CHARTER
OF THE
ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTHCARE RESOURCE & MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
OF THE
AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1 – NAME
The organization’s name shall be the Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (hereinafter "AHRMM") of the American Hospital Association (AHA).

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE
AHRMM’s mission is to advance the vision of the AHA, a society of healthy communities, where all individuals reach their highest potential for health by advancing the health of individuals and communities.

Specifically, AHRMM strives to advance the growth and development of the professional practice of healthcare supply chain / resource and materials management by providing education, leadership, and advocacy to professionals in hospitals, health systems, and related organizations that are accountable to the community and committed to health improvement.

AHRMM, and the professionals they represent, provide a primary professional, technical, and administrative resource from which the AHA receives guidance and representation in formulating policy, determining membership programs, and fulfilling its advocacy role in influencing the public, legislation, and regulations.

ARTICLE 3 – AUTHORITY
AHRMM functions as a Personal Membership Group (PMG) of the AHA operating in accordance with the PMG Division’s Standing Procedures (SP) and AHRMM’s Policies and Procedures (P&P).

Although the AHA Board of Trustees retains ultimate authority and responsibility for the PMGs, AHA has empowered PMG leadership to act on behalf of AHA in carrying out the mission and objectives of the PMG. The PMG is not a separate legal entity and must operate in a manner consistent with AHA’s policies. The elected PMG Board defines the constituency to be served and sets overall directions for the PMG.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP
Membership is open to professionals whose job responsibilities include healthcare supply chain / resource & materials management or who have demonstrated a bonafide interest in the field of healthcare supply chain / resource & materials management and who agree to support the AHRMM’s mission, vision and code of professional responsibility.
ARTICLE 5 – DUES
Annual dues of the AHRMM shall be established according to the policies and procedures set forth by AHRMM.

ARTICLE 6 – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
AHRMM shall meet at least annually for the transaction of the affairs of AHRMM.

ARTICLE 7 – AHRMM BOARD
The Board shall be composed of AHRMM members. Eligibility, composition, term, nomination, selection, and meeting frequency shall be according to the policies and procedures set forth by AHRMM.

The AHRMM Board shall have the authority to conduct the affairs of AHRMM and to act on behalf of AHRMM on issues related to healthcare supply chain / resource and materials management.

The Board shall have the power to develop plans, objectives, and purposes for AHRMM; approve and revise all rules and regulations for the operation of AHRMM; establish ad hoc committees consistent with the objectives of AHRMM; review and approve the recommendations of committees; provide for the conduct of AHRMM’s annual meeting; and maintain fiscal responsibility. The actions of the Board shall conform to the regulations of the AHA.

ARTICLE 8 – OFFICERS
An AHRMM member shall be chosen annually to serve as the chair of AHRMM who shall act as chair of the Board and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The nomination and selection process, duties, and continued eligibility to serve as chair shall be according to the policies and procedures established by AHRMM.

ARTICLE 9 – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
All elected and appointed representatives of AHRMM, as defined by the policies and procedures, shall comply with all conflict of interest provisions of AHRMM and the AHA.

All elected and appointed representatives of AHRMM shall exercise the utmost good faith in all transactions relating to their duties in AHRMM. In their dealings with and on behalf of AHRMM, they are held to a strict rule of honest and fair dealing with AHRMM. They shall not use their position, or knowledge gained there from, so that a conflict might arise between AHRMM’s interest and that of the individual. All acts of Board members shall be for the benefit of AHRMM in any dealing that may affect AHRMM adversely. The Board members shall not accept any favor or gratuity that might influence their actions affecting AHRMM or its members.

ARTICLE 10 – COMMITTEES
There shall be standing committees of AHRMM according to the guidelines established by AHRMM. The chair of AHRMM may appoint, from time to time, additional committees and/or ad hoc task forces for purposes compatible with the objectives of AHRMM.
ARTICLE 11 – CHAPTER AFFILIATIONS

Purpose of Affiliation
The purpose of chapter affiliations of AHRMM is to provide an organized structure at the local, state, and international level for members of AHRMM and others in the field of healthcare supply chain / resource and materials management to address problems of mutual interest; to conduct educational programs; to serve as a resource to related healthcare associations; to enhance communication between AHRMM and affiliates; and to promote the purpose of, and membership in, AHRMM.

Affiliation Agreement
The request for affiliation shall be initiated by the local, state or international group utilizing the affiliated chapter agreement provided by the AHA.

Affiliated Chapter as Distinct Entity
Any local, state, or international chapter affiliated with AHRMM under this article is not an extension or part of AHRMM or the AHA but remains a distinct separate entity. Any such affiliated chapter is therefore independently responsible for its own governance and operation, maintaining its own financial records, filing appropriate notices and forms with state, federal, or appropriate governmental tax and/or authorities, maintaining necessary insurance coverage, and so forth. Only the AHRMM Board, and not the affiliated chapters, can speak on behalf of AHRMM.

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