

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS

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ARTICLE I

OFFICERS (Manner of Election, Term, and Duties)

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the second meeting of the calendar year by a majority vote of those present from nominations presented by the Nominating Committee and nominations made from the floor. Ballot may be secret at the discretion of the President. The officers so elected shall take up their duties immediately after the second meeting of the calendar year.
Officers will serve a term of one (1) year.

Section 2. Duties of Officers:

A) President:

1. To preside at all meetings of the society.
2. To appoint all special committees.
3. To serve as presiding officer of the Executive Committee.

B) Vice President:

1. To perform duties of the President in his absence.
2. To serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

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C) Secretary-Treasurer

1. To record and preserve the minutes of each meeting.
2. To send notice of each meeting to each member at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
3. To transmit to the membership at least one week prior to the meeting, the program and agenda for that meeting.

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- 4. To transmit to each member all proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws at least one month prior to the meeting at which it will be considered.
- 5. To handle all correspondence as directed by the Executive Committee.
- 6. To receive all monies, pay all bills approved by the Executive Committee, and present an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures at the first meeting of the calendar year and at such other meetings as this may be requested.
- 7. To arrange for an official audit when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee and to be carried out by a firm acceptable to the Executive Committee.
- 8. To develop a detailed list of operating procedures, to be used as a guide by subsequent Secretary-Treasurers, and to be amended appropriately from time to time, and to transmit the same to the incoming President and Secretary.

D) President elect:

- ~~1. To serve as a member of the Executive Committee.~~

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E) Immediate Past President:

- 1. To serve an additional year as a member of the Executive Committee.

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F) Members-at-Large:

- 1. Two Members-at-Large to serve as members of the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE II

COMMITTEES - (Appointment and Duties)

Section 1. Standing Committees of this Society shall consist of the following:

- A) Executive Committee: This committee shall constitute the interim governing body of the Society and shall report the activities at each succeeding meeting. This committee's duties shall be:
 - 1. To conduct the business of the Society at regular and special meetings.
 - 2. To investigate the qualifications for each applicant for membership and applicant for a change in status in the society and recommend election or rejection by the Society.
- B) Nominating Committee: This shall consist of three members from the Executive Committee appointed by the President.

C) Other special Committees may be appointed from time to time.

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ARTICLE III - DUES

Section 1. Dues shall be payable for each calendar year and this sum should accompany the application of each new member. Dues shall be determined by the membership. ~~Honorary~~, Emeritus, and Resident Associate Members shall be exempted from payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV - DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Loss of membership shall automatically result from the following:
A) Nonpayment of dues for three successive years. Membership may be reinstated only upon payment of delinquent dues and reapplication as prescribed by Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution.
B) When any member loses his or her license to practice medicine, or has said license revoked, by any legal licensing authority, they will be deemed automatically to have lost his or her membership in this Society.

ARTICLE V - CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Section 1. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of twenty-five members. ~~*Suppose <25 members attend annual meeting~~ If fewer than twenty five members are present at the meeting, the meeting shall be conducted but changes in constitution and/or bylaws cannot be made.

Section 2. Suspension of bylaws: The bylaws of this Society shall be suspended at any meeting by unanimous consent of the members present and voting. ~~*Why?~~

Section 3. Rules of Order: Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

ARTICLE VI - CODE OF ETHICS

A member of this Society is governed in his medical practice by the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association or the Canadian Medical Association.

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