

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS

164 SUMMIT AVENUE
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Article 1

Names Objectives and Incorporation

Section 1

The name of the organization shall be “The Rhode Island Society of Pathologists”, herein referred to as the Society.

Section 2

Its objectives are scientific advancement, social intercourse, promotion of the welfare of Pathology and provision of continuing education for Pathologists and laboratory personnel.

Section 3

The Society shall be incorporated as a not for profit organization under the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

Article 2

Section 1

The Society shall consist of Active, Associate, Junior, Emeritus, and Honorary members. Application for membership in the Society shall be accomplished by completion of the society’s membership application form forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society

Section 2

Active members shall be duly qualified Doctors of Medicine, or Doctors of Osteopathy, members of their Local, County, or State Medical Society (which membership may be

waived at the discretion of the Society) who limit their work to Pathology. Candidates for Active Membership in the Society may be proposed by any Active Member at any regular meeting, providing such candidate has already completed and submitted the Society membership application form to the Secretary Treasurer. Such candidacy shall be voted at the next regular meeting. Election shall be by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present. Each Active member in good standing shall have one vote in Society affairs, may hold and serve on committees.

Section 3

Associate members shall be non-Pathologists who have made such contributions to any of the sciences relating to anatomic or clinical pathology and whose membership will so further the objects of the Society as to make them eligible for associate membership, or physicians in good standing in medical fields other than pathology. Proposal, allocation and election shall be similar to that of Active Members. They may not vote or hold office, and will not be subject to assessment of dues.

Section 4

Emeritus Members shall have the same qualifications as Active Members except that these are individuals who have retired from the practice of, but maintain their interest in Pathology. Emeritus Members may be proposed and elected by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society. They may not vote or hold office, and will be subject to assessment of dues.

Section 5

Junior Members shall be Doctors of Medicine in training in Pathology, and may be proposed and elected at any regular meeting. Election shall be by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Junior members may not vote or hold office and will not be subject to assessment of dues.

Section 6

Honorary Members shall have distinguished themselves in the cause of scientific medicine to warrant their election by the Society. They may be proposed by any Active Member and shall be elected by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting and have all the privileges of active members except those of voting and holding office. They shall be exempt from paying dues and from completion of the Society' membership application form.

Section 7

Expulsion of Members –A member may be expelled from the Society for non-compliance with the Bylaws of this Society or its Code of Ethics or for conduct unbecoming a professional individual. In no case shall a member be expelled without a suitable hearing.

A two thirds vote of the entire membership of the Society shall be necessary for the expulsion of a member

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers shall be the President and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall each be elected annually at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one year or until the qualification of their successors. Election of the President shall be by automatic succession of the Secretary-Treasurer, but shall also nominate to fill vacancies. Duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to these several officers.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President. This committee shall arrange the scientific and social program for each meeting, and shall perform such other duties as shall be delegated to it by the Society. The Executive Committee shall act in lieu of the usual standing committees, and shall have the power to administer and conduct the affairs of the Society between regular meetings of the Society. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to and be subject to the approval of the Society at its next business meeting or by mail or by telephone vote.

ARTICLE V

Other Committees

Section 1

The President shall appoint ad hoc committees each year as necessary.

Section 2

He shall annually appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a nominating committee composed of three members

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1

Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third or fourth Monday or Tuesday of October, January, April and May or June.

Section 2

The October meeting shall be the Annual Meeting of the Society

Section 3

Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, by the Executive Committee, or by petition from 25% of the voting membership.

ARTICLE VII

The annual dues shall be thirty dollars for Active Members, payable at the October meeting. Increasing or decreasing the dues may take place at any regular meeting after approval of two thirds of the voting members present. If the dues are not paid by the time of the January meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify such member of the delinquency. Membership shall be forfeited if payment is not made for two consecutive years.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1

No expense shall be incurred by this Society except with the approval of the Executive Committee or upon a majority vote of all members present at any regular meeting.

Section 2

No money shall be paid out of the Treasury of the Society except on a draft drawn by the Secretary Treasurer and endorsed by the president, unless authority is otherwise delegated by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1

“Robert’s Rule of Order” latest revision shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

ARTICLE X

Ethics

A member of the Society is governed in his Medical Practice by the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association.

ARTICLE XI

Medical and/or non-medical personnel will be welcome as quests or participants to the scientific portion of each meeting through invitation by the Executive Committee, or by members but shall be excluded by the business meeting.

ARTICLE XII

A quorum for the conduct of the business affairs of the Society shall consist of twenty-five percent of the active members.