

Global Medical Initiative

Constitution

Article I: Name

This organization shall be officially known and designated as the Case Western Reserve Global Medical Initiative (Case GMI).

Article II: Mission Statement and Philosophy

It is the mission of Global Medical Initiative:

To recognize the incredible need for infrastructure in developing nations and to devote our attention to improve the current status of said countries by sending medical supplies to community hospitals and clinics.

To provide emergency relief funds to areas struck by natural disaster by developing campus-wide funds to which collaborating organizations can donate money to be sent to already developed Non-Governmental Organizations such as UNICEF and the American Red Cross.

To advocate for awareness of global health issues on campuses across the United States.

To develop leadership in students interested in pursuing a career in international health by providing opportunities for experiential medical service trips.

To approach international health in an interdisciplinary fashion and develop networks nationally and internationally to help pursue our mission.

Article III: Operations

Section One: Corporate Contacts

- Seeking, through personal, university, and university alumni association persons, connections to corporations primarily in, but not limited to the affiliated university.
- Utilizing said connections to acquire corporate sponsorship and donations for medical shipments and medical service trips

Section Two: Health Care Contacts

- Seeking, through personal, university, and university alumni association persons, connections to health care facilities in the United States and internationally to develop a strong partnership to ensure the secure shipment of medical supplies and safe medical service trips.
- Working closely with a well-established medical supply collection organization in the Cleveland area – MedWish International.
- Utilizing said connections to ensure the continued, or new collection of medical supplies and equipment by MedWish International.

- Utilizing said contacts to assist in logistical planning of medical shipments and medical service trips.

Section Three: Community and Campus Contacts

- As necessary to our continual operation, we will host and/or organize various campus and community events for the purpose of fundraising, advocating global health and publicity for GMI.
- We reserve the right to collaborate with other student organizations for fundraising and/or publicity events, particular for disaster-relief fundraisers.
- Additional funding will be requested from the affiliated university's Undergraduate Student Government.

Section Four: Transportation, Storage, and Distribution

- Distribution of accumulated donations will be done periodically to ensure that the areas most in need will receive donations first and foremost. GMI reserves the right to ship to wherever the majority of the Executive Board see fit.
- All medical supplies will be stored at MedWish International until shipment time.
- Transportation to necessary locations such as MedWish International will be provided by student drivers with privately owned vehicles or a vehicle provided by the office of community service.
- Decisions regarding support of global and/or domestic projects with GMI – resources and supplies will be made by popular vote by members present at affiliate meetings.

Section Five: Communications

- As necessary, establish communications with under-served nations, either directly or through intermediaries (e.g. UNICEF), where we intend to focus humanitarian aid.
- Communicate with DOES safety services to ensure safety of medical shipment.
- Communicate directly with medical service trip programs to ensure safety for students.

Article IV: Membership

- All students and faculty of the Case Western Reserve University system are eligible for membership in the GMI (GMI).
- No GPA requirements will be applied.
- Active membership and trip eligibility can be tied to the 51% attendance required for election and voting. Attendance requirements can be achieved by attending general body meetings, Executive Board meetings, and events sponsored by GMI.
- In accordance with university policy, GMI does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or age.

Article V: Officers

- Officers shall be ranked in the following chain of command: Student Advisor, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition to the aforementioned five elected positions, additional members can serve on the Executive Board and head individual events throughout the year. These officers shall be referred to as members of the executive board.
- All executive officers as a collective unit are in charge of all interactions with outside agencies and organizations. This includes hospitals, other NGO's, medical supply companies, airlines, etc. The officers also handle all work with building partnerships and creating new projects. However, when communicating with outside organizations, the President and Vice President must be copied and informed of all correspondence.
- If at any point officers feel that they cannot uphold their responsibilities, they must inform the President, such that appropriate changes can be made.
- **Student Advisor**
 - Student Advisor must have served previously as the President,
 - The Student Advisor will ensure the continued operation of GMI.
 - The Student Advisor will work to help individual executive members build their leadership skills within GMI and will assist in seeking out new potential leaders within the general body.
 - The Student Advisor will work closely with the President to provide advice on and serve as a resource for current projects and developments.
- **President**
 - President will conduct all GMI meetings, including officer meetings with an explicit agenda detailing the content of the meeting.
 - The President will act as a spokesperson of GMI when meeting with corporate personnel, administrators, faculty, and representatives of other organized bodies for fundraising and logistical purposes.
 - The President will oversee all operations within the organization and ensure/delegate appropriate duties to members in accordance with humanitarian projects agreed upon.
 - The President will work closely with advisors to find new ways to expand GMI.
 - The President will be ultimately responsible for developing cultivating leadership with the executive board and members (especially freshmen and sophomores) of GMI.
- **Vice President**
 - Ultimately ensures that medical shipments go from point A (Cleveland) to point B (location voted on by the majority of the Executive Board).
 - Acts as President if standing President is unavailable.
 - Assists President in developing the organization. Oversees the members of the Executive Board who are responsible for individual events.
 - Organizing with logistics companies and customs to ship these medical supplies in new efficient/cheap ways.

- Research international health opportunities for students to lead the development of an international health resource.
- Communicate and collaborate with pharmaceutical companies and other large corporations in order to receive funding for shipment of medical supplies and medical service trips.
- Planning of International Health Lecture Series for students to meet, learn and network with those already involved in international health.

- **Treasurer**
 - In charge of all finance USG concerns including mass funding and appeals.
 - Responsible for maintaining a excel sheet with our costs for each event to keep track of disbursements and ensure that our funds are kept separate from our spend-able USG funds.
 - In charge of collecting money at each fundraising events and ensuring that it gets into our account.
 - Manage Case CASH boxes if utilized.

- **Secretary**
 - Appointed by President
 - The Secretary's duties include but are not limited to the following: taking minutes at both general body meetings and executive meetings and sending out minutes within 24 hrs of said meetings, reserving rooms for all events including GMI meetings, emailing reminders about GMI events and information about relevant international health opportunities to members of the general body, taking attendance at meetings, writing thank-you notes for speakers and others, and taking the initiative to make new members feel welcome and introduce them to others in the group.

- **Webmaster:**
 - The webmaster is responsible for maintaining the current website to include updates from meetings and about events, and is also responsible for working with other members of the executive board to put the international health database online.

- **The Responsibility of all Executive Board Members**
 - Responsible for organizing one specific event (which may or may not be reoccurring) as specified before each semester during executive board meeting. Board members can collaborate for larger events.
 - Responsible for advertising all relevant fundraising and advocating events on campus for GMI, in a sustained, uniform, extensive and professional fashion, which includes but is not limited to: flyering all over campus, putting tents in the dining halls, chalking, graffiti wall, putting professional invitations in faculty mailboxes, Facebook Advertisements, Nord Computers, Plasma TV Screens, having emails sent out to Case Daily, ESS calendar, UPB and general email lists that can cover the entire student body and developing new creative methods of advertising.

- Responsible for working with IFC and Panhel as necessary to obtain service hours for Greeks and advertising to all Greek Chapters.
- Responsible for advertising to other student organization presidents
- Displaying banners in Nord and Thwing
- Responsible for contacting professors well in advance to obtain extra credit for student to attend events.
- Responsible for representing GMI at Student Activities Fair, SatCo Events, Saturday Sampler, Freshman Orientation, Spring Fest and other Service Events to which GMI is invited.

Article V: Advisors

The advisor of the Global Medical Initiative shall be a faculty/administrative member of Case Western Reserve University who is willing to serve for at least one academic year. The advisor shall be approved or re-approved at the yearly elections by members.

Article VII: Nominations and Elections

Section 1: Nominations

- Only members who have attended at least 51 percent of the meetings AND events may be nominated by themselves or their peers.
- Nominees are required to give a short speech during elections.

Section 2: Elections

- Only members who have attended at least 51 percent of the meetings may vote on the nominees. The candidate receiving the majority vote (over 50 percent) wins.
- In case a run off is necessary, the top two candidates will remain and voted upon by members with voting privileges.
- Elections will be held every year at the middle of fall semester.
- Newly elected officers will take office at the beginning of spring semester to allow adequate transition time.
- It is the responsibility of previous executive members to train and provide valuable resources to newly elected members.
- Midterm elections will take place for exec members who feel they can no longer fulfill their roles. (such as if going abroad, taking the MCAT)

Article VIII: Meetings

All meetings of the GMI will be held at the Case Western Reserve University Campus unless otherwise decided by the Executive Board. Campus meeting locations will be decided by the Executive Board in conjunction with Case Western Reserve University administration.

The time as well as location of Executive meetings will be designated by the President.

Article IX: Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of members present at meetings specifically designated for amending the Constitution.