

## OREGON PATHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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### ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this society shall be the Oregon Pathologists Association.

### ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this society shall be: (1) To foster the highest standards in education, research and practice of pathology in Oregon and the adjacent Pacific Northwest. (2) To elevate the scientific and professional status of those specializing in the practice of pathology in Oregon and the adjacent Pacific Northwest.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This society shall consist of five classes of members: (1) Active, (2) Junior, (3) Associate, (4) Honorary, (5) Emeritus.

Section 2. Qualifications for membership: For the purpose of this section, pathology shall be defined as that branch of the science and practice of medicine which may contribute to the diagnosis, treatment, observation and understanding of the progress of disease or medical condition in the human subject by means of information obtained by morphologic, microscopic, chemical, microbiologic, serologic or any other type of laboratory examination made on the patient or on any material obtained from the human body.

- (1) Active members: Only the following physicians shall be eligible to be elected to or to continue as active members of the society.
  - a. Those holding the degree of M.D. or D.O. from an accredited school of medicine or school of osteopathy, and
  - b. Who are licensed in the State in which they reside and/or those in Federal Government service, and
  - c. Who dedicate a major portion of their practice to the specialty of pathology, and
  - d. Who have qualifications equal to and required by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and/or American Society of Pathology and Bacteriology and/or American Board of Pathology and/or College of American Pathologists.
  - e. D.M.D., D.D.S., and D.V.M's.
- (2) Junior members shall meet all requirements for active membership in Section 2 except for fulfilling the completed requirements of training as indicated in Section 2,

Paragraph 1d. They must be physicians who are residents in hospitals approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals for residency in pathology. On completion of their training program they must apply for active membership in the usual fashion.

- (3) Associate members shall be legally qualified physicians or other scientists holding an acceptable academic doctorate, whose interests parallel those of the Association and whose membership would, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, advance the purpose of this Association.
- (4) Honorary members shall be persons who have distinguished themselves in some field of medicine or the ancillary sciences.
- (5) Emeritus members shall be members who have retired from practice or the teaching of pathology who may request transferal to emeritus membership.

Section 3. Prerogatives of membership.

- (1) Active members shall be entitled to attend all business meetings and scientific sessions, to hold office and to vote.
- (2) All other members shall be entitled to attend the scientific sessions of the organization and to attend business meetings as auditors and to vote.
- (3) All members except honorary, junior and emeritus shall pay dues and assessments.

#### ARTICLE IV - ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Applications for membership shall be made on a form authorized by the Secretary of the Society, signed by the applicant and recommended by two active members in good standing of the OPA, ASCP, or CAP, and reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Applicants for active, junior, associate and honorary membership, after review by the Executive Committee, shall be elected by a quorum of the members present at any regular meeting.

#### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and a member-at-large.

Section 2. These officers, together with the immediate past president of the Association, Delegates from Oregon of the College of American Pathologists, and the Councilor to the American Society of Clinical Pathologists shall constitute the Executive Committee. Association members who are American Society of Clinical Pathologists officers, American Society of Clinical Pathologists Board of Directors members, College of American Pathologists officers, or College of American Pathologists Board of Governors shall be ex-officio members of the Association's Executive Committee (without vote).

Section 3. The election of officers and their duties shall be as provided by the Bylaws.

Section 4. The term of each office shall be one year.

Section 5. If office is vacated by death, removal or resignation, the Executive Committee shall have the power of appointment to fill said office until the next regular election. In the case of vacancy of the office of president, the president-elect shall assume these duties until the next regular election.

## ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. This Association shall have four scheduled meetings per year. The matter of scheduling these meetings shall be as outlined in the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws of this Association may be amended at any regular business meeting upon approval of majority vote of the active members present at that meeting.

Section 2. Provided notice of amendment has been mailed to members in writing at least ten days prior to such regular business meeting.