

BYLAWS OF THE DREXEL UNIVERSITY BIOMED ALUMNI NETWORK

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ASSOCIATION ARTICLE 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Drexel University Biomed Alumni Network”. It may be abbreviated as the “DBAN”. The board of directors may designate other names for specific activities and programs as it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 2. Objectives

The DBAN’s purpose is to provide a framework for Drexel alumni associated with Drexel University's School of Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems that will foster the empowerment of the Drexel University Biomed community and facilitate collaboration on issues that are important to its members. This purpose will be obtained through the following initiatives:

- Create a community among the Drexel Biomed alumni and students through ongoing educational, social, service, and professional networking opportunities
- Utilize the experience and resources of alumni to provide counseling, scholarships, and professional insight for undergraduate and graduate students
- Provide an avenue for alumni to remain interested, informed, and involved in Drexel’s School of Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems and the larger University.

ARTICLE 3. Membership

1. Alumni Membership in the DBAN is open to all graduates of Drexel University who hold an association with the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems.
2. Active Members are Alumni Members who have interacted with the alumni group through alumni activities or communications within the last 2 years.
3. Membership to the DBAN is free to all members.

ARTICLE 4. The Board

1. The Board, consisting of no more than 9 voting members, may consist of the following leadership positions:

Chair/Co-chair:

The chair of the board shall oversee all board positions, coordinate DBAN efforts, open and close meetings, and coordinate with larger invested

institutions such as Drexel University and the Drexel University Alumni Association. Eligibility requirements will be met by actively serving on the board for at least 1 year prior to election.

Faculty Liaison

A current member of the faculty of the School will sit on the board. Prior to resignation, the faculty liaison will make a recommendation for a replacement.

2. Committees

Committees shall be formed on an needed basis and consist of DBAN active members. The board will assess, with input from the general member body, the need for a committee. The board will be responsible for the appointment of committee members and committee heads, as needed, and for the oversight of committees.

3. Terms

The length of term for elected board members is two years. The Chair and Co-Chair positions have term lengths of one year each with a maximum tenure of three consecutive terms.

4. Resignations

In the event of a board member's resignation, the board will vote on the necessity of a replacement prior to the next general body meeting, and will evaluate volunteers from the Active Members if needed to fill the position. The remainder of the original member's term will not be counted towards the replacement term unless deemed appropriate by the board. If a board member does not interact with the group for over 6 months, then the board can choose to vote for the forced resignation of said individual.

5. Elections

Election of board members will occur on a term basis. Active members will be notified and are eligible to vote. Voting is to be conducted anonymously by ballot. Winners are determined by majority vote.

ARTICLE 5. Meetings

1. Board Meetings

Board meetings will occur monthly or as required in person and/or virtually,.

2. General Body Meetings

General body meetings will occur annually or on an as needed basis as determined by the board. Meetings are open to all members and reminder emails will be sent out at least one month prior to the meeting date.

3. Quorum

For voting or decision-making purposes, quorum shall be defined as 2/3 board member representation either in person, virtually or through electronic voting.

ARTICLE 6. Parliamentary Process and Amendments

1. Upholding Bylaws

It is the responsibility of the board to uphold all bylaws to the best of their abilities. Bylaws shall be made publically available to all Alumni Members. Any Alumni Member has the right to question the upholding of bylaws and can bring up issue at any time. Action can be taken by special meeting called by any board member to discuss any such issue.

2. Amendments to Bylaws

Amendments to bylaws must be approved first by a 2/3 vote of the Board Members.