

**PAN-AMERICAN FEDERATION
OF ASSOCIATIONS OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS
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TITLE I DEFINITION, PURPOSES, VISION AND MISSION

Article 1°:

Definition: *The Pan-American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools – PAFAMS-, is a non-governmental academic and scientific organization.*

Purposes: *Contribute systematically and progressively to the improvement of Medical Education in the Americas.*

Mission: *Promote the quality of Medical Education and health through academic, research and continuing education activities to improve the health of the population served.*

Vision: *Become a leading organization in undergraduate and graduate Medical Education, and continuous professional development in the American continent, promoting the development of an educational system and culture of quality to improve the population's health.*

TITLE II OBJECTIVES

Article 2°: Objectives. PAFAMS shall have the following objectives:

- 2.1. Strengthen medical education in undergraduate, graduate and continuous professional development.
- 2.2. Evaluate the strengths, problems, weaknesses and opportunities of medical education and health sciences in general, based on social needs of the population.
- 2.3. Propose solutions and alternatives for those problems, stimulating the development of concepts, methods and means for teaching and quality management.
- 2.4. Facilitate the exchange of continuous experiences in medical education, improvement of professional and pedagogical level of professors, and the humanistic and cultural education of professors and students for the benefit of patients.
- 2.5. Stimulate the establishment and development of Centers for Excellency in the Scientific and Educational Training of professors and researchers in the Americas, who comply with minimum accreditation requirements established by PAFAMS.
- 2.6. Organize programs for the exchange of professors, students, professional and technical staff.
- 2.7. Advise and work with the national and international professional and scientific Institutions and Societies in programs tending to increase the quality of Medical Education.
- 2.8. Contribute to the development and systematization of databases in medical education and health, intended to spread scientific, pedagogical and technical knowledge and research, and the preparation of teaching materials and scientific documentation.

2.9. Maintain relationships with other institutions and international organizations with objectives and values related to PAFAMS.

2.10. Professionally foster and systematize Research on Medical Education.

2.11. Promote and develop the participation of Medical Schools in educational programs and community service, based on the commitment and social responsibility thereof.

2.12. Systematize the efforts of communication and development of innovations in the processes of medical education through the organization of events intended to that purpose, such as technical regions, advanced update seminars and others, all of this is in synergy with carrying out and follow-up of Pan-American Conferences on Medical Education.

TITLE III MEMBERS

Article 3°: MEMBERS. PAFAMS shall be composed of the following categories of Members, who shall comply with the regulations in force and those the Executive Council may issue.

3.1. **Full Members.**

3.1.1. **National Associations**

The National Associations of Faculties (Schools) of Medicine that are organizations that gather Faculties (Schools) of Medicine in a country.

3.1.2. **Regional Associations**

Regional Associations are formed by the faculties of medicine of several countries within a region. They have the same responsibilities and rights of a National Association.

3.1.3. **Individually Associated Faculties**

The Faculties of Medicine individually associated are those Institutions in the countries that do not have a National Association or that, although they have a National Association, there are extraordinary reasons that, according to PAFAMS Executive Council's criteria, justify their entrance in an individual way. The entrance of Individually Associated Faculties shall have the approval of PAFAMS' Executive Council.

3.2. **Adherent Members**

3.2.1. **Affiliated Members**

Affiliated members shall be all the professionals in the biomedical sciences with demonstrated interest on medical education at a undergraduate, graduate and/or continuous professional development, for example, professors, administrators, and researchers belonging to schools of medicine and/or scientific societies. Affiliated members could participate in meetings of the Assembly and have a voice but not vote. They can be elected to PAFAMS Executive Council.

3.2.3. **Institutional Members.**

Institutional members shall be the public and/or private institutions that have demonstrated interest in promoting PAFAMS' vision and mission. Its representatives, one per each institution, may participate at the Assembly's meetings with voice but not vote. They may participate in working groups or committees, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

3.2.4. **Student Members**

Student members shall be those undergraduate students and until one year graduate students, belonging to biomedical schools and faculties in the continent. Student members may participate in the Assembly's meetings, with voice but no vote, as well as Committees and/or special projects at the discretion of the Executive Council.

Article 4°: Honorary Members. Honorary Members are the Health professionals that as a result of their outstanding career and Scientific and/or Humanistic work for Medical Education and/or PAFAMS, have acquired such distinction, including those who have received the Order Francisco Hernández and are proposed by the Executive Council or the Executive Committee and accepted by the Assembly. The honorary Members participate at the Assembly's meetings, with voice but not vote.

Article 5°: Obligations. The members shall have the following obligations:

- a) Comply with provisions in this bylaw and obligations undertaken as regards PAFAMS.
- b) Observe the provisions of regulations and abide by the Assemblies and Executive Council's agreements.
- c) Pay for the ordinary and extraordinary membership interest units and those the Assembly may fix.
- d) Inform the President and Executive Director of the relevant activities that will develop in their respective institution.
- e) Attend the sessions they would be summoned to.
- f) Carry out the duties they shall be entrusted to by PAFAMS governing bodies.

Article 6°: Rights. The members shall have the following rights:

- a) Participate in meetings.
- b) Be elected for the positions of the Executive Council and/or Executive Committee, always according to the rules provided for this Bylaw.
- c) Request and propose amendments to this bylaw that are believed to be convenient. The proposal shall be presented to the Executive Director in writing, with the respective basis and the Executive Director shall submit it to the Assembly, prior analysis by the Executive Council.
- d) Be a beneficiary of services rendered by PAFAMS.

- e) Receive and contribute with publications by PAFAMS.
- f) Request the Executive Board the bibliographic information on Medical Education, as well as publications and materials from PAFAMS' data bank and documentation center.
- g) Receive and provide technical advice according to methods established by PAFAMS.
- h) Present relevant suggestions, plans and programs supporting PAFAMS' activities to the Executive Office.

Article 7°: Honorary Members shall be exempted from payment of PAFAMS membership interest units.

Article 8°: Adherent and Honorary Members do not have the right to vote.

Article 9°: Personal Liability. None of the Members, within any category, shall have any third party or commercial liability in their capacity as a result of the obligations undertaken for PAFAMS.

TITLE IV GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Article 10°: Governing Bodies and Administration. PAFAMS shall have the following governing bodies and administration:

- 10.1. The Assembly.
- 10.2. The Executive Council.
- 10.3. The Executive Committee.
- 10.4. The Executive Director.

Article 11: THE ASSEMBLY. PAFAMS' Assembly is the highest Executive regulatory level and shall be composed of:

- 11.1. Members of the Executive Council, in view of their position. (See Art. 22).
- 11.2. Representatives from the Full Members, one per each Full Member.
- 11.3. The Executive Director shall act as a secretary of the Assembly with no right to vote.

Article 12: Assembly's Powers. It shall correspond to the Assembly:

- 12.1. Establish PAFAMS policy to guide its activities and approve conclusions and determinations that may be deduced from the study and discussion of reports by the Executive Council.
- 12.2. Consider and approve the possible amendments to the bylaws.
- 12.3. Elect by simple majority of votes the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the six (6)

Directors that make up the Executive Council.

12.4. Elect by simple majority of votes the venue for the Pan-American Conferences

12.5. Approve the sale or disposal of PAFAMS' property which shall require the majority of 2/3 of the members present in the Meeting called for such purpose, as per analysis and proposal by the Executive Council

12.6. Agree on the dissolution of PAFAMS which shall require the majority of 2/3 of members present in the meeting called for such purpose as per analysis and proposal by the Executive Council

Article 13: *Rules of procedure for meetings of the Assembly.* Assemblies meetings shall be ordinary or extraordinary.

13.1. The Ordinary Meeting shall be called at least every three (3) years and shall give ample opportunities for, in addition to its specific activities, technical deliberations and exchanges of opinions and experiences about medical education problems.

13.2. The Extraordinary Meeting shall be called by the President or by the request of five Full Members or the Executive Committee.

13.3. The Executive Committee shall elaborate the agenda for the Assembly's meetings. The agenda of the Assembly's ordinary meeting can be modified by 2/3 of Assembly's Members. The agenda of an extraordinary meeting shall not be modified in the Meeting.

13.4. The ordinary or extraordinary Assembly's meetings shall be called with a minimum of fifteen days in advance, indicating place, day and hour of first and second call for said meeting, and the agenda that will be dealt with.

Article 14: The Assembly's meetings shall be valid in the first call with the attendance of 2/3 of the Assembly's members, and on second call, which would be called half an hour after the first one, with members present, whichever the number of members.

Article 15: The Assembly's agreements shall be adopted by simple majority votes of Members present, except for cases with a special majority provided for in this bylaw. In the event of a tie the President shall only cast the deciding vote.

Article 16: Governing bodies shall be elected by secret or public vote according to the Assembly.

Article 17: Governing bodies shall be elected by personal, individual and direct vote. The vote can be delegated to another Full Member or a member from the Executive Council

Article 18: *Votes of Full Members.* Votes of Full Members shall be designated in the following proportion:

Associations with 51 or more schools, five (5) votes

- Associations with 25 to 50 schools, four (4) votes
- Associations with 10 to 24 schools, three (3) votes
- Associations with less than 10 schools, two (2) votes
- Faculty or Individual School, one (1) vote

Article 19: Votes by Members of the Executive Council. Members of the Executive Council that are not representatives of an Association or individual Faculty shall have one (1) vote each.

Article 20: Participation on meetings of the Assembly. The only members entitled to participate in Assembly's meetings shall be those who are up-to-date in their compliance with:

20.1. Payment of membership fees, according to the corresponding category, in agreement with the Executive Council's decision.

Article 21: A member of the Assembly is considered to be up-to-date with their payment of the membership fees and do not have any outstanding debt records with PAFAMS, taking into account the current year when the meeting is being held.

Article 22: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. The Executive Council is made up of:

22.1. Members of the Executive Committee.

22.2. Six (6) main Directors elected by the Assembly, according to the following distribution:

22.2.1. Two (2) Directors representing the Associations and Faculties in North America.

22.2.2. Two (2) Directors representing the Associations and Faculties in Mesoamerica.

22.2.3. Two (2) Directors representing the Associations and Faculties in South America.

Article 23: Responsibilities of Directors. Directors shall:

23.1. Support the Presidency and Executive Office in all their duties.

23.2. Spread PAFAMS', mission, vision and objectives in their region.

23.3. Cooperate with the Associations and Faculties of Medicine in the region they represent.

23.4. Develop the communication between PAFAMS and the respective Association or Faculty, jointly with the rest of Directors in the same region.

23.5. Propose the Executive Committee proposals and goals to develop at a regional level.

23.6. Participate compulsorily in meetings of the Executive Council signing the corresponding minutes.

23.7. Comply with functions that have been delegated to them by PAFAMS governing bodies.

Art. 24: Term length. Directors shall serve for a period of three (3) years and can be reelected in the same position for one consecutive period only. Directors who are elected shall be ratified by the Full Member they represent.

Article 25: Specific duty of the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be the secretary of the Executive Council.

Article 26: Rules of procedure for meetings of the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall officially meet in person or via teleconference or another type of distance conference or communication, at least twice a year and, on an extraordinary basis at the request of PAFAMS' President, the Executive Committee or the majority of the Executive Council's members. The President shall call the meetings and determine the respective agenda. A quorum shall be deemed to exist when five (5) of its members are present, including the President.

Article 27: Powers of the Executive Council. Powers of the Executive Council shall be:

27.1. Lead the Institution according to the policies issued by the Assembly.

27.2. Appoint or ratify the Executive Director.

27.3. Approve the annual programs for the Executive Office activities.

27.4. Promote actions tending to increase PAFAMS resources for better statutory purpose compliance.

27.5. Consider and approve budgets for the operations of the Executive Office and PAFAMS operational programs. Budgets for PAFAMS operational programs may be approved by the Executive Committee subject to the decision by the Executive Council.

27.6. Take relevant measures in case the Full and/or Adherent Members fail to comply with their commitments.

27.7. Decide on annual technical, administrative and financial reports by the Executive Director.

27.8. Stimulate the formation of national and regional associations where there weren't any, strengthen the existing activities, fostering the inclusion of all of them to PAFAMS.

27.9. Suggest invitations to observers and/or outstanding medical educators and researchers to the Pan-American Conference on Medical Education and other events supported by PAFAMS.

27.10. The Executive Council may form the Advisory Committees of the Executive Office, as deemed necessary, at the proposal of the Executive Office.

27.11. Designate, in the event of resignation, death, or any other cause of absolute absence of one or more of its members, his/her replacement, as a member of the Executive Council or the Executive Committee during the rest of the respective term.

27.12. Establish the site of the Executive Office subject to the Assembly's approval.

27.13. The plenary Executive Council can delegate any of the duties contained in the present article to

the Executive Committee.

27.14. Decide and protect the integrity of PAFAMS' patrimony, or disposal of property, and being accountable to the first ordinary or extraordinary Meeting that may take place. In such case, power is granted to PAFAMS President to subscribe the transfer instruments that may be necessary.

27.15. Resolve any situation not contemplated in the Bylaws subject to approval by the Assembly.

Article 28: Absence of the President. In the event of permanent or temporal absence of the President, the Vice-President assumes the Presidency with all rights.

Article 29: Quorum. The quorum require for an Executive Council meeting is five (5) main members, including the President.

Article 30: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. PAFAMS Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the former President. The Executive Director shall act as a secretary of the Executive Committee.

Article 31: Term Length for positions of the Executive Committee Members. The President, the Vice-President and the Treasurer shall have a three-year term and may be reelected in the same position for a consecutive period.

Article 32: Rules of procedure for meetings of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall officially meet in person, via teleconference, videoconference or another distance communication, with three (3) of its members, including the President. The Executive Council shall not meet without the presence of the Executive Director, except for reasons beyond the Executive Director's control, which do not allow him/her to attend.

Article 33: The Executive Committee shall periodically report the Executive Council on the activities conducted.

Article 34: Requirements to become a member of the Executive Committee. To be nominated for a position at the Executive Committee the candidate shall:

34.1. Be a member within a category that allows him/her to be elected.

34.2. Be up-to-date with membership fees payments (in case of an Adherent Member) or the institution the member represents (in case of Full Member) and have no outstanding debt to PAFAMS.

34.3. Not to be involved in lawsuits nor legal and/or disciplinary sanctions

Article 35: Powers of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

35.1. Implement directives and tasks entrusted by the Administrative Council and the Assembly.

35.2. Develop programs and policies tending to achieve PAFAMS objectives.

- 35.3. Supervise the implementation of agreements taken by the Executive Council and/or the Assembly.
- 35.4. Decide on the priority aspects of PAFAMS administration, as well as the best operation of its organizational structure.
- 35.5. Prepare reports, proposals and recommendations for the consideration of the Executive Council and/or the Assembly.
- 35.6. Constitute and coordinate the operation of working committees for the development of specific tasks, determining their functions and powers.
- 35.7. Grant special mandates and orders to third parties, to carry out specific tasks.

Article 36: PAFAMS PRESIDENT. President's Powers and Functions. The President is the legal representative of PAFAMS. The President shall have the following powers and functions:

- 36.1. Rule PAFAMS activities according to resolutions, recommendations and programs approved by the Assembly and the Executive Council.
- 36.2. Assume the official and legal representation of PAFAMS and call the Assembly and the Executive Council meetings.
- 36.3. Study and propose the Assembly's meetings agenda for approval by the Executive Council, said agenda can be modified through two thirds vote. When the Assembly's meeting is extraordinary, its agenda cannot be modified.
- 36.4. Call and preside over the ordinary and extraordinary sessions of PAFAMS' Assembly, the Executive Council and the Executive Committee.
- 36.5. Preside Pan-American Conferences on Medical Education –COPAEM [Spanish acronym].
- 36.6. Study and propose, for the approval of the Executive Council, the topic that shall be dealt with at the Pan-American Conferences on Medical Education –COPAEM-.
- 36.7. Approve the audit process of the accounts of PAFAMS.
- 36.8. Authorize ordinary and extraordinary expenses by PAFAMS as well as preserving and/or developing the Institution's patrimony.

Article 37: The Vice-President, Treasurer and Former President. Responsibilities. The Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Former President shall have the following responsibilities:

37.1. The Vice-President:

- 37.1.1 Assist the President to manage the Federation's issues.
- 37.1.2. Assume the President's authority and responsibility in case of the President's permanent or temporary absence or disability.
- 37.1.3. Comply with all functions that may be delegated by any of PAFAMS governing bodies.

37.2. The Treasurer:

37.2.1. Elaborate with the support by the Executive Office, the annual balance sheets of PAFAMS.

37.2.2. Revise PAFAMS tax issues.

37.2.3. Approve PAFAMS financial procedures and systems.

37.2.4. Elaborate an annual financial report for revision by the Executive Committee and its subsequent submission to the Executive Council.

37.2.5. Take responsibility for the Promotion and Development of adequate Processes for obtaining financial helps to PAFAMS.

37.2.6. Manage the collection of the membership fees and annual fees of PAFAMS Members.

37.2.7. Comply with all functions that may be delegated by any of PAFAMS governing bodies.

37.3. **The Former President:**

37.3.1. Assist and advise the President to manage PAFAMS issues.

37.3.2 Comply with all functions that may be delegated by any of PAFAMS governing bodies.

37.3.3 Coordinate PAFAMS Advisory Council.

Article 38: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The Executive Director shall act under the Executive Council supervision and shall be responsible to manage PAFAMS general policies and actions.

Article 39: Election of the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be elected by the Executive Council with at least two thirds votes. It shall execute its functions for three (3) years and may be reelected and removed with the same quorum by the Executive Council. The Executive Director's duties may be remunerated.

Article 40: Functions of the Executive Director. In addition to the obligations delegated by the Executive Council and the Assembly, the Executive Director shall have the following functions:

40.1. Lead, implement and carry out PAFAMS programs.

40.2. Designate the officers under its supervision.

40.3. Propose the Executive Committee and the Executive Council the designation of studying and working commissions, and prepare annual reports of PAFAMS activities to submit to the Executive Council such as preparation of the Pan-American Conference on Medical Education.

40.4. Act as a secretary at the Assembly, the Executive Council and the Executive Committee meetings.

40.5. Prepare and submit reports to the Assembly, the Executive Council and institutions that contribute and/or relate to the Federation.

- 40.6. Prepare and present to the Executive Council projects of regulations and organization of his/her office.
- 40.7. Prepare and submit for the consideration of the Executive Council the financial statement and the project for the annual budget.
- 40.8. Centralize the information from the study and work commissions for its possible publication and distribution among PAFAMS members.
- 40.9. Adopt the necessary measures for the organization and optimal operation of the Executive Office, such as the information areas on Medical Education and Coordination of Scientific and Pedagogical Training Centers for professors and researchers on medical sciences that operate under the supervision of the Executive Director's Office and other sections, whose creation was approved by the Executive Board.
- 40.10. Organize and implement programs for visits, conferences, seminars and exchanges of students, teachers and other health professionals among the different Faculties of Medicine.
- 40.11. Promote the creation of Medical Education cooperative programs and research with other institutions and international bodies.
- 40.12. Maintain close collaboration and information exchange with institutions that share similar interest on the field of medical education, health care and research.
- 40.13. Participate actively on the organization of meetings of the Assembly and the Pan-American Conferences on Medical Education –COPAEM-.
- 40.14. Assume, as delegated by the President, the legal representation of PAFAMS in the country where its site is operating.
- 40.15. Propose to the Executive Council the formation of Advisory Committees of the Executive Office, in the number and composition deemed necessary, and point out their functions, within the policy approved by the Assembly.

Article 41: ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Advisory Council shall be made up by the former Presidents and six more members, who shall be proposed by the Executive Council and appointed by the Assembly.

Article 42: Requirements to become a member of the Advisory Council. For the appointment of a Member of the Advisory Council, it is a requirement to have experience in teaching, continuing education, research and/or management of university careers at an undergraduate or graduate level, Schools, Faculties, Universities or institutions of higher education or health care. The Founding Members and former Presidents of PAFAMS shall be natural and permanent members of PAFAMS Advisory Council.

Article 43: *Functions of the Advisory Council.* The Advisory Council shall have the following functions:

43.1. Act as an advisory body of the Executive Council.

43.2. Carry out plans for issues entrusted by the Executive Council.

43.3. Propose the Executive Council those initiatives contributing to the progress of PAFAMS purposes.

43.4. Prepare reports requested by the Executive Council.

43.5. Any other action the Executive Council may consider as contributing to the development of PAFAMS institutional purposes.

Article 44: *Rules of procedure for meetings of the Advisory Council.* It shall meet as many times as it considers necessary and when summoned by the Executive Council.

Article 45: *Term Length for positions of Members of the Advisory Council.* The members of the Advisory Council shall remain in their duties for a three year period, and such term shall end at the end of the term of the Executive Office that has proposed them.

TITLE V PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCES ON MEDICAL EDUCATION
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Article 46: *Organization of Pan-American Conferences.* PAFAMS shall periodically organize Pan-American Conferences on Medical Education, known as COPAEM, to contribute and promote the development, progress and strengthening of medical education and quality management of higher education institutions in the Americas. For such purpose, technical deliberations and exchange of ideas and experiences about problems of education in medicine and health sciences are promoted.

Article 47: *Role of Pan-American Conferences.* These are academic, scientific and technical events of open attendance aimed at the university community and health-related institutions and professionals.

Article 48: *Venue for the Pan-American Conferences.* The venue for the Pan-American Conferences on Medical Education shall be designated by the Assembly every three (3) years. The Executive Director with the support of the National Association of the host country shall be responsible for its organization.

TITLE VI

PAFAMS REVENUE AND PATRIMONY

Article 49: Membership fees and other Income for PAFAMS. PAFAMS income shall consist of:

49.1. Membership fees.

49.2. Annual fees for Full Members, as follows:

49.2.1. National Association of Faculties (Schools) of Medicine according to annual fee fixed by the Assembly proportional to the number of faculties of medicine it is composed of.

49.2.2. Faculty (School) of Medicine individually associated, according to annual fee fixed by the Assembly.

49.2.3. Annual fees for Adherent Members: Affiliated, Institutional and Students members, according to the annual fee fixed by the Assembly.

49.3. Annual extraordinary fees fixed by the Assembly.

49.4. Contributions and donations by institutions and national and international organizations, and private individuals, duly recognized.

49.5. Contributions derived from advice or consultancy by PAFAMS.

49.6. Income derived from events and activities carried out by PAFAMS.

49.7. Revenue produced by PAFAMS patrimony.

Article 50: PAFAMS' Patrimony. PAFAMS' patrimony shall consist of its real and personal property and all kind of rights acquired by any means.

TITLE VII AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Article 51: Majority needed to amend the Bylaws. Any amendment to the bylaws shall require the agreement by the Assembly, and a two-thirds vote of its membership present to pass. A special notice shall be given at least four (4) months in advance. Amendments shall be in force immediately upon approval.

TITLE VIII RESIGNATION AND EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS

Article 52: Resignation. PAFAMS Members, who would like to resign from their position as such, shall give a notice of resignation in writing to the Executive Director, who shall communicate the background to the Executive Council and the Assembly for their resolution. In any case, the member's resignation shall be made official at the next meeting of the Executive Council. Resigning members shall be bound to pay for membership fees and/or any other accrued debts including the year the resignation is presented.

Article 53: Exclusion. Members who do not comply with provisions in this bylaw, and any rules issued as a result thereof, and impede PAFAMS' programs, progress or good reputation may be excluded from the Institution through a resolution by the Executive Council. Members excluded may appeal to the Assembly. Said members shall remain suspended until their situation is resolved. Excluded members shall be bound to pay for membership fees and /or other accrued debts including the year their final exclusion is decided. Excluded members may request a new membership to PAFAMS two years after the exclusion has been decided.

TITLE IX PAFAMS DISSOLUTION
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Article 54: PAFAMS Dissolution. PAFAMS may be dissolved on the agreement of two thirds of the members present at the meeting, in a session called especially to such purpose four (4) months in advance.

Article 55: Final destination of PAFAMS Property. In the event PAFAMS dissolution is decided, its property shall be sold. The surplus funds, once its debts are paid off, if there were any, shall be transferred to a non-profit civil entity, designated by the Executive Council, whose statutory objective contemplates the study and development of medical education and/or promotion of health sciences.