

**Gambia Society for
Microbiology**



GaSoM

GAMBIAN SOCIETY OF MICROBIOLOGISTS

FOREWARD

The Gambian Society of Microbiologists (GASOM) shall be an independent, non-profit-making and professional national organisation. GASOM rests on the realisation that the pioneering activities of advancing Microbiology, health and human well-being in The Gambia.

GASOM shall fulfil its responsibility to the society. This will be achieved through educating the public in the development of Microbiology and its implications for health and human well-being.

In collaboration with the University, Technical Training Institutes and research institutions, GASOM shall continue to live up to its role in the continuing education of its members in their own fields and providing information on changes in their fields of interest, or for widest responsibilities. These shall be achieved through the organisation of various meetings, conferences, journal reviews, and other professional courses.

NAME: The association shall be called **Gambian Society of Microbiologists (GASOM)**.

I. OBJECTIVES

In pursuance of the objectives for which it is established, GASOM shall be guided by the following:

1. Create a platform for cooperation and information sharing between professionals in the fields of Microbiology.
2. Develop and promote the study and practice of Microbiology
3. Conduct training and educational courses and disseminate professional information to enable members update their knowledge in Microbiology
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5. Enhance and maintain links with national, international and multinational organs and organisations required to promote the association's objectives
6. Set standards for the professional practice of Microbiology in The Gambia
7. Promote the practice of health and safety at work and elsewhere in a professional manner.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership of GASOM shall be open to all science professionals in the various institutions applying their knowledge and expertise in Microbiology without any discrimination on the basis of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion or nationality. Individuals registered as members shall enjoy such rights and privileges as prescribed by GASOM.

All classes of membership are by application from the individual except those of Honorary Members of the Society. The GASOM board shall have exclusive jurisdiction for nomination and election of Honorary Members.

Full membership is recognized only after payment of registration fee of US\$10 (Scientists, physicians) and US\$5 (students and technicians) and an annual Subscription fee of US\$10 (scientists) and US\$5 (students and Technicians). (The MDs should also be catered for even if they may choose not to be members)

Withdrawal of Membership

Privileges of membership shall be suspended if a member falls in arrears of annual subscription after two months of the expiration of this subscription but shall be restored as soon as arrears are paid in full. Membership would be immediately suspended or terminated if a member is found to be in serious breach of the expected professional code of conduct. In any of the above cases the BOD shall decide at a meeting and such decisions shall be final.

FINANCES

Income

- a) The income of the Society shall be drawn from:
- b) Registration fees
- c) Annual subscription of members
- d) Contributions from members and other interested groups
- e) Any other legitimate means of financial support authorised by the Board

The amount of annual subscription and registration shall be set by the Executive and approved by the General body.

Officials of the Society

The officials of GaSoM will be called the Executive and will compose of:

The Chairman (President), who shall be responsible for calling and chairing meetings of the Society.

The Vice Chairman (Vice President) shall assist the Chairman and substitute for the chairman at the request of the later or if the latter is unable to discharge his/her duties

The Secretary shall be responsible for distributing in a timely fashion all documents required for the functioning of General Meetings and for maintaining non-financial records of GaSoM; for maintaining official correspondence; for preparing a directory of members of the Society; for such other duties as requested by the Executive through the Chairman

Assistant Secretary who shall assist the Secretary on any task within the purview of the Secretary

The Treasurer shall prepare and distribute budgets; shall collect dues, grants or donations made to GaSoM; shall make such payments as required by the Executive in the furtherance of the objectives of GaSoM annually.

The General Assembly

The general assembly of the Society shall elect from its members an executive committee.

Term of Office

The term of office for all officers of the Society shall be 2 years only in the same position. Executive Members who consistently fail to attend meetings may be relieved of their position by a recommendation from the president supported by a two third majority of the members present at the meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

- Shall promote the objectives and aspirations of the Society
- Shall conduct and organise all social functions of the Society. S/he shall act as the spokesperson of the Society.

ASSISTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

- This officer shall represent the Public Relation Officer in case of absence.

AUDITOR

- The Auditor shall prepare annual audited accounts of the Society and report to the general assembly.

ASSISTANT AUDITOR

- Shall represent the Auditor in case of absence

REPRESENTATION

- The Society shall be represented by the President in all matters and assisted by the Secretary General

AMMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- The constitution shall be amended by two-thirds of active members at a general assembly meeting and by voting.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION

- The constitution shall come into full operation following approval at the inaugural general assembly meeting.

QUORUM

- Shall be attained by 25% members of the Society
- In case a quorum is not attained at the first meeting of the Society, the requirement of a quorum shall be disregarded in the subsequent meeting and all decisions taken shall be binding on all members.

Annual General Meetings (A.G.M.)

The general body shall be the supreme organ of the Society.

Once every year a general meeting shall be convened in a place and at a time that the Board deems appropriate to attract maximum attendance by members. The purpose of any A.G.M. is to transact the business of GASOM; to elect officers of the Executive, when necessary; to receive and adopt the accounts of GASOM from the Treasurer, the report of the Executive and to discuss any matters incidental to Microbiology.

The general assembly meeting shall be conducted by the President. The President shall report upon the management activities of the Society to the general assembly.

The Treasurer shall submit a report on the financial situation of the Society to the general assembly for approval and adoption.

PUBLICATION

In response to its responsibility to the scientific community and the society at large as well as part of its activities, GASOM shall publish papers, documents, information and use any other available media communication channel as may be considered by the Board to be likely to advance Microbiology knowledge and the objectives of GASOM.

- President OUSMAN SECKA
- 1st Vice President
- Secretary General
- Assistant Secretary General
- Treasurer
- Public Relation Officer
- Assistant Public Relation Officer
- Auditor
- Assistant Auditor