

**UNIFORMED SERVICES WEST CHAPTER
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS**

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

Children are our most enduring and vulnerable legacy. For nations as well as for individual families, they represent the link between past and future, between experience and promise. The nurturing of future generations is a basic and most important human activity.

The Uniformed Services West Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (the “Chapter”) is dedicated to the principle of a meaningful and healthy life for every child. As an organization of physicians who care for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults, the Chapter seeks to promote this goal by encouraging and assisting its members in their efforts to meet the overall health needs of children and youth, by providing support and counsel to others concerned with the well-being of children, their growth and development, and by serving as an advocate for children and their families within the community at large.

The Chapter believes in the attainment by all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults of their full potential for physical, mental, emotional, and social health. Together with those who share this purpose, the Chapter pledges its efforts and expertise to a fundamental goal -- that all children and youth have the opportunity to grow up safe and strong, with faith in the future and in themselves.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this society shall be Uniformed Services West Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

1. To improve the health and welfare of all the infants and children entrusted to the care of pediatric providers in the Uniformed Services of the United States.
2. To present the concerns and interests of all Uniformed Services pediatric providers to the American Academy of Pediatrics.
3. To further and implement within the Uniformed Medical Services of the United States the policies and objectives of the American Academy of Pediatrics as delineated in its Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Geographic area. Members generally reside within the geographic boundary of the chapter which extends west of the Mississippi River, including Minnesota and Louisiana; Pacific and Asian theaters.

2. Types of Membership.

- a. Fellows. Fellows in good standing in the American Academy of Pediatrics who are interested in contributing toward the objectives of the chapter.
- b. Candidate Fellows. Any applicant who has completed a three-year training program in pediatrics and is board eligible or board certified. Candidate fellowship is limited to a period of four years following the completion of the third year of pediatric residency.
- c. Resident Fellows. Any applicant who has entered a Pediatric specialty training program which is approved for credits towards certification and who is on active duty in the Uniformed Services may become a Resident Fellow of the Chapter in accordance with the requirements as outlined in Article I of the Bylaws of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Resident Fellow status will terminate upon completion of training. At this time, membership will be converted to Candidate Fellow status.
- d. Medical Students. Any applicant who is a medical student enrolled in an approved medical school. Medical student membership is limited until graduation from medical school.
- e. Chapter Affiliates. All other pediatric health care providers, directly or indirectly affiliated with the Uniformed Services health care system, whose major interest and endeavor concerns the health and welfare of children entrusted to their care.

ARTICLE IV. VOTING

All categories of membership shall be entitled to vote on Chapter matters, including Chapter officers. However, voting privileges at the national level of the Academy are provided for in the American Academy of Pediatrics Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting by ballots distributed to all Chapter members. Any amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Chapter for consideration. A copy of the proposed amendment, together with a statement of the Executive Committee, shall be publicized to Chapter members at least one month before the Annual Meeting. Ballots will be returned to the Chapter President or designee.