

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS  
AMENDED AS ACCEPTED BY SOCIETY AT MEETING ON  
OCTOBER 8, 1971 IN VICTORIA, B.C.**

**Article I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Washington State Society of Pathologists.

**Article II – OBJECTS**

The objects of this Society shall be:

- (1) To affiliate in a scientific organization various individuals in the State of Washington who are engaged in the practice of, or the teaching of Pathology and allied sciences;
- (2) To encourage individual research in these fields;
- (3) To promote the knowledge of Pathology among the members of the medical profession and
- (4) To act in an advisory capacity to the practice of Pathology in this district in such a manner as shall be to the best interests of the whole community.

**Article III – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. The membership of this Society shall consist of:

- (A) Regular members
- (B) Resident members
- (C) Associate members
- (D) Emeritus members

Section 2. Qualifications for membership:

A. Regular Members:

- (1) Regular Membership shall be limited to physicians licensed in the State of Washington who are members in good standing of their county and state medical societies. These requirements may be waived for applicants whose full time practice is limited to tax-supported institutions.
- (2) Regular members shall be graduates of medical schools approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association who have had four years of supervised study and training in both Clinical Pathology and Pathologic Anatomy or three years of supervised study and training in either Pathologic Anatomy or Clinical Pathology. This

training is to be obtained in institutions approved for residency instruction in the pertinent field or fields by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association who are devoting the major portion of their time to the field of Pathology.

- (3) The Society reserves the right to waive qualifications for regular membership in exceptional cases upon recommendation of the Executive Board.
- (4) Only regular members have the right to vote and hold office.
- (5) Only regular members are liable for dues and assessments.

**B. Resident Members:**

- (1) Resident members shall be physicians who are residents in pathology in hospitals approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals for residencies in Pathology, who have completed not less than one year toward specialization in Pathology.
- (2) Upon completion of the required formal training for certification by the American Boards of Pathology in Pathologic Anatomy, Clinical Pathology or both, Resident Members will be removed from the roster as Resident Members and may apply for Regular Membership.

**C. Associate Members:**

Associate members shall be persons who have distinguished themselves in some field of medicine or its allied sciences.

**D. Emeritus Members:**

Any regular member who has retired from the practice or teaching of Pathology may be transferred to Emeritus Membership.

## **Article IV – OFFICERS**

**Section 1.**

The officers of this Society shall be “President and Secretary-Treasurer and Member at Large in the above order of rank. Officers shall serve for period of two years. They shall be elected by a majority vote of those present from nominations presented by the nominating committee and nominations made from the floor.

**Section 2.**

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at or before the time of the Spring Meeting, during the year in which he takes office. This nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer-Elect, Member-at-Large-Elect, and candidates for ASCP Counselor, and CAP Delegate, and Alternate Delegate, if the terms of the office for these individuals expire within the calendar year or if the office is vacated for any reason; the report of this nominating committee will be made at the Fall Meeting of the State Society of Pathologists, and elections held at the next regular annual meeting. These stipulations do not apply to the case of the election of the CAP Delegate, which is done by mail, and in which only CAP members and Fellows participate.

### Section 3.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, appoint all special committees, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the members, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to that office. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

### Section 4.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- A. Record and preserve the minutes of each meeting.
- B. Send notices of regular meetings to each member.
- C. Transmit to the membership the names of the nominees for President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer-Elect at least one week prior to the annual election.
- D. Prepare and distribute copies of the program and agenda for each meeting.
- E. Handle all correspondence as directed by the Executive Committee.
- F. Receive all monies, pay all bills approved by the Executive Committee, and present an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures at the regular annual meeting and at such other meetings as this may be requested.
- G. Bill each member annually for dues.
- H. Read the names of members delinquent in dues at the regular annual meeting.
- I. Publish annually a Roster of Members, their current addresses and membership status.
- J. Provide a copy of the constitution and by-laws to each new applicant for membership along with the application form.

### Section 5.

The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

Section 6.

The Secretary-Treasurer-elect shall perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 7.

The President-elect and Secretary-Treasurer elect shall be regular members of the Executive Committee.

**Article V – TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS**

Regular Meetings:

Section 1.

- A. Regular meetings will be at the times and places voted by members of the Executive Committee.
- B. Notices of each regular meeting shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer to each member of the Society in writing not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.
- C. The first meeting of each calendar year will be designated as the regular annual meeting.

Special Meetings:

Section 2.

- A. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President of Executive Committee or at the request of three regular members.
- B. The business of a Special Meeting shall be limited to the published agenda sent with the notice of the Special Meeting at least 96 hours before the meeting.

**Article VI – QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of regular members present and voting plus members represented by proxy.

**Article VII – AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-third vote of quorum present providing a written copy of the amendment shall have been distributed to each member at least two weeks prior to the meeting and due notice of the meeting itself. Amendments to the proposal as published may emanate from the floor and be enacted without an additional notice or meeting.