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# **CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS**

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# CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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The Constitution and Bylaws were submitted, discussed,  
voted upon, approved and adopted by the  
**General Body**  
during the  
**5th Reunion**  
held at  
**Cobo Center, Detroit Michigan on July 4th, 1998**



These Constitution and Bylaws will be effective starting  
**January 1, 1999**



There are 10 pages in this document except for the outside covers.

First Amendment Approved by  
**General Body**  
during the meeting held on  
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# SRI VENKATESWARA MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC, USA (SVMCAA INC., U.S.A.)

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## PREAMBLE:

Whereas the need exists for cohesive action on the part of the physicians of Indian heritage and association with "SRI VENKATESWARA MEDICAL COLLEGE, TIRUPATI, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA" currently residing in the United States of America, it is hereby resolved that a non profit organization be formed to maintain the identity of the said group of people, to provide a forum for scientific, educational, cultural, charitable and social interaction among its members.

## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name and title of this non profit organization shall be "SRI VENKATESWARA MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC, U.S.A., abbreviated as SVMCAA INC, U.S.A. with principal office located in one of the states in U.S.A.

### ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

2.1.: To promote and coordinate the activities of this organization with that of the parent organization in India i.e. SRI VENKATESWARA MEDICAL COLLEGE OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, TIRUPATI and to disseminate the information to the members of this organization.

2.2.: To channel the useful material, equipment, journals, patient needs and or finances to acquire the same above things to SRI VENKATESWARA MEDICAL COLLEGE and its affiliated institutions.

2.3.: To engage in fund/material raising in fulfilling the objectives from members and or from other organizations.

2.4.: To promote educational opportunities to the members.

2.5.: To provide mutual understanding and cooperation between this association and other medical associations in U.S.A. and India.

2.6.: To maintain the current membership directory of the SVMC Alumni in U.S.A.

2.7.: To assist and foster the availability of medical assistance to indigent people in U.S.A. and India.

2.8.: To arrange and exchange scholar programs to improve the quality and quantity of medical care delivered at SVMC and its affiliated institutions. To contact the officials at SVMC and at government level in this regard.

2.9.: To lend a helping hand for the newcomers into the organization and into this country in job placement and for the distressed physicians' family members in case of acute disaster.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. Definition and Qualifications: Membership is open to all who have had association with SVMC or its affiliated institutions and are currently in United States of America. Any person becoming a member of SVMCAA INC. shall:

1. Fill out an application form
2. Pay the appropriate membership dues
3. Abide by the objectives and purposes as defined in Article II

B. Categories: SVMCAA INC., U.S.A. shall have five (5) categories of members who constitute the general body.

1. Grand Patron Member: Any person who qualifies as per Article III A and pay the prescribed amount becomes a Grand Patron Member. Registration is free for the reunions for the Grand Patron member alumnus and one guest.

2. Patron Member: Any person who qualifies as per Article III A and pay the prescribed amount becomes a Patron Member. Registration is free for the reunions for the Patron Member alumnus only.

3. Life member: Any person who qualifies as per Article III A and pay the prescribed amount becomes a Life Member.

4. Associate Member: This category includes those physicians who qualify as per Article III A and are currently in training programs or engaged in professions or careers in the human sciences other than medicine AND pay the prescribed Annual membership dues.

5. Other Members: The Governing Body from time to time can create special categories of membership for organizations or individual members. Members enrolled under this category do not have to pay any dues and do not have any voting rights.

C. DUES: Initial membership dues will be as follows:

Grand Patron Members Physician Couple Alumni:	\$1500 (one time fee)
Grand Patron Member Individual:	\$1000 (one time fee)
Patron Members Physician Couple Alumni	\$750 (one time fee)
Patron Member Individual:	\$500 (one time fee)
Life Members Physician Couple Alumni:	\$400 (one time fee)
Life Member Individual:	\$250 (one time fee)
Associate Member Individual	\$50 (Annual membership)

Further changes if any in membership dues will be determined by the Governing Body and approved by the General Body during their regular meetings.

#### ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1: GENERAL POWERS: The affairs of SVMCAA INC., U.S.A. shall be managed by its Board of directors which is the Governing Body of this organization.

#### 4.2.: NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The number of directors of this corporation shall never be less than three (3) and no more than six (6) and the immediate Past President automatically becomes a member of the Board of Directors. Grand Patron Members shall have the right to elect one (1) member of the Board of Directors and similarly Patron Members can elect one (1) member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors in general are elected by the General Body and serve a period of four (4) years beginning January one, unless otherwise required by this Constitution and bylaws. The immediate Past President would serve as a Board of Director for a period of two (2) years.

#### ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

5.1.: OFFICERS: The officers of SVMCAA INC. U.S.A. shall be President, President Elect, 4 Regional Vice Presidents (East, West, South and Midwest), Secretary Cum Treasurer and Reunion Convenor.

5.2.: ELECTION, QUALIFICATION AND TERM OF OFFICE: The officers of the association are elected by the Board of Directors and each officer shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until a successor shall have been duly elected. Any of the officers shall be eligible for reelection. Each officer shall transfer all his/her original and other relevant records, assets of the organization to the respective successor not later than thirty (30) days from the time of the election.

5.3: PRESIDENT: The President shall be the principal executive officer of the organization and shall have the general responsibility for the policies, business and affairs of the organization. The President also shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board of Directors, appoint special or ad hoc committees as may be necessary to further the association's objectives. The President shall make appropriate decisions for the maintenance and day to day administration of the organization within the policies prescribed by the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the organization including Executive Committee and General Body meetings.

5.4.: PRESIDENT-ELECT: In the absence of the President, the President Elect shall perform all the duties and shall exercise all of the powers of the President specified under 5.3 above. President Elect shall automatically become the President when the new term begins.



5.5.: REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: The Regional Vice President shall be responsible for all activities of the organization in their respective regions including but not limited to solicit membership, organize and coordinate the programs with the officers of the association, send newsworthy items or articles from the respective regions for publication in the organization's newsletter. The geographic regions are East, West, South and Midwest.

5.6.: SECRETARY CUM TREASURER: The Secretary shall be the custodian of the SVMCAA INC. U.S.A. seal, all official records and shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall maintain a list of active members, send notices of the meetings to the members. The secretary shall communicate with the members in writing to keep them informed of all the activities of the organization. The Treasurer shall hold and dispense the funds of the organization according to the decisions made by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all the receipts and expenses, submit a report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, prepare an annual budget and financial statement. The Treasurer shall sign all of the cheques issued on behalf of the organization. In addition, one other officer shall countersign the cheques for amounts exceeding \$500.

5.7.: REUNION CONVENOR: Reunion Convenor shall make plans for the conventions and organize thro' various committees as authorized by the Executive Committee, communicate to the members regarding the conventions, keep an account of all receipts and expenditures incurred for the convention, work with the Secretary/Treasurer for the fiscal accounting for the convention AND be responsible to the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

6A STANDING COMMITTEES: The term of each standing committee shall be two years beginning January one. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise stated. All committee chairs shall report to the Board thro' the President.

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The officers of the association as mentioned in Article 5.1 constitute the Executive Committee. The President shall chair this committee.

2. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE: This committee shall have at least 4 members, President Elect shall chair this committee. This committee is responsible for reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws, receive any proposals from members and making the recommendations to the Governing Board and general body.

3. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: This committee shall have at least 6 members. The function of this committee is to help the Secretary maintain and update the membership roster and to recruit new members to the organization. All four Regional Vice Presidents shall serve as members of this committee.

4. PUBLICATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of at least 4 members. The committee is charged with publicizing the purpose and

activities of the organization as well as designing, editing, printing and mailing the organization's NEWSLETTER at least once in six months or as determined by the Governing Body.

5. YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of at least 3 members. The function of this committee is to plan and coordinate the youth activities for better functioning of this organization.

6. NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE: As mentioned in Article XI

6B The President with the approval of the Board of Directors may form appropriate additional committees to facilitate better functioning of the organization.

#### ARTICLE VII: INITIAL APPROVAL AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS

7.1.: Initially, this constitution and bylaws are considered to be approved with a two third (2/3) vote of the General Body members present during the fifth reunion of SVMC alumni in July 1998 at Detroit, MI.

7.2. Subsequently , this constitution may be altered, amended or repealed by the General Body pursuant to the procedure stated below:

7.2.A: 10% of the membership with voting rights and/or the majority of the Board of Directors can propose an amendment to this constitution & bylaws. The proposed amendments shall be discussed at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee. A mail ballot to all voting members shall be initiated within sixty (60) days from the above meeting.

7.2.B: The proposed amendment deemed to be approved if accepted by two thirds of the Grand Patron, Patron membership and two thirds of the Life Membership. If approved, the proposed amendment shall be implemented from the next calendar year.

#### ARTICLE VIII: INDEMNIFICATION

The organization shall indemnify any and all its members, trustees or officers, or former members, trustees or officers, or any person may have served at its request, or by election as a member, trustee or officer of another organization, against the expenses (including attorney's fees) actually or necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense or settlement of any action, suit or proceeding in which they , or any of them, are made parties or a party, by reason of being or having been a member, trustee or officer, a former member, trustee or officer or person shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for willful misconduct in the performance of duty, and to such matters as shall be settled by agreement.

#### ARTICLE IX: CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board of Directors may accept, on behalf of the organization, any contributions given for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the organization.

ARTICLE X: ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

Except as otherwise herein expressly provided all matters of procedures shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, revised, as the same shall, from time to time, be revised and amended.

ARTICLE XI: NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Nomination Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four (4) members in good standing out of which one (1) from the Board of Directors and two (2) from general membership and the immediate Past-President will chair the committee. The Nominating Committee shall receive nominations and submit the report to the Board to succeed the Board of Directors and the officers of the association when their term expires.

ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of such corporation in such manner, or to organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. And such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

Functioning of this organization shall be in accordance with the Articles 1 through 12 of this Constitution and Bylaws.

This Constitution and Bylaws were submitted, discussed, voted upon, approved and adopted during the General Body meeting held on the fourth day of July 1998 in Detroit,

Michigan.

Venkat R. Challa, M.D. 7/28/98  
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Chair, Governing Board

Mohan Mallam, M.D. 07/04/98  
Mohan Mallam, M.D.  
President

Raja Rao Ravella, M.D. 07/04/98  
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Secretary

# AMENDMENT 1

## ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES:

6C: ALUMNI BUILDING COMMITTEE: The purpose of this committee is to deal with ALUMNI BUILDING in SVMC Campus. This committee is entrusted with all activities related to the building; before, during and after construction of the building, come up with innovative ideas to raise funds for the construction and then maintenance of the building when once completed in coordination with SVMCAA, Tirupati.

Dr. Prem Reddy of California shall serve as Chair and Dr. Jeereedi Prasad of California shall serve as Vice Chair.

This committee may have other members at the discretion of Chair and Co-Chair as this building would be a landmark in the history of Alumni Associations of SVMC.



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**MEMBERSHIP / DONATION APPLICATION**

New Membership     Renewal     Directory Corrections

Member No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(For office use only)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)                      First                      Middle                      Last

Preferred Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Street                      Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City                      State                      Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Received Medical Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children / Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies / Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

- Membership Fee:  Grand Patron Members Physician Couple Alumni . . . . . \$1,500.00 (one time fee)  
 Grand Patron Member Individual. . . . . \$1,000.00 (one time fee)  
 Patron Members Physician Couple Alumni . . . . . \$750.00 (one time fee)  
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 Life Members Physician Couple Alumni . . . . . \$400.00 (one time fee)  
 Life Member Individual . . . . . \$250.00 (one time fee)  
 Associate Member Individual . . . . . \$50.00 (annual membership)

- Fund Donation:  Alumni Building. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student scholarship. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical journals / equipment. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Faculty sponsorship . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical assistance to indigent people . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Others \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check payable to "SVMCAAUSA" for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Pay via Visa / Master Card (circle one) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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