



## BYLAWS

### CHAPTER I: MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 1. Chapter Member.

A Charter Member shall be an original member who founded this Society, who holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine, or equivalent medical degree from a reputable medical school, is practicing, and who is of good moral character. He or she shall support the Constitution and Laws of the United States and abide by the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American College of Surgeons.

#### Section 2. Active Member.

A Candidate for Active Membership shall be afforded all Chief Residents upon Successful completion of a General Surgery Residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School. The new member will then be included in the roster of the Society by the secretary. The new member is entitled to vote at regular meetings and hold office.

All membership nominations and endorsements shall be retained by the secretary in the permanent files of the Society.

#### Section 3. Honorary Member.

Honorary members may, for reason of outstanding contributions to the profession in general and to this Society in particular, be elected for life at any regular meeting of this Society by a three-fourths vote of Active Members present. The nomination can be made at the present meeting and voted upon at same meeting. Honorary members shall retain all active membership privileges, but shall not be subject to the payment of dues.

#### Section 4. Associate Member.

To be eligible as an Associate Member one must:

- (a) Be an intern or resident in training at Eastern Virginia Medical School.
- (b) Be a member of some branch of the medical service of the United States
- (c) Be retired from active practice
- (d) Be a provider of health care services engaged in a professional relationship with the EVMS Dept of Surgery that supports the goals of the department **such as any EVMS surgical faculty.**

### CHAPTER II: OFFICERS

#### Section 1. Election of Officers.

- A. Elections of officers shall be held during the annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. Nominations shall be made from the floor. All elections shall be by vote. The vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to win an election. The term of office shall be two years and the vice president will succeed the president in office followed by the treasurer/secretary.

#### Section 2. Duties of Officers.

- A. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage require. The president will have the option to give grand rounds one of the two years of office at alumni home coming preferentially or some other agreed upon date. The president, under advisement from Dr. Britt, will select the invited speaker year(s) they don't give the talk. When and if the president travels to EVMS for such occasions, he or she may remit receipts for incurred expenses to the treasurer.
- B. The Vice President shall serve as President-elect; and shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and shall preside in his/her absence. In the event of death, resignation, or removal from office of the President of the Society, the Vice-President shall serve out the unexpired term.

- C. The Secretary shall review the minutes of the meetings. He shall keep account of and promptly turn over to the Treasurer all funds of the Society, which may come into his hands.
- D. The Treasurer shall give a report when requested. The Treasurer shall review the books every quarter.

Distribution of funds may be approved by the President, Secretary, or Treasurer.  
There shall be quarterly accounting of the funds.

### **CHAPTER III: FUNDS AND EXPENSES**

#### **Annual Dues:**

The fiscal year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Active members' dues shall be established by this Society and shall be payable on September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. It is expected that all member (s) pay their annual dues by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Members more than two years (s) in arrears shall be dropped from the roll of members and shall be reinstated only upon payment in full of his total indebtedness to the Society. Members accepted after January 1<sup>st</sup> shall pay one-half the annual dues for the remainder of the year.

### **CHAPTER IV: DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

#### **Section I. Membership Suspension and Expulsion.**

All active members shall be equally privileged to attend all meetings and take part in all proceedings, and shall be eligible to any office or honor within the gift of the Society so long as they conform to this Constitution and Bylaws, including the payment of prescribed dues and attend at least one meeting. A member who is under sentence of suspension or expulsion shall not be permitted any office until relieved of such disability.

#### **Section 2. Professional Negligence, Misconduct.**

A member who has been convicted of a felony or any violation of the Medical Practice Act, or who violates any of the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws or Principles of Medical Ethics of the American College of Surgeons, shall be liable to censure, suspension, or expulsion. Charges against a member must be made in writing and be delivered to the secretary, who shall immediately furnish a copy to the accused, President, and vice-President. The President shall establish an Ethics and Grievance Committee to investigate the charges on their merits, but no action shall be taken by the Ethics and Grievance Committee within ten days of the presentation of the charges to the accused, nor before giving the accused and accusers ample opportunity to be heard. The Committee shall report:

- (1) That the charges are not sustained; or
- (2) That the charges are sustained and recommend to the Executive Committee that the accused be:
  - (a) Censured;
  - (b) Suspended for a definite time; or
  - (c) Expelled.

Censure or suspension shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting shall be required to expel a member. The member designated by censure, suspension, or expulsion has the right to appeal. No action shall be taken by the Society in such case until at least six weeks have elapsed since the filing of the charges. A member suspended for a definite time shall be reinstated automatically at the expiration of the time.

### **CHAPTER V: MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1. The Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting shall take place in October with installation of the officers at the same time.

#### **Section 2. Special Meeting.**

Special meetings may be called by the President or by five members in writing. Only such business as is being presented may be acted on.

### **CHAPTER VI: RULES OF ORDER**

The deliberations of this Society shall be governed by parliamentary usage as contained in Roberts Rules of Order unless otherwise determined by vote.

### **CHAPTER VII: THE PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL ETHICS**

The Principles of Medical Ethics of the American College of Surgeons shall govern this Society and its members.

### **CHAPTER VIII: AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote thereof, provided that such amendment has been read in open session at the preceding regular meeting and a copy of the same has been sent to each member by the secretary at least ten days in advance of the meeting at which final action is to be taken.