

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE LEXINGTON MEDICAL SOCIETY

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CONSTITUTION

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Article I. Name and Title of the Society

The name and title of this organization shall be the Lexington Medical Society.

Article II. Purpose of the Society

The purposes of this Society shall be to bring into one organization the physicians of Fayette County, so that by frequent meetings and full and frank interchange of views they may secure such intelligent unity and harmony in every phase of their labor as will elevate and make effective the opinions of the profession in all scientific, legislative, public health, material and social affairs, to the end that the profession may receive that respect and support within its own ranks and from the community to which its honorable history and great achievements entitle it, and with other county societies to form the Kentucky Medical Association and through it, with other state associations, to form and maintain the American Medical Association.

Article III. Eligibility

Every physician who holds the degree of doctor or bachelor of medicine or osteopathy, and who holds an unrestricted or limited license to practice medicine and surgery, or one in the services of the Veterans' Administration, the United States Public Health Service, the Armed Services or the State of Kentucky, residing or practicing in Fayette County who is of good moral and professional standing and who does not support or practice, or claim to practice, any exclusive system of medicine shall be eligible for membership.

Article IV. Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called on a written request of ten (10) members. A call for a special meeting shall state the object of such meeting, at which no business except that stated in the call shall be transacted.

Article V. Officers

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, Past President, Past Vice President, Delegates to the Kentucky Medical Association and Members of the Judicial Committee.

Article VI. Funds and Expenses

Funds for meeting the expenses of the Society shall be raised by annual dues, special assessments, voluntary contributions, gifts and moneys from the constituted activities of the Society. Funds may be appropriated by

vote of the Society for such purposes as will promote its welfare and that of the profession.

Article VII. Incorporation

The Society shall have authority to appoint a Board of Trustees and to provide for articles of incorporation whenever it may deem this necessary. LMS Executive Committee directed the Society to incorporate in 2016. The Society was formally incorporated with the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky on August 18, 2016. The name of the corporation is Lexington Medical Society, Inc.

Article VIII. Amendments

A. The Society may amend any article of this Constitution by a two-thirds vote of its members present and voting at any regular meeting, provided that such amendment or amendments are not in conflict with the laws and regulations of the state association, provided, also, that such amendments shall have been sent by mail to each member at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken.

B. All such amendments shall be referred to the Executive Committee, prior to presentation to the Society, for recommendations in conformity with the bylaws.

BYLAWS

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CHAPTER 1. MEMBERSHIP

Article A - Classes of Members

Section 1. Active Members: Active membership shall be limited to doctors of medicine or osteopathy who practice or reside in Fayette County or in a contiguous county in Kentucky in which there is no component medical society. An active member must be of good moral and professional standing and subscribe to the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association.

An active member of the Lexington Medical Society shall also be an active member of the Kentucky Medical Association. He/she shall have the rights of parliamentary privileges, to vote, to hold office, to pay dues and to receive all publications of the Society.

Section 2. In-Training Members: The in-training membership shall consist of interns, residents and teaching fellows who are doctors of medicine or osteopathy and who have complied with all pertinent regulations of the Kentucky State Board of Medical Licensure.

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An in-training member shall have the privileges of an active member except that he/she cannot hold office.

Section 3. Associate Members: The associate membership shall consist of those persons not eligible for active membership and who are qualified under one or more of the following categories:

a. A doctor of medicine or osteopathy residing and practicing outside Fayette County and who is an active member in good standing in his/her own county medical society.

b. A doctor of medicine or osteopathy who is not a full-time medical officer of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Veterans' Administration, Public Health Service or other governmental service while on duty in Fayette County.

An associate member shall have the privileges of an active member except that he/she shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 4. Life Members: The life membership shall consist of duly licensed doctors of medicine or osteopathy who are active members but who are not engaged in the active practice of medicine or who have reached the age of seventy (70).

Conversion of status from active membership to life membership shall be upon notification of eligibility to and approval of the Executive Committee.

A life member shall have the same privileges of an active member except that he/she shall not pay dues and shall not have the right to hold office.

Section 5. Emeritus Members: At least once each year the Executive Committee shall consider and may nominate, and the Society may elect, members for emeritus membership from among the life membership who have served this or another county medical society with distinction. An emeritus member shall have the privileges of an active member except that he/she shall not pay dues.

Section 6. Inactive Members: The inactive membership shall consist of duly licensed doctors of medicine or osteopathy who are eligible for active membership but who because of temporary circumstances are not engaged in the active practice of medicine for a year or more.

Application for inactive membership may be made by any member or by another member on his/her behalf.

An inactive member shall have the same privileges of an active member except the right to vote or hold office.

Section 7. Student Membership: Any student in an accredited medical school in Kentucky or any resident of Fayette County who is a student in any accredited medical school in the United States shall be eligible for student membership. A student member shall have the privileges of an active member except that he/she shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 8. Service Members: Members of the Lexington Medical Society who enter military service and who are stationed outside of Fayette County shall be classified as service members, and their names shall be recorded as such on the roster of the Society until they are again eligible for a change of status. Dues of service members shall be assessed in the same manner as those in the Kentucky Medical Association. Questions concerning the length of military service and relationship to his/her absence shall be referred to the Executive Committee for resolution. A service member shall retain the membership privileges of his/her previous classification.

Section 9. Honorary Members: Any person distinguished by his/her attainments in medicine or science, either in practice, research or teaching, who has participated in a program of the Society and who is not a member of a component county society of Kentucky is eligible for election to honorary membership. An honorary member shall have the privileges of an active member except that he/she shall not have the right to vote, hold office or pay dues.

Nominations for honorary membership may be initiated by any member of the Society in writing, but must be approved by the Executive Committee, which shall report its recommendations to the Society. Election to honorary membership shall be by majority vote of the Society at any regular meeting.

Section 10. Special Members: The special membership shall consist of health care administrators whose relationship to the Society would be mutually beneficial and who are invited by the Executive Committee to join the Society. Invitation for special membership may be initiated by any member of the Society for consideration by the Executive Committee. Election to special membership shall be by majority vote of the Society at any regular meeting.

A special member shall have the privileges of an active member except that he/she shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Article B. Election to Membership

Section 1. Application for membership must be made in writing upon forms provided by the Society and addressed to the Secretary and must be accompanied by a current photograph of the applicant and the current annual dues.

The application shall include the full name of the applicant, his/her residence address and the last previous address.

Verification that the applicant for in-training membership is in an approved training program will be obtained from the House Staff Office of the institution of training, and verification that the applicant for student membership is enrolled in a medical school will be obtained from the Dean's office. The applicant shall furnish information as to graduation from an approved school of medicine or osteopathy, unrestricted medical licensure, records of training (i.e., internship, residency and fellowship), letters of transfer from component county medical societies and any other available data pertaining to proper completion of the application. This information shall be confirmed by the American Medical Association.

Article C. Transfer of Membership

Section 1. Transfer From Another County Society: A member of a component county society of any state who transfers his/her professional activities to Fayette County and who, within the period for which he/she has paid dues to the transferring component society, presents his/her letter of transfer from the component county society where he/she holds membership shall be placed on the membership roll in the appropriate category. After his/her acceptance, it shall be the Secretary's duty to notify the secretary of the county society which issued the transfer letter of the favorable action of this Society.

Section 2. Any member who has paid his/her current dues to the society from which he/she transferred shall not be required to pay dues to this Society during the fiscal year of his/her transfer.

Section 3. A letter of transfer of a member moving from Fayette County shall be given to him/her indicating the status of his/her membership and dues payments.

Article D. Censure, Suspension and Expulsion

Any member:

1. who has been found guilty of a criminal offense, moral turpitude or of gross misconduct either as a physician or as a citizen, or
2. whose license to practice medicine in this state has been revoked or suspended by the State Board of Medical Licensure, or
3. who has been found guilty of violating the Medical Practice Act of this state, or
4. who has knowingly testified falsely as an ordinary or as an expert witness, or
5. who has violated any of the provisions of these bylaws, or
6. who has violated any principle of ethics of the American Medical Association or other published ethical guidelines developed by this Society, or
7. who has been found guilty of any disloyal, seditious or treasonable utterance, writing or act against the United States of America, or
8. who has been found guilty of aiding or abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine, or
9. who has committed any act derogatory to the society from which he/she transferred, or
10. who has refused or neglected to obey the regulations of this Society may be subjected to censure, suspension or expulsion from this Society.

The complainant must sign a written complaint and deliver it to the Secretary, and a copy of the complaint will be furnished the accused.

CHAPTER II. MEETINGS

Article A. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of months as determined by the Executive Committee, but not less than four (4) annually. A regular meeting may be held in conjunction with KMA Trustee's meeting or any other agreed and designated medical group or association.

Article B. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or upon written request of not less than ten (10) active members directed to the Secretary. Notice of each special meeting shall be given to each active member, stating the date, time, place and purpose of such meeting. Such notice shall be given not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and may be given by publication in the newsletter of the Society, provided the meeting is not called for a day sooner than three (3) days after the date of distribution of the newsletter in which such notice is given.

Article C. Quorum

Section 1. Business: A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than ten percent (10%) of the voting members.

Section 2. Programs: No quorum shall be required for presentation of programs

CHAPTER III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article A. Composition

Section 1a. The Executive Committee shall consist of five voting and one non-voting member consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary Treasurer, the President-Elect, the Vice President-Elect, and the LMS Executive Vice President/CEO, non-voting member.

Section 1b. The Executive Board shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee plus additional members consisting of the Lexington-Fayette County Commissioner of Health, Medical Student (non-voting), Resident/Fellow (in-training), and one for every 150 active members. The President may appoint other non-voting ex-officio members and health-related non-members.

Section 2. In case of disability, death, resignation or removal from office, an interim appointment to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee or the Executive Board shall be named by the President and approved by the Society.

Article B. Duties

Section 1a. The Executive Committee shall manage and transact the business and affairs of the Society and for that purpose shall have the power to employ accountants, counsel and such other employees or specialists as it considers necessary. It shall provide a meeting place for the Society; recommend the annual dues of the members; audit the Treasurer's accounts; invest and re-invest funds of the Society; approve all expense accounts for payment by the Secretary-Treasurer and perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Society.

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The Executive Committee shall oversee the strategic planning of the Society to include updates to the strategic plan and long range planning for the subsequent calendar year. The President-Elect will chair the Strategic Planning Committee.

Section 1b. The Executive Board shall provide oversight of the Executive Committee and provide guidance on changes to the strategic plan, subsequent fiscal year planning, and approve the annual budget.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint an Executive Vice President for the Society who shall first have been investigated by a special committee appointed by the President. The Executive Vice President shall be under contract with the Society and shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine. He/she shall be the executive agent of the Society and perform such duties and transact such business on behalf of the Society as may be directed by the Executive Committee or delegated to him/her by the Society's officers. He/she shall be accountable for all funds of the Society for which he/she may be responsible under the authority delegated to him/her by the officers of the Executive Committee. He/she shall be required to give bond in such amount as the Executive Committee may direct, the cost of which shall be paid by the Society. He/she shall engage such personnel as may be necessary for performing the duties inherent in his/her office consistent with the annual operating budget. He/she shall be custodian of all records, books and papers of the Society. He/she shall assist the various councils in their work and shall see that the efforts of the various councils shall be supported. He/she may propose policies and procedures to the Society.

The Executive Vice President is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A copy of the actions of the Executive Committee and Executive Board will be distributed to the members of the Society at least three (3) days prior to the next regular meeting. Any item objected to by any one (1) member present must be put on the floor for discussion and vote with or without an amendment.

Section 4. All business to be considered by the Executive Committee and the Executive Board should be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee. Normally, all business to come before the Society will follow the above pathway. An exception may be made with the approval of the President and/or consent of twenty-five percent (25%) of the members present and voting.

Article C. Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis or on call of the chairman. Fifty-one (51%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Board is to meet upon in March to welcome the new officers and provide guidance for the subsequent fiscal year, and in September to approve the subsequent fiscal year plan and budget. Fifty-one (51%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Article D. Chairman

The President shall serve as chairman of both the Executive Committee with the Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer as alternates in his/her absence. The Immediate Past President will serve as Chairman of the

CHAPTER IV. OFFICERS

Article A. Terms of Office

The terms of office of the officers of the Society shall be the fiscal year.

Article B. Duties

Section 1. President: The President shall have been president-elect one (1) year immediately preceding his/her installation. He/She shall serve for one (1) year or until his/her successor shall have been elected and installed. Duties shall be those ordinarily pertaining to his/her office. He/She shall preside at the meetings of the Society, the Executive Committee, the Executive Board and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage may require. He/She shall name the members of all appointed councils and shall be an ex-officio member thereof. He/She may attend meetings of councils or committees and participate in discussions but may not vote. He/She shall deliver a presidential address at the regular meeting of the Society at which he/she is installed as President.

In the case of disability, death, resignation or removal from office of the President, the Vice President shall become President for the unexpired term; and the Vice President-Elect shall fulfill the unexpired term of the Vice President.

Section 2. President-Elect: The President-Elect shall be elected for a term of one (1) year before becoming President. He/She shall serve on the Executive Committee and the Executive Board and shall observe and prepare himself/herself to assume the office of President after a period of one (1) year. He/She shall be a member of all councils and committees without vote. It shall be his/her further duty to acquaint himself/herself with all the activities, aims and objectives of the Society. In the event that the office of President-Elect becomes vacant, it shall be filled by election as provided in Chapter VII, Article D. The arrangements for the election shall be the responsibility of the President. The President-Elect shall chair the Strategic Planning Committee.

Section 3. Vice President: The Vice President shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. He/She shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties, shall preside in his/her absence, and upon his/her death, resignation or removal from the county shall succeed to the presidency. The Vice President shall be a member of the Executive Committee and the Executive Board.

Section 4. Secretary-Treasurer: A Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. He/She shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Society, the Executive Committee, the Executive Board and shall receive and care for all records and papers belonging to the Society, including its charter. He/She shall select a local bank for the deposit of all valuable papers and funds. He/She shall collect all dues and other money due the Society and keep accounts of the same and shall pay all of its duly authorized accounts. The Executive Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and the President are authorized to sign checks on accounts of the Society in conformance with rules established by the Executive Committee. All individuals authorized to sign checks shall be bonded. Only the President and the Secretary Treasurer are authorized to sign checks in the amount of \$5000.00 or greater. Only the President and the Secretary Treasurer are authorized to sign a check made out to the Executive Vice President/CEO. The President or Secretary Treasurer will review and initial, at the conclusion of a financial month, the check register, the payroll summary, the profit-loss

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statement, and current account balances. These documents shall be maintained in the monthly financial folder.

He/She shall make and keep a correct list of the members of the Society in good standing and shall certify such a list to the Secretary of the Kentucky Medical Association. He/She shall endeavor to account for each member who has moved into or out of the county during the year, stating when possible both his/her present and past address. At the same time, and with his/her report of such lists of members, he/she shall send to the Kentucky Medical Association the annual dues of the members from this Society.

He/She shall certify to the House of Delegates of the Kentucky Medical Association those delegates elected each year.

He/She shall record and make suitable memorial to deceased members.

Section 5. Vice President-Elect: The Vice President-Elect shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. He/She shall serve on the Executive Committee, the Executive Board and prepare himself/herself to assume the office of Vice President after a period of one (1) year. He/She shall assist the Vice President in the duties of that office.

CHAPTER V. DELEGATES

Article A. General

The President, President-Elect and the immediate past President shall automatically become delegates during their terms of office. Additional delegates shall be elected annually to represent the Society in the House of Delegates of the Kentucky Medical Association in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of that body.

Article B. Number

The number of delegates elected shall be in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Kentucky Medical Association as of December 1st each year.

Article C. Election

The delegates, other than the delegates designated in Article A, shall be elected annually according to Chapter VII of these bylaws.

Article D. Term of Office

Each delegate shall be elected to serve for three (3) years. Approximately one-third shall be elected each year. A delegate shall be eligible for election to succeed himself/herself.

Article E. Qualification

Any active member who is in good standing and has been active in the affairs of the Society for at least three (3) years shall be eligible for election.

Article F. Alternate Delegates

Alternate delegates shall be elected each year to serve for one (1) year. The number of alternate delegates shall approximate one-third of the total number of delegates.

In the event that the Society's complement of delegates (including alternate delegates) at the meeting of the House of Delegates is not complete, additional alternate delegates shall be appointed by the President from the active members available at the meeting of the Kentucky Medical Association. The appointments shall be certified in writing to the Credentials Committee of the Kentucky Medical Association.

Article G. Duties

It shall be the duty of a delegate to attend the meetings of the Society and of the House of Delegates and to faithfully represent the Society. A member should not accept nomination unless he/she is willing to make every reasonable effort to attend if elected. He/She is expected to inform himself/herself on the duties, functions and powers of the House of Delegates as set forth in the bylaws of the State Association.

A delegate shall individually vote on all questions as he/she believes will best serve the interest of the Society, the profession and the public unless otherwise specifically instructed by the Society.

Article H. Organization

Section 1. The Chairman of the Delegates shall be the President of the Society.

The Chairman of the Society's Delegates to the Kentucky Medical Association shall be responsible for the procedure at all meetings of the delegates. He/She shall satisfy himself/herself that only delegates vote at the meeting of the delegation and that proper replacement of absent delegates be made by alternate delegates as described in Chapter V, Article F.

Section 2. Throughout the year, the chairman with the cooperation of the Tenth District Trustee of the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Medical Association shall study, discuss and report to the delegates all business, transacted or proposed, by the Kentucky Medical Association which is of interest to the Society.

Section 3. A nominee from this Society for office in the Kentucky Medical Association must meet the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Kentucky Medical Association and have held at least one (1) elective office of the Lexington Medical Society.

Section 4. Prior to the annual meeting of the Kentucky Medical Association, the Executive Committee or any member of the Society may submit nominations to the Society's delegation to the Kentucky Medical Association for a candidate(s) for each office in the Kentucky Medical Association to come from Fayette County. The Delegates will then determine nominations to be forwarded to the Kentucky Medical Association.

The conduct of elections of candidates for offices in the Kentucky Medical Association from Fayette County shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Delegates.

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Section 5. A caucus of the delegation will be held prior to the date for submission of resolutions to the KMA House of Delegates as determined by the Kentucky Medical Association. The Chairman of the Delegates shall call a meeting of the delegates, alternate delegates, district trustee and alternate trustee as soon as possible after the information packet is received from the Kentucky Medical Association for the purpose of reviewing all matters of business to come before the annual meeting of the Kentucky Medical Association.

CHAPTER VI. ELECTION TO OFFICE

Article A. Elective Offices

Annually the following offices shall be filled by election: President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Kentucky Medical Association, and such other elected representatives as may be required. The Secretary Treasurer shall be elected for a two (2) year term.

Article B. Nominations

One (1) nominating committee shall be selected and shall function as follows:

Section 1. The three (3) immediate past Presidents shall serve on the nominating committee. The senior past President shall serve as Chairman.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall meet and prepare a slate of nominees for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer, if the current Secretary Treasurer is at the end of his/her two year term. LMS will announce, at the May General Meeting and newsletter (and subsequent newsletters up to October) the opening of nominations to run for office. There shall be a competitive election if there is more than one person running for office. In such case, the nominating committee will select two nominees for the position for the slate. The nominating committee also shall prepare a slate of nominees for the Judicial Committee and the offices of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Kentucky Medical Association. The number of nominees must equal at least the number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates required. Those receiving the greatest number of votes at the election shall be named Delegates, and those nominees receiving the next greatest votes shall be named Alternate Delegates. The nominating committee will consult with the proposed nominees concerning their willingness to serve if elected.

Section 3. The nominating committee shall report its slates of candidates to the President who shall publish them prior to the meeting at which additional nominations may be made from the floor. A majority of the members of the committee will sign the report.

Section 4. At the regular meeting preceding the meeting at which elections are held the President shall present the slates of the nominating committee and call for additional nominations from the floor. Nominees presented from the floor must either be in attendance and agree to serve if elected, or a letter so stating must be obtained from the nominee prior to his/her nomination. The nominations then shall be closed.

Article C. Voting

At the meeting at which elections are held the duly nominated candidates shall be voted upon by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be elected. In the event a voting member of the Society is unable to attend the meeting at which elections are held, absentee voting will be available at the Society office during the week preceding the election night. All absentee ballots shall be placed in sealed envelopes which will be opened and counted with the ballots cast on election night.

Article D. Vacancies

In the event that the office of President becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, it shall be filled by the Vice President. In the event that the office of Vice President becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, it shall be filled by the Vice President-Elect. In the event that the office of Secretary-Treasurer becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, it shall be filled by appointment of the President with approval by the Executive Board. In the event of vacancy in any other office, the previously appointed nominating committee shall be immediately reactivated and shall present nominations for the vacant office at the next regular meeting, at which meeting the floor shall be open for nominations. Nominations will then be closed and the candidate voted upon at the next regular meeting.

CHAPTER VII. COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Article A

The complete program, activities and administrative functions of this Society shall be reported to the Executive Committee through the various committees and councils.

Special ad hoc committees or commissions may be appointed at the discretion of the President or by the direction of the Executive Committee. The ad hoc committees should address a specific task or project and upon completion of their charge within a designated time frame be dissolved.

CHAPTER VIII. FINANCES

Article A. Funds

The funds of the Society may be derived from 1) dues, 2) assessments, 3) voluntary contributions, 4) gifts and 5) monies from the constituted activities of the Society.

Article B. Dues

Dues (including applicable dues of the Kentucky Medical Association) shall be payable on demand by the Treasurer, but not later than February 1st annually. Dues shall be as follows:

Active Members	300.00
Associate Members	100.00
In-Training Members	15.00*
Inactive Members	100.00

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Life Members	none	revised 1/8/02
Emeritus Members	none	revised 9/10/02
Student Members	none	revised 11/11/03
Service Members	See Chapter I, Article A, Section 8	revised 9/14/10
Honorary Members	none	
Special Members	100.00	

Physicians elected to active membership within six (6) months of the completion of their residency, fellowship or fulfillment of government obligated service shall pay one-half of the yearly rate their first full year of membership. Applicants elected to membership after June 30 of any year are required to pay only one-half of the yearly rate. *Physicians elected to in-training membership shall pay a one-time fee for the duration of residency and fellowship in an approved residency program in Kentucky.

Article C. Delinquency

Any member who has failed to pay his/her dues as of the collection schedule of the Kentucky Medical Association, normally at the beginning of May, shall be dropped from the roll of the members without action on the part of the Society and must be acted upon as any other new member in order to be reinstated. Upon reinstatement, he/she shall pay annual dues for the year in which he/she become delinquent and annual dues for the current year.

Article D. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Society shall be from January 1st through December 31st.

CHAPTER IX. RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in *Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* shall govern the deliberations of the Society.

CHAPTER X. PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS

The Society adopts as part of its bylaws, binding upon its members, the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association.

CHAPTER XI . AMENDMENTS

Section 1. A proposal to amend these bylaws may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at any regular meeting at which a quorum is present provided that such amendment has been sent to each member of the Society at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken.

Section 2. All such amendments shall be referred to the Executive Committee for its review prior to presentation to the Society to determine conflicts with other portions of the Constitution or Bylaws.

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