Charge of the ACOI National Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association

1. **Justification**

   The American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI) provides support to osteopathic medical students during their journey to becoming practicing physicians. The Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association (SOIMA) is the osteopathic medical student-led organization within ACOI tasked with providing support and engagement with osteopathic medical students interested in internal medicine and its subspecialties.

2. **Objectives**

   - Provide osteopathic medical students with early exposure to the field of internal medicine.
   - Promote an understanding of osteopathic principles in relationship to disease and well-being in the practice of internal medicine and its subspecialties.
   - Serve as a liaison between osteopathic medical students and the ACOI to provide information on training and career opportunities in internal medicine.
   - Inform osteopathic medical students about the latest developments in the field of internal medicine, which includes but is not limited to groundbreaking research, current clinical practice guidelines, and mentoring opportunities.
   - Assist the next generation of osteopathic internists in upholding professional and ethical practice standards by developing and implementing activities that will enhance professional development and optimize residency preparedness for osteopathic medical students.
   - Advocate for the interests of osteopathic medical students and promote opportunities for leadership, community outreach, and the advancement of public policy.
   - Provide networking opportunities for osteopathic medical students and establish relationships with osteopathic internists; and,
   - Create engaging and inclusive events intended to unite internal medicine minded osteopathic medical students nationwide.

3. **Terms of Service** SOIMA consists of a national organization comprised of eight elected members. Each member serves a one-year term. The elected national members of SOIMA are elected by the active student membership of the ACOI.

   The national positions elected to SOIMA are:

   - President
   - Vice President

- Secretary
- Region I Representative
- Region II Representative
- Region III Representative
- Region IV Representative
- Region V Representative

- SOIMA officers and regional representatives may collectively select ACOI student members to lead activities identified by SOIMA for the benefit of osteopathic medical students, schools of osteopathic medicine, and local communities that advance SOIMA, ACOI, and osteopathic internal medicine.

  SOIMA includes local chapters located at osteopathic medical schools. Each SOIMA chapter will elect officers to lead the chapter. SOIMA chapter leadership is to be selected by the active members of the SOIMA chapter at the respective school. It is recommended that each chapter's leadership consist of at least a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

  4. **Accountability** The Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association reports to the ACOI Board of Directors. SOIMA can propose recommendations about new and current student programs, opportunities for student growth, and changes to the organizational structure of SOIMA to the ACOI Board of Directors. Consideration and approval of such recommended changes is determined by the ACOI Board of Directors.

  5. **Responsible Staff Person** ACOI Student and Resident Program staff of ACOI will oversee and provide support to the SOIMA and assist in its work as needed. ACOI staff will also act as an intermediary between SOIMA and the Board of Directors.

  6. **Self Evaluation Plan** The Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association evaluates its performance annually. The evaluation reviews the ways in which SOIMA has addressed the objectives listed above.

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