Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the Arizona Pharmacy Association – Student Pharmacist Academy (AzPA – SPA).

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the organization is to represent the student pharmacist membership of the parent organization, the Arizona Pharmacy Association (AzPA). AzPA and AzPA – SPA will foster safe and effective medication therapy, promote innovative practice, and empower its members to serve the health care needs of the public. AzPA and AzPA-SPA will:

1. Advance public health by promoting the professional interests of pharmacy professionals in all practice settings by:
   a. Fostering pharmacy services aimed at sound medication-use policy and rational medication therapy.
   b. Developing professional standards for pharmaceutical services.
   c. Fostering an adequate supply of well-trained, competent pharmacists and associated personnel.
   d. Developing and conducting programs for maintaining and improving the competence of pharmacists and associated personnel.
   e. Disseminating information about pharmaceutical services and rational medication use.
   f. Improving communication among pharmacists, other members of the health care industry and the public.
   g. Promoting research in the health and pharmaceutical sciences and in pharmaceutical services.
   h. Promoting the economic welfare of pharmacists and associated personnel.

2. Foster rational medication use in society such as through advocating appropriate public policies toward that end.

Article III. Membership

1. Dues
   a. Membership shall be open to any student pharmacist in good academic standing at an accredited school or college of pharmacy. Membership in AzPA-SPA requires student membership with AzPA. Membership dues and the methods of collection shall be set by the AzPA Board of Directors.
2. Rights and Privileges
   a. Members shall receive rights and privileges as defined in AzPA’s Articles of Incorporation, AzPA bylaws, and AzPA-SPA bylaws.
   b. AzPA-SPA members may only vote for elected positions of their respective school’s academy.

Article IV. Officers

The elected positions of the AzPA-SPA shall include a Chair and Chair-Elect from each accredited college of pharmacy in Arizona. Other positions will be appointed by the AzPA-SPA Chair and include Secretary and Treasurer.

Duties of the AzPA-SPA Chair and Chair-Elect
   a. Term of two years. Serves as Chair-elect for initial year and moves into Chair position for second year term.
   b. Serve on the AzPA Board of Directors, with all of its related duties and responsibilities, as the official representative of the Academy.
   c. Ensure that summaries of all Academy meetings are shared with the AzPA Board of Directors.
   d. Form Academy Executive Committee to ensure representation on each of the AzPA Core Committees.
   e. Help recruit interested and dedicated Academy members from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, and areas of the state to participate in the Academy and AzPA.
   f. Work with the AzPA President and Executive Committee, if applicable, to recommend a plan of action for the coming year to the AzPA Board of Directors for approval.
   g. Perform other duties as assigned to this position.

2. Duties of the Secretary
   a. Term of one year.
   b. Keep the minutes of each AzPA-SPA meeting and make them available to all members.
c. Issue notices, announcements, and reports to the Academy as requested by the Chair.

d. Perform other duties as assigned to this position

3. Duties of the Treasurer

a. Prepare the Academy budget for presentation to the AzPA Board of Directors

b. Solicit funds to support student programs

c. Monitor the Academy’s budget at all times to ensure appropriate utilization and proper financial records are kept.

d. Keep records of expenditures, income, and financial position

e. Perform other duties as assigned to this position

Article V. Nomination and Election of Officers

Nomination and Election of the AzPA-SPA Chair/Chair-elect shall be conducted according to the processes and bylaws of AzPA. The Chair shall appoint the position of secretary and treasurer.

Article VI. Voting Body

The privilege of voting on the AzPA Board of Directors shall be confined to the Chair for each respective college of pharmacy. In the absence or upon vacancy of the Chair, the Chair-Elect will assume the role of the Chair.

Article VII. Meetings

The AzPA-SPA at each college of pharmacy shall have at least two meetings per academic school year.

Article VIII. Committees and Appointment of Committee Representatives

1. Committee Representatives

a. The Chair and Chair-Elect shall appoint representatives from each college of pharmacy to the following: Continuing Education Committee, Communications Committee, Membership Committee, AzPA Annual Meeting Committee, SPA Leadership Conference Committee, Legislative Committee, PharmPAC Committee, and the Arizona Pharmacy Foundation Patient Services Program Committee.

Article IX. Advisor

The AzPA-SPA at each college of pharmacy shall have a faculty advisor to guide and oversee the
actions of the academy. AzPA-SPA will have at least one Advisor who must be a full-time faculty member of the respective college and a member of AzPA in good standing. The advisor shall be proposed by the Chair and Chair-Elect and shall be elected upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of the academy membership, subject to approval by the Dean of the respective college. Duties of the advisor include:

1. To act as a consultant to members and officers of the academy on matters pertaining to AzPA-SPA.
2. To provide continuity to the academy’s operations from one year to the next.
3. To be available for advice and ideas as needed on subjects such as internal Academy problems, fundraisers, community service projects, etc.

The Academy Advisor will be invited to attend all academy and state AzPA-SPA meetings or functions that the students are attending; and will attend when possible. The advisor may be removed for failure to perform any of his/her duties as stated in the By-Laws. The advisor shall be subject to removal upon petition by two-thirds (2/3) of the academy members. The Chair and Chair-Elect shall submit the petition to the Dean of the respective college for approval. The Chair and Chair-Elect will seek a person to fill the position only after it has been informed of the current advisor’s formal removal. Upon removal or resignation, a new advisor shall be selected in accordance with stipulations above within seven (7) days of removal of the advisor.

Article X. Not for Profit Statement

This is a not for profit organization.

Article XI. Financial Responsibility

AzPA-SPA members may not accumulate debt on behalf of the AzPA-SPA or AzPA. Members who accumulate debt on behalf of the academy or AzPA shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated not covered by funds on deposit.

Article XII. Statement of Compliance

This organization shall comply with all applicable University, College and campus policies and regulations, in addition to all local, state, and federal laws.

Article XIII. Statement of Non-Discrimination

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, disability or handicap, religion, sexual orientation, disabled veteran’s status or Vietnam era veteran’s status in any of its policies, procedures, and practices. This policy will include, but is not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunity to hold office.

Article XIV. Statement of Non-Hazing
This organization will not conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

Article XV. Amendments

Proposals to amend, repeal, or suspend these bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the elected representatives of AzPA-SPA at the respective College of Pharmacy. The Chair will present its recommendation to the AzPA Board of Directors for voting according to the AzPA Articles of Incorporation.