

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

UTAH SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Utah Society of Pathology.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objective of this Society shall be:

- A. To elevate the standards of the practice of Pathology in Utah.
- B. To promote and improve the quality of the practice of medicine by appropriate and efficient application of clinical laboratory methods in the diagnosis, management, and prevention of disease.
- C. To develop and maintain official affiliation between this Society and other organizations, such as: The Utah State Medical Association, The College of American Pathologists, The American Society of Clinical Pathologists and other associations or societies of Pathology.
- D. To advance the science of Pathology and to improve medical laboratory service to physicians, to the hospitals and to the public through advocacy and education.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This Society shall be composed of Full members, who are Doctors of medicine or osteopathy engaged in the practice or teaching of Pathology in Utah, and Junior members, who are Doctors of medicine undertaking training in an accredited institution in Pathology in Utah. Additional members may be admitted on application and acceptance by the majority of the total membership.

Section 2. The Society shall have the right to censure, suspend or expel any member by two-thirds vote of members. The Executive Committee shall initiate such action and then only after it shall have provided at least 30 days' notice in writing to the accused. Such notice shall include a full statement of charges preferred against the member, as well as date of proposed action by the Society.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Secretary- Treasurer, and Delegates to State and national Medical Association(s), including Delegate(s) to the College of American Pathologists.

Section 2. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by majority vote every three years and shall hold office for three years, or until their successors have been elected. The Delegates (State and National) shall be elected for terms of three years. The duties of each officer shall be those usually pertaining to his or her office.

Section 3. If during a term of office such office is vacated by death, removal or resignation, a new officer may be elected by the majority of the members.

Section 4. The President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Delegates shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and Secretary- Treasurer shall hold the offices of Chairman, and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee in their respective posts. Any three voting members of the said Committee shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee is empowered to act for the membership.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1. This Society shall meet at a frequency determined by the Executive Committee. Special meetings of this society may be called by the President or a majority of the members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall distribute written notice of all meetings to each member at least 14 days prior to such meeting.

Section 2. At all regular or special meetings, 50% of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. In the absence of a quorum, any necessary business of the Society shall be conducted by separate polling of the membership, as supervised by the Secretary-Treasurer or designee of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI FINANCES

Section 1. The finances of the Society shall be provided by annual dues for each member as determined in the Bylaws.

Section 2. The funds of the Society shall be expended by the Secretary-Treasurer only for necessary and reasonable ordinary expenditures in connection with activities of the Society. At any regular or special meeting, the Society shall direct the disbursement of funds for other purposes by simple majority vote. In grave emergencies the President and Secretary-Treasurer shall disperse the funds of the Society.

ARTICLE VII ATTENDANCE

Section 1. Business meetings shall be open to all members and invited guests of the Society.

Section 2. Scientific sessions shall be open to non-members on invitation of the President, or in the absence of the President, another member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by the majority vote of members, providing the proposed amendment has been circulated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the voting.

Section 2. No action may be taken by unanimous vote or otherwise to suspend or abrogate any portion of this Constitution except as specified in the foregoing section.

BYLAWS OF THE UTAH SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY

CHAPTER I RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The deliberations of this Society shall be governed by parliamentary usage as contained in applicable sections of Robert's "Rules of Order" not in contravention of any portion of this Constitution and Bylaws.

CHAPTER II CODE OF ETHICS

Section 1. The Society subscribes to the Principles of Medical Ethics of the Utah State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the College of American Pathologists and the American Society of Clinical Pathology associations or societies of Pathology.

CHAPTER III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Candidates shall meet the qualification for membership as defined in Article III. Section 1 of the Society's Constitution.

Section 2. The Society shall judge the ethical and scientific qualifications of its members.

Section 3. A candidate for membership shall make application in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer and shall remit the appropriate dues.

Section 4. A list of all new applicants shall be provided to the membership for review periodically. Approval of new members shall be by a two-thirds vote of members participating in the voting.

Section 5. Honorary members shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members participating in the voting.

Section 6. A member expelled as provided in Article III. Section 2 shall not be permitted to re-apply as a new member for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of expulsion by the Society.

CHAPTER IV OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Delegates shall be elected every three years upon nomination from the floor.

Section 2. The President shall discharge all duties which custom and parliamentary procedure demand. He or she will preside impartially at all regular and special meetings. He or she shall appoint delegates to other professional organizations as requested. He or she shall appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of the said committee.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as President in the illness or incapacitation of the President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep permanent copies of the minutes and financial books of the Society. He or she shall have actual custody and care of the funds, documents and minutes of this Society. At each meeting he or she shall account to the Society for all receipts and disbursements but shall not be bonded.

Section 4. The President shall appoint such temporary committees as the Society or as his or her needs direct.

Section 5. All committee members shall serve during the term of the President who made their appointments, or until dissolved by the President..

CHAPTER V MEETINGS

Section 1. The Society shall meet at least annually. The exact time and place shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. One regular meeting in the calendar year shall be designated as the annual meeting and at such assembly the officers shall be elected as provided in the

Constitution.

Section 3. At regular meetings the order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Reading of the minutes.
- b. Reports of officers.
- c. Unfinished business.
- d. Reports of committees.
- e. New business.
- f. Nomination and election of officers.
- g. Adjournment.

CHAPTER VI FINANCES

Section 1. The annual dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of the voting members.

Section 2. Special assessments may be made as directed by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of the voting members.

Section 3. No assessments shall be binding on the members unless approved by the majority vote of members. Once voted, such assessments shall have the full force and effect of regular dues.

CHAPTER VII ATTENDANCE

Section 1. Invited guests of the Society shall be designated by the Society at the regular meeting or by the President when the Society is not in session.

Section 2. Such invited guests shall be entitled to attend the business meeting without power of voting or holding office but may be given privilege of voice on request of the Society or by invitation of the President only.

Section 3. The scientific meetings of the Society shall be open to all ethical physicians, students and interested allied workers on informal invitation of the President.

CHAPTER VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by the majority vote of members, providing the proposed amendment has been circulated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the voting.

Section 2. No action shall be maintained to abrogate or suspend any provision of these Bylaws except as specified in the preceding section.