**Article 4:** **Officers**- The Officers of the Association shall be nominated for each office by

any member in open meeting or by submission to the Secretary during the last quarter of the

calendar year. The election shall take place at the last meeting of a calendar year, with the

officers to take office at the first meeting of the next calendar year. Each officer shall hold office

until his/her successor is duly elected and qualified. No person shall hold two offices at the

same time. No person shall hold the same office for more than two (2) terms in a row ***unless there is no***

***other member seeking the office or willing to perform the duties of the office***. No

person is eligible to be an officer unless he/she is current on dues and has been a member for

more than one (1) year at the time of nomination. In the event that an officer cannot serve

his/her yearly term said officer shall notify the President in writing, or the next ranking officer if

the President is the officer unable to serve, of the need to discontinue serving the elected position. The

President, or the next ranking officer if the President is the officer unable to serve,

will then appoint a Member to fill the open position. The appointed Member will serve the

remainder of the original term and can run for re-election but will only be able to serve one (1)

additional term in the same office ***unless there is no other member seeking the office or willing to perform the duties of the office***. Student Apprentice Members may not hold an elected office

but may serve as committee Chairs and/or committee members. Officers ***may choose to*** be

compensated with a free lunch for each regularly scheduled meeting, not including the annual banquet.

Officers are also eligible for reimbursement of expenses if the purchase is directly related to OIA

business and receipts are given to the treasurer for said purchase.

The officers of the Association shall consist of the following:

**A. President:** The president shall have general responsibility for day-to-day operation

of the Association. This includes, but is not limited to, serving as a spokesperson for

the Association, appointing any necessary committees and chairpersons, and

presenting a general report to the Membership at each meeting.

**B. Vice President:** The Vice President shall be the second in command of the

Association, shall serve as President in his/her absence, shall chair any necessary

committees, and perform any other tasks not inconsistent with the Bylaws.

**C. Secretary:** The Secretary of the Association shall be custodian of the Association’s

membership and other records, shall prepare and mail or email meeting and other

announcements to the members and shall take minutes of each meeting.

**D. Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep and account for all of the Association’s monies,

shall maintain the financial records of the Association and shall present a report to

the Members at each regular meeting of the Association.

**E. Communications Officer:** The Communications Officer shall create and maintain positive

relationships between the Ohio Investigators Association and the public. The Communications

Officer will produce press releases and manage public events. The Communications Officer will

maintain all social media and other web pages.