

**The Dartmouth Institute Area SAS® Users Group Bylaws**  
**As of October 2008**

**Name:**

The organization is named The Dartmouth Institute Area SAS® Users Group, and shall be known as TDIASUG. [Formerly known as NHVTSUG, New Hampshire/Vermont SAS® User Group.]

**Objective:**

The objective of the group is to provide a forum for SAS® programmers to fraternize with each other, share information, and promote SAS® Institute among its members and friends. The group will maintain a relationship with SAS® Institute and other SAS® related groups.

**Meetings:**

General meetings will be held three or four times per year as determined by the executive committee. Members shall be notified of meetings by electronic mail.

**Membership and dues:**

Membership shall be open to all. Currently the group receives sponsorship from *The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice*. Should the need arise a membership fee shall be levied, as determined from time to time by the annual general meeting.

**Voting:**

All registered members may participate in any vote within the organization, and all registered members attending a meeting shall form a quorum. Proxy votes are not counted in any vote. A majority is more than 50% of the votes counted, and a majority is required to carry a motion.

The bylaws may only be changed at the annual general meeting. Any member may propose amendments to the bylaws before the annual general meeting.

**Funds:**

The Dartmouth Institute provides funds to cover group expenses. The group has no intent to make any profit. Should there be a need to charge membership fees the following rules would apply:

- Fee is to cover the operating costs of the organization.
- An account of income and expenses for the previous accounting period will be presented at the annual general meeting.
- In the event that the group dissolves, any surplus funds, after meeting all outstanding expenses, shall be given to a charity in New Hampshire, one which supports cancer research.

**Officers:**

An executive committee of volunteers will govern the group, as follows:

- 1.) Chairperson and
- 2.) Secretary/Treasurer plus
- 3.) SAS liaison and
- 4.) One other committee member.

The officers will be responsible for the orderly affairs of the organization, and will be elected annually, or as required. Any member may volunteer to serve on the executive committee, or any subcommittee, which may be formed.