finances

Finances shall be obtained by dues from members, donations of members, funds from agencies, private and governmental, foundations, and individuals.

Article VII - Officers

Section 1 The officers of the Group shall be a President, Vice-

President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2 The officers shall be elected annually and shall serve for a period of no longer than two consecutive years in any one position except for the Secretary/Treasurer who may serve for four consecutive years.

Article VIII - Governors

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Article IX - Governing Body

The governing body of the Group shall be called the Executive Committee and shall consist of the three officers and the Chairperson of the Standing Committees. This committee will serve as the governing body of the Group and shall exercise the powers of the Group in the intervals between the meetings of the entire Group.

Article X - Committees

Section 1 There shall be the following standing committees of the Group and each committee shall include a chairman and at least three additional members. The function and duties of these committees shall be defined and set forth in the By-Laws.

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Education and Program Committee
- C. Membership Committee
- D. Nominating Committee
- E. Research Committee

Section 2 Ad Hoc Committees shall be appointed by the Group President as needed.

Article XI - Meetings

Section 1 There shall be at least one meeting of the New York Metropolitan Breast Cancer Group, Inc. annually. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to set the time and place for this meeting as well as all other regular and special meetings. A quorum for a meeting of the Group shall consist of the membership present.

Article XII - Authorizations of By-Laws

This document provides for the development of by-laws which become effective when adopted and may be amended in a manner provided herein.

Article XIII - Amendments

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the New York Metropolitan Breast Cancer Group, Inc. by a vote of three quarters of those present provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and written notice of such proposal shall have been given in the call for the meeting at least four weeks in advance of the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, in the call for any meeting, to give notice of such proposed amendments.