

## Charter

**The Association of Military Surgeons of Thailand,**

**Under the royal patronage of his majesty the King**

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### Chapter 1

Name, Symbol, Certificate, and the location of Association

**Article No. 1.** The Association is known as “THE ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY SURGEONS OF THAILAND, UNDER THE ROYAL PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING” AND IT’S ABBREVIATION NAME IS “AMST”

**Article No. 2.** Symbol (see, picture in Append A)

2.1 Seal: Be two green King of Nagas, wrap around blue anchor facing each other, beside the king of Nagas, there was blue wing each, overlaying on eight V-shape white and silver star. All is enclosed and stay in gear red wheel with the Great Crown of Victory and golden color of hair between eyes brows stay above gear wheel, and are known as “The Association of Military Surgeons of Thailand, under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King” stay under gear wheel.

2.2 Coin: There is oval character, 2.5 cm wide and 3.5 cm. long, with the seal of the association and the name of The Association of Military Surgeons of Thailand, under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King, cloisonné stay in the middle of the coin, and the ground cloisonné blue.

**Article No. 3.** Certificate: Given to its member to keep as honorable in compliance with the forms and regulations designed in append B.

**Article No. 4.** Location: Head office is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of The Military Officer’s club, Phra Mongkutklao General Hospital, Rajvithi Road, Tung Phrayathai Sub-District, Rajdevi District, Bangkok 10400.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Objectives:**

**Article No. 5.** The Association has the following objectives:

- 5.1 Give support Military Surgeons academic and General Surgeons' affairs
- 5.2 Give supports studies Research and publicizes surgeons' knowledge
- 5.3 Give support unity, surgeon's ethic and welfare of its members.
- 5.4 Give support relationship with other institutions whose objectives are the same both locally and internationally.
- 5.5 Give support the performance of public activities and public charity.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Membership:**

**Article No. 6.** Member of association is divided into 3 types namely:

- 6.1 Ordinary Member
- 6.2 Extra-ordinary Member
- 6.3 Honorary Member

**Article No. 7.** Ordinary Member refers to the commissioned Officer both in active duty and retired under supervision of Ministry of Defense or The Office of National Police as follow:

- 7.1 Surgeons
- 7.2 Dentists
- 7.3 Veterinarians
- 7.4 Pharmacists
- 7.5 Nurses
- 7.6 Medical Scientists

**Article No. 8.** Extra-Ordinary member refers to person whose occupation is in line of surgeons with educational qualification equals to Bachelor Degree and up or equals to the commissioned Officers who are still in active duty and who are already retired which have been taken for consideration and accepted as member by Board of Directors of the Association.

**Article No. 9.** Honorary member refers to person who is honorable and has been unanimously agreed by the Board of Directors of association to be as a member.

**Article No. 10.** In application to enter as ordinary member or extra-ordinary member, application must be submitted to Secretary General of the association in the form designed by the association and must be counter-signed by ordinary member of the association not less than 2 persons and then the name of applicant must be submitted to the Board of Director's meeting by Secretary-General at the first meeting session to consider and resolute whether or not that the applicant should be accepted as member and take further proceed.

**Article No. 11.** Membership fee:

11.1 Ordinary Member and extra-Ordinary Member must pay for membership fee as per the following rate:

11.1.1 Life time member to pay 1,000.00 (One thousand Baht only) and payment may be made by each installment of 200 Baht (Two hundred Baht only) for 5 consecutive installments

11.2 Honorary member is exempted to pay for membership fee

11.3 Membership fee paid to the association cannot be redeemed

**Article No. 12.** Rights and Duties of Member.

12.1 Rights

12.1.1 Can use the place of the association within the scope of the objectives accordance with charter and must perform in compliance with the association's regulations

12.1.2 Can participate in academic meeting and attend general meeting of the association and in case of voting, only ordinary member has the rights to vote for 1 vote each.

12.1.3 Ask question or submit opinion concerning the activities of the association to the Board of Directors or General –Meeting

12.1.4 Ordinary member has the rights to receive supported fund for the researches of the association

12.1.5 To participate in academic training which organized by the association

12.1.6 Receive journal and other documents provided by the association

12.1.7 Member has the rights to decorate coin of the association in suitable occasion

12.1.8 Receive assistance on welfare in accordance with the association's regulations.

12.2 Duties: members must report to the Registrar of the association in written every times when name, family's name, and rank or when move out from current residence is made in order to correct the association's registration

**Article No. 13** Loss of membership: A member will be lost from membership by the following clauses:

13.1 Death

13.2 Having official order declaring that person is disappeared person

13.3 Resignation

13.4 No payment of membership fee in accordance with association's regulations and when the registrar has reminded twice for the time interval not less than 30 days, however, payment of membership fee has not been completely made within 60 days from the last date of reminding.

13.5 Behave oneself spoil one's reputation, damaging oneself or association, when ,The Board of Directors has considered and received resolution from general meeting by secret voting with not less than 2 of three ordinary members who attended the meeting.

In addition, when member is lost from membership, the Registrar must remove the name from registration and post that name at the office of the association not less than 15 days.

## Chapter 4

## Management of the association

**Article No. 14.** A Committee to be created called “The Board of Directors” composed of directors not exceeding 20 persons as follow:

14.1	The President	1	} (Selected from Director General of Medical Department of three Armed Forces or General Surgeon of Police Hospital while holding position at that time.)
14.2	The Reserved President	1	
14.3	Vice-President	1	
14.4	Secretary	1	
14.5	Treasurer	1	
14.6	Receptionist	1	
14.7	Librarian	1	
14.8	Director for Welfare	1	
14.9	Registrar	1	
14.10	Director for Sports	1	
14.11	Director for academic	1	(selected 1 from each Forces and 1 from Police Force)
14.12	Central Directors no exceeding 6		(compose of Surgeon 1, Dentist 1, Veterinarian1, Pharmacist1, Nurse 1, and Medical Scientist 1)

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**Article No. 15** Appointing Board of Directors:

15.1 All directors must be ordinary member of the association

15.2 Arrange election of the Reserved President, Director for academic and Central Directors at ordinary or-extra-general meeting agenda or when the position of such director is vacant before the expiration of their terms.

15.3 In election of Central Directors, if no members of any types as defined in text bracket by article 14.3 has been elected, election of said Central Directors to be suspended.

15.4 The President is authorized to appoint other directors as defined in article 15.2 15.5

For the position of President of the association, The Reserved President, Vice-President

belongs to the position of Director General of Medical Department of three Forces or Surgeon General- Director of Police Hospital who turn to take the position on 2 year term by which Director General of Medical Department who holds the position on that time acting in that position, however, The Reserved President will take the position of president in the next term and Secretary General is responsible to correct name list to be in compliance with designed law.

15.6 Other Board of Directors who leave accordance with their terms may be re-elected or re-appointed.

**Article No. 16.** Authorities and duties of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors has the duties to manage the works of the association and thus having rights and authorities to issue all regulations which do not against to this charter and, in order to meet the objectives of the association, appointing advisors, secretary of The Board of Directors, sub-Committee, including filling in position and demote the officers of the association.

16.1 The President is responsible for the operations of association thoroughly, having status of chief operation officer to manage the works of the association to be in compliance with the objectives and being chairman in the meeting.

16.2 The Reserved-President is a member of the association for next 2 year period when current president is leaving as per his terms.

16.3 Vice-President is responsible to act as assistant to the President and manages for and on behalf of the President as delegated when the President is absent from duty.

16.4 Secretary-General is responsible for the works of administration, keeping care of rules and regulations of the association.

16.5 Treasurer is responsible for receiving and payment and keeping care of cash for the benefit of the association, preparing monthly balance sheet and to submit balance sheet to The Board of Directors and is responsible to submit financial statement of the association to annual general meeting.

16.6 Receptionist is responsible to welcome and provide facilitation to members, controls and takes care of the place and asset of the association, supervising staff of the association, and acting as Ex Officio chairman of Department's club.

16.7 Librarian is responsible for issuance of Journal, providing books on surgeons and responsible to Librarian's activities.

16.8 Director for Welfare is responsible for operation on works of welfare to be in compliance with the associations' regulations.

16.9 The Registrar is responsible concerning the list of names, member's address and follow up to correct up to date data.

16.10 Director for Sports is responsible for operation of athlete's contesting to promote unity and relationship accordance with association's objectives.

16.11 Director for academic is responsible for the academic affair's meeting; consider and give advice to The Board of Directors concerning the use of fund to support research accordance with the association's regulations.

16.12 Central Directors are responsible for operation accordance with The Board of Director's meeting resolution.

**Article No. 17.** Termination of the position of The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be terminated from the position on the following factors:

17.1 Termination in accordance with the terms of expiration as defined in article No. 15.5

17.2 Resignation

17.3 Loss of membership

**Article No. 18.** Re-Election of the Board of Directors

18.1 If the position of the President is vacant before expiration of the term, Vice-President is to be promoted in replacement to the position of President until the ends of his terms.

18.2 If the position of Director for academic or Central directors is vacant before the expiry date of the terms, re-election of such positions is to be suspended and to be made at general ordinary or extraordinary meeting.

18.3 If the position of other directors, in addition as stipulated in article no. 18.2 and article no. 18.3 is vacant before the expiry, re-election to be arranged to fulfill as defined in article No.14 and No. 15.

18.4 Directors who have been elected or re-elected, are allowed to stay on that positions of directors which have been replaced until the ends of the terms.

## **Chapter 5**

### **Meeting**

**Article No. 19.** Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be convened at least 3 months a time to discuss the activities of the association and the president to be presided over the meeting.

**Article No. 20.** The Board Directors must attend the meeting not less than one-half of the total numbers shall constitute a quorum. If the meeting at any time, the president is absent from the meeting, the members present shall select one among themselves to preside over the meeting.

Resolution of The Board of Directors shall be made by majority vote, in case of tie vote, chairman of the meeting shall exercise his rights by voting to increase one more vote and shall constitute decisive vote.

**Article No. 21.** Annual meeting of The Board of Directors shall be convened one a year during period of October-April, to show activities which have been done in the past year and to discuss about Balance Sheet and activities of association, elect and appoint new Board of Directors to replace the former Board of Directors whose term is terminated and the Secretary –General shall be the person to explain and designate meeting agenda by written letter to all members not less than 30 days before meeting.

**Article No. 22.** Annual general meeting to be convened with at least 50 ordinary members to attend the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

**Article No. 23.** In addition to annual general meeting, ordinary general meeting shall be convened when:



23.1 The Board of Directors agreed to a meeting by submitting a written request to Secretary-General prior to the scheduled meeting not less than 30 days.

23.2 In both cases, Secretary-General is responsible to make an appointment, sending meeting agenda not less than 15 days in advance and ordinary members not less than 50 persons who have attended the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

**Article No. 24.** On general meeting, the president is chairman of the meeting and secretary –General is responsible for recording the meeting report and to be countersigned by chairman of the meeting.

If any of the meeting, President and Vice-President are absent from the meeting, Board of Directors are to elect one among themselves to preside over the meeting.

**Article No. 25.** Conference on academic shall be made at least twice a year and Secretary-General is responsible to advise to all members by written letter in advance.

## **Chapter 6**

### **Finance**

**Article No. 26.** Treasurer is responsible for receiving-payment, keeps and care cash of association in accordance with resolution of The Board of Directors.

**Article No. 27.** Treasurer shall keep and care of cash not exceeding 5,000,000 Baht (Baht Five Million only), if exceeding, cash must be deposited with the bank.

**Article No. 28.** Cash of association must be deposited with the bank, and must be signed by president and treasurer, in case of the absent of the President, must be signed by Vice-President, in the absent of Treasurer, must be signed by Secretary-General.

## Chapter 7

### Abolishing of association and Liquidation of account

**Article No. 29.** Abolishing of association shall be made by 3 of 4 voting of all members.

**Article No. 30.** The Board of Directors to nominate a liquidator to general meeting, when the general meeting has approved, appointment of a liquidator shall be made, and liquidation of the account must be in complied with the law.

**Article No. 31.** Assets of the association after liquidation, for any remaining shall be vested in the entity which has the same purposes, or went to other charities Organizations depends on general meeting may deem appropriate.

## Chapter 8

### Miscellaneous Chapter

**Article No. 32.** The association was incorporated under the law of Association on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2501(B.E.) which was considered the date of establishment of the association.

**Article No. 33.** Ordinary, Extra-ordinary, honorable members of the association which have been members in accordance with previous provision shall completely remain the status of ordinary, extra-ordinary, and honorable members respectively.

**Article No. 34.** Board of Directors who hold positions under applicable provisions before the date of enforcement of this provision shall continue to remain same Board of Directors accordance with this provision until period of term of expiration in accordance with previous provision being in used and to elect and appoint

new additional directors to be fully completed as defined in article no. 14, new elected or appointed directors shall hold that positions until the terms of formers Board of Directors expired.

**Article No. 35.** All former Charter of The Association of Military Surgeons of Thailand under patronage of Ministry of Defense shall be abolished and this charter shall be applied instead effective from 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2544 (B.E.) onward.

**Article No. 36.** Alteration, correction or adding any charters shall be made when an approval from general meeting has been received with 3 of 4 resolutions of all ordinary members who attended the meeting.

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