

South Carolina Neurological Association  
Constitution 1974

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Neurological Association.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be: (a) to sustain and promote high standards of the practice of medical neurology in the state of South Carolina; (b) to advance the understanding of the practice of neurology including clinical and scientific aspects of this discipline by the exchange of ideas among members and resolution of problems common to members, by informing physicians of other disciplines of the extents of our expertise in the practice of neurology, and by informing the general public including the business community of our purposes and goals; (c) to encourage high standards of practice in other disciplines relevant to neurology; and (d) to promote fellowship among neurologists in South Carolina.

Article III Membership

Section I. Members. The Association shall consist of two classes of members: Regular Members and Junior Members.

Section II. Regular Members. Any neurologist residing in South Carolina who has successfully completed neurological training and who is qualified for, or has been certified by, examination of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Incorporated and who is in good standing with the medical community may apply for membership to the Association. An application for membership must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Association and supported by two members. Membership will be granted on approval by the majority of the members of the Association.

Section III. Junior Members. Graduate medical doctors who are in training in an approved clinical neurological training program in South Carolina may apply for membership to the Association. Junior Members cannot become officers of the Association and cannot vote.

Article IV Officers

Section I. Officers. Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Secretary, and treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held concomitantly by one individual. Only Regular members of this Association shall be eligible to hold these offices.

Section II. Election. Officers of the Association will be elected at the Annual Meeting by a simple plurality of votes by the Regular Members. In the first election, a President, a President-Elect, a secretary, and a treasurer will be chosen. Thereafter, only a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer will be chosen. The President may not serve more than one term in succession.

Section III. Duties of the Officers. The duties of the officers shall be such as are usually associated with their respective offices and as may be prescribed by the Constitutions and Bylaws of the Association.

Section IV. Executive Committee. The affairs of the Association will be conducted with the authority of the membership through an Executive Committee consisting of the President, immediate past-President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the President of the Association and the Vice-Chairman shall be the President-Elect of the Association.

Section V. Nomination of Officers. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President within thirty (30) days following the Annual Meeting and shall report its recommendations for a slate of officers at the next Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any Regular Member at the Annual Meeting.

Section VI. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any office other than the President, it shall be filled by the Executive Committee at their discretion until the next Annual Meeting. Should the position of President become vacant, the President-Elect shall assume the office of President and serve the remainder of the unexpired term as well as the succeeding term.

#### Article V Meetings

Section I. An Annual Meeting of the Association shall be called each year, the date, place, and time to be designated by the Executive Committee. This meeting shall serve as a forum for professional communication, for election of officers for the succeeding year and for transaction of the business of the Association. Special meetings may be called by the President as he deems necessary, provided further that the president shall be required to call a special meeting upon the written request of three or more regular members.

Section II. Notice of Meetings. The Secretary shall give notice of Annual Meetings and special meetings by mailing to each member a notice stating the place, date, and time of the meeting, and in case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called. This notice shall be mailed not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of meeting.

Section III. Quorum. To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, there must be present and voting at least thirty percent (30%) of the Regular Members of the Association.

Section IV. Vote and Representation. Each Regular Member shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Association.

#### Article VI Committees

Section I. Standing Committees.

- (a) Membership Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall receive from the Secretary and review

applications for membership and make recommendations for new members at the Annual Meeting. (b) Program Committee. The President shall appoint a Program Committee each year to be composed of the President-Elect and one or more additional members of the Association. The President-Elect shall be the Chairman of the Committee. The Program Committee will be responsible for the format of the Annual Meeting, including scientific, business, and social activities.

Special II. Special Committees. The President may appoint committees to assist in conducting the affairs of the Association as defined by the membership.

## Article VII Monies

Section I. Dues and Assessments. The Executive Committee shall set annual dues and special assessments to the membership according to the needs of the Association. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds collected as dues or assessments for conduct of the business of the Association at the direction of the Executive Committee. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this Association will be turned over to another organization which is exempt from federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of a prior or future Internal Revenue Code or to a federal, state, or local government.

## Article VIII Forfeiture of Membership

Section I. Non-payment of dues. A member who has not paid dues within a period of (1) year after billing shall, upon being billed for the succeeding year, be notified of forfeiture of membership unless all indebtedness to the Association is met within sixty (60) days. Re-instatement following the sixty (60) day period shall require the request of the delinquent member, approval by the Regular Members and liquidation of all indebtedness.

Section II. Duration of membership. Any member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Association.

Section III. Any member who misses three or more consecutive Annual Meetings without a reason acceptable to the Executive Committee may be dropped from membership in the Association at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

## Article IX Amendments

On resolution by the Executive Committee, or by a written proposal signed by ten percent, (10%) of the regular members, this constitution may be amended by two-thirds of the votes cast on the Annual Meeting. Written notice of the substance of the proposed amendment shall be sent to all members by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken on it.