

## **AQA ALPHA CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION**

### Chapter Policies:

1. Each current student member of the Alpha Chapter of Illinois will have one vote on AQA issues. Faculty advisors will each have one vote also.
2. No more than one-sixth of the anticipated graduating class may be elected as AQA members as outlined by the national constitution. Failing any class, clerkship, or USMLE Step 1 for academic reasons will disqualify students from eligibility. Any serious disciplinary misconduct as determined by the Dean's Office or application fraud will disqualify students from eligibility.
3. The top 4% of students may be selected as Junior AQA members and the remaining portion of the one-sixth shall be selected as Senior AQA members.
4. AQA applications will consist of three components: AQA Records Release Form, Curriculum Vitae, and Letter of Support from a University of Illinois faculty member.
5. The Registrar will provide a list of the top 4% and the top 6% of the M3 class for Junior AQA selection based on 50% USMLE three-digit score and 50% pre-clinical grades as determined by raw test score weighted by the class credits. Students in the top 4% will be automatically selected based on academic criteria. Any remaining slots (calculate the number of slots by determining how many members would make up 4% of the M3 class) will be voted upon using the top 6% list for potential candidates. Only students who apply are eligible.
6. The Registrar will provide a list of the top 16% (including pre-existing Junior AQA members) and the top 25% of the M4 class for Senior AQA selection based on 25% USMLE three-digit score, 25% pre-clinical grades as determined by raw test score weighted by the class credits, and 50% clerkship grades as calculated by 2/3 clinical grade plus 1/3 raw shelf exam score weighted by the clerkship credits. Non-traditional students (such as MD/PhD and ISP James Scholar will be eligible with their corresponding class of graduation). Students in the top 16% will be automatically selected based on academic criteria. Any remaining slots (calculate the number of total available slots by determining how many members would make up one-sixth of the graduating class minus the number of current Junior AQA members) will be voted upon using the top 25% list for potential candidates. Only students who apply are eligible.
7. Selection of AQA Student Research and Service Award recipients along with other AQA National Awards will be determined by the AQA Executive Board in conjunction with the Chapter Chancellor and the Dean's Office.
8. The AQA Executive Board will consist of a Co-President from the Chicago campus, a Co-President from the Peoria or Rockford or Urbana campus, one Vice-President, one Treasurer, one Secretary, one Peoria Representative, one Rockford Representative,

and one Urbana Representative. The new AQA Executive Board members will be elected by majority vote during the Spring semester of each academic year by the AQA chapter members and faculty advisors. The duties of any unfilled office must be assumed by the Co-Presidents.

9. Various local chapter awards based on merit may be granted each year at the discretion of the AQA Executive Board as appropriate.

10. Any policies not specifically addressed by the chapter constitution will conform to the AQA national constitution. Amendments to the chapter constitution must pass majority vote by AQA chapter members and faculty advisors. Any changes in new member selection policy will not take effect until the next academic year.

11. Any student members or faculty advisors may be removed from chapter membership by majority vote by AQA chapter members and faculty advisors, which may be for reasons that violate the ideals of AQA.