AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF
THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA
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ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name. The name of the corporation is The Medical Society of Virginia (the “Society”), a Virginia nonstock corporation.

Section 2. Purpose. The Society is incorporated to promote the science and art of medicine for the benefit of the people of Virginia, the protection of public health, and the betterment of the medical profession. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Society shall not operate in a manner that could jeopardize the federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Section 3. Use of Funds. The Society shall use its funds only to accommodate these objectives, and no part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to or for the benefit of any individual member of the Society.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP, VOTING, FUNDS, DUES

Section 1. Classes of Membership. The Society shall have the following classes of membership: (a) active, (b) resident physician, (c) student, (d) associate, (e) honorary active, (f) honorary associate, and (g) affiliate.

Section 2. Active Members. An active member must be a doctor of medicine or osteopathy licensed to practice that profession in Virginia, provided, however, that a doctor of medicine or osteopathy may hold active membership without an active Virginia license if fully retired from practice.

Any active member shall have the right to vote, service on the Board of Directors, hold any office in the Society and serve on any committee. Each active or associate member shall pay dues unless (i) he/she has been granted an exemption because of financial or physical disability, or (ii) he/she has been an active or associate member of the Society for at least ten years and has become fully retired, in which event he/she shall be granted lifetime membership effective on January 1 of the year immediately following the year of application. Physicians granted such lifetime membership status shall not be charged annual dues.

Section 3. Resident Physician Members. A resident physician member must be an intern, resident or fellow in an approved training program in Virginia. Any resident physician member may hold any office and serve on any committee of the Society.

Section 4. Student Members. A student member must be a member in good standing of a component student society (as defined in Article III below). Any student membership shall terminate automatically when the member graduates from medical school or when he/she no longer is enrolled in a medical school at which there is a component student society. Any student member may hold any office and serve on any committee of the Society.

Section 5. Associate Members. An Associate member must be: (1) a non-resident of Virginia, not currently practicing medicine in Virginia and who holds or has held an active license as a physician by the Virginia Board of Medicine; (2) a medical officer of the armed forces; (3) a member of the Public Health Service; or (4) a doctor of medicine or osteopathy attached to a veterans’ hospital. Associate members, other than honorary associate members, shall pay dues unless at the time of payment they have been active members in good standing for more than ten (10) years and are retired.
Section 5.1. **No Right to Vote.** Associate members shall have no right to vote, hold office or serve on committees, but shall be entitled to all other privileges of membership.

Section 6. **Honorary Active Members; Honorary Associate Members.** Honorary active or honorary associate membership may be granted by a majority vote of the House of Delegates at its annual meeting to no more than two (2) Virginia residents and one non-resident as an acknowledgement of long, faithful and distinguished service. Honorary active members shall not pay dues, but otherwise shall have the same rights as active members.

Section 6.1. **No Right to Vote.** Honorary associate members shall not vote, hold office, or serve on committees, but shall be entitled to all other privileges of membership.

Section 7. **Affiliate Members.** An Affiliate member shall be a healthcare provider or person in good standing with their profession, their community and the Medical Society of Virginia and who has an interest in supporting physicians and healthcare in Virginia. Affiliate membership is restricted to those persons specified in this section. Affiliate members shall pay dues.

Section 7.1. **No Right to Vote.** Affiliate members shall have no right to vote in the House of Delegates or hold office but shall be entitled to all other privileges of membership including serving on committees or task forces.

Section 7.2. **Physician Assistants.** Affiliate members who are physician assistants shall, as a condition of membership, hold an active license as a physician assistant from the Virginia Board of Medicine or, if such physician assistant is retired, hold an inactive license from the Virginia Board of Medicine.

Section 7.3. **Physician Assistant Students.** Affiliate members who are physician assistant students shall be a full-time student in a Virginia program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

Section 8. **Funds.** In addition to annual dues, funds for the Society may be raised by a per capita assessment approved by the House of Delegates or by the Board of Directors subject to ratification by the House of Delegates, voluntary contributions and other business activities. The funds shall be expended to carry out the general purposes of the Society.

Section 9. **Dues.** The amount of membership dues for active members in full-time medical practice shall be determined by the House of Delegates for each fiscal year. At each annual meeting for which a change in the dues structure is recommended, such recommendation shall be presented by the Board of Directors to the House of Delegates for action. Membership dues for all classes of membership other than active members in full-time medical practice shall be determined by the Board of Directors and be reviewed annually by the House of Delegates.

Section 10. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Society for membership purposes shall correspond with the calendar year.

Section 11. **Approval and Removal of Members.** An applicant shall not be accepted as an active physician, affiliate or associate member of the Society until he/she has paid annual dues. Any member may be censured, suspended or expelled by a majority vote of the House of Delegates for sufficient cause, when such action has been recommended by an ad hoc committee, which will be appointed by the Board of Directors specifically for the task of investigating complaints and providing recommendations for action to the Board of Directors. Any member may be dropped from the membership rolls for non-payment of dues (or any other assessment) or for failure to satisfy any other requirement for membership detailed in these Bylaws.
Section 1. Component Societies & Qualifications. A component society shall be comprised of physicians from one or more political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia. One component society in a county or city shall be recognized by the Society. No component society will be recognized if it is established in a territorial area included in the jurisdiction of another component society unless two (2) or more political subdivisions have become a single political subdivision by merger, annexation, or otherwise. In such case, any component societies in the said political subdivisions may be recognized as separate component societies or unite to form a single component society. Component Societies deemed active by the Board of Directors can be found in Appendix A.

Section 1.1. A physician is eligible to join a component society in the political subdivision where he/she carries on the major portion of his/her practice. If a physician practices both in Virginia and in an adjoining state or the District of Columbia, and the major portion of his/her practice is not in Virginia, he/she may join a component society in the political subdivision in which he/she resides. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member may join a more convenient component society in the same or an adjoining political subdivision if the component society, or societies, having jurisdiction in the county or city in which the physician carries on the major portion of his/her practice consents. Any member may join a component society in an adjoining political subdivision if there is no component society in the political subdivision in which the physician carries on the major portion of his/her practice.

Section 2. Specialty Sections, Qualifications and Guidelines. Each specialty section deemed active by the Board of Directors can be found in Appendix A.

Section 2.1. The following guidelines must be satisfied in order for a specialty organization to be recognized as a specialty section of the Society:

A. The specialty organization's constitution and bylaws must not be in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws of the Society.

B. The specialty organization must not discriminate in membership on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender, or handicap.

C. The specialty organization must represent a field of medicine that has recognized scientific validity.

D. The specialty organization must be stable and have been in existence for at least five (5) years prior to submitting its application.

E. Licensed Virginia physicians must comprise the majority of the voting membership of the specialty organization.

F. The specialty organization must have a voluntary membership and must report as active members only those who are current in payment of dues, have full voting privileges and are eligible to hold office.

G. The specialty organization must be active within its field of medicine and hold at least one (1) meeting of its members annually.

H. The specialty organization must submit a resolution or other official statement to show that the request is approved by the governing body of the specialty organization.

Section 2.2. The members of each specialty section shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for the conduct of the meetings of the section and for the selection of the section's officers and its delegate and alternate to the House of Delegates.
Section 3. Component Student Societies, Qualifications and Guidelines. Component student societies shall be comprised of students in medical schools accredited by the Liaison Council on Medical Education (LCME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and located in the Commonwealth of Virginia. One component student society shall be recognized by the Society at each medical school in the Commonwealth of Virginia accredited by the LCME or the AOA.

Section 4. Component Resident Physician Sections, Qualifications and Guidelines. There shall be one component resident physician section recognized by the Society. Any intern, resident or fellow in good standing in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved training program in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be eligible for membership in the section.

Section 5. Hospital Medical Staff Section, Qualifications and Guidelines. The hospital medical staff section shall consist of members of the Society who also are active voting members of hospital medical staffs with clinical privileges who have been selected for membership. The hospital medical staff section shall consist of one (1) physician selected by the medical staff of each hospital located in Virginia. This section shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for the conduct of its meetings and for the selection of its officers and its delegate and alternate to the House of Delegates.

Section 6. Academic Medical Schools, Qualifications and Guidelines. Each medical school shall be accredited by the LCME or the American Osteopathic Association.

Section 6.1. The following guidelines must be satisfied in order for a medical teaching institution to be recognized as an academic medical school of the Society:

A. The academic medical school must not discriminate employment on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender, or handicap.

B. The academic medical school must represent a field of medicine that has recognized scientific validity.

C. The academic medical school must have a group contract with the Society.

D. One hundred percent (100%) of the academic medical school's full-time faculty (physicians) who are eligible for Society membership are members of the Society.

Section 7. Health Systems, Qualifications and Guidelines. Each health system shall be composed of a medical group with one hundred (100) or more employed physicians affiliated under a single entity.

Section 7.1. The following guidelines must be satisfied in order for an employed medical group to be recognized as a health system of the Society:

A. The health system must not discriminate employment on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender, or handicap.

B. The health system must represent a field of medicine that has recognized scientific validity.

C. One hundred percent (100%) of the health system's employed physicians who are eligible for Society membership are members of the Society.

Section 8. Physician Assistant Section. There shall be a section comprised of Physician Assistants and Physician Assistant students who are members of the Society. Organization and governance within the section shall be as determined by the section. The physician assistant section may introduce resolutions to the House of Delegates.
Section 9. Attendance at Annual Meeting. Each component society, component student society, component resident physician section, specialty section, the hospital medical staff section, health systems, and academic medical schools shall send to each annual meeting of the Society the number of delegates and alternates fixed by Article V, Section 3 herein.

Section 10. Member Rosters. The secretary of each component society, component student society and component resident physician section shall keep a roster of its members. Once a year, not later than July 1, the secretary of each component student society and component resident physician section shall send a list of its members to the Executive Vice President of the Society. In odd-years, not later than July 1, the secretary of each component society shall send a list of its members to the Executive Vice President of the Society.

Section 11. Component Meetings. The component societies, component student societies and component resident physician sections shall cooperate with the officers of the Society to carry out the plans and objectives of the Society and to this end shall meet at least once each year. Once a year, each component society shall notify the Society in writing, by mail or electronically, of their active status and current officers, no later than May 1. The Society shall support component society membership for its members and emphasize that an active component society membership results in a strong state society.

Section 12. Failure to Comply with Bylaws. If a component society, component student society, component resident physician section, or physician assistant section fails to comply with the provisions of these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall request a report of the component regarding the organization in question. After considering such report, the Board of Directors then may make a recommendation concerning the status of the organization as a component society, component student society or component resident physician section as being active or inactive.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, with the date and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Attendees. Meetings of members of the Society shall be open to all registered members and guests.

Section 3. Voting. Active, student and resident physician members may vote on any matter that the House of Delegates determines is of sufficient importance that it should be submitted to the voting members of the Society.

ARTICLE V
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 1. Composition. The House of Delegates shall be the policy making body of the Society. The House of Delegates shall consist of delegates elected by the component societies, component student societies, component resident physician sections, specialty sections, the hospital medical staff section, health systems, academic medical schools and the following ex-officio members: The President, President-Elect, Speaker of the House of Delegates, Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates, Secretary-Treasurer, directors and associate directors, all Past Presidents of the Society, any general officer of the American Medical Association who also is a member of the Society, and the delegates and alternate delegates of the Society to the American Medical Association. Delegates elected by component societies, specialty sections, component student societies, component resident physician sections, the hospital medical staff section, health systems, and academic medical schools shall serve a one-year term. Ex-officio members of the House of Delegates, except for the Speaker, as provided in Article VII, Section 4, shall have full voting rights and will not be included in the delegate allotment for each component society.
No voting by proxy shall be permitted in the House of Delegates. Each member of the House of Delegates also must be a member of the Society.

Section 2. Assembly. The first assembly of the House of Delegates shall be held on the first (1st) day of the annual meeting. The House of Delegates shall adopt rules of procedure to govern the conduct of business during the meeting.

Section 3. Election of Membership. Each component society shall annually elect to membership in the House of Delegates, one delegate and one alternate for each thirty-five (35), or major fraction thereof, of its members, or non-component society members that reside within the component’s geographic territory, who are members of the Society or, in its discretion, may elect one delegate and one alternate from each county and each city in its territorial area. For purposes of determining the number of delegates and alternates to which it is entitled, a component society may count (a) direct Society members the major portion of whose practice is within the territorial jurisdiction of the component society and (b) a resident physician only if he/she is a member of the component society, and an active member of the Society. In any event, each component society is entitled to at least one delegate and one alternate in the House of Delegates. In the event a delegate is not present at any meeting of the House of Delegates, his/her alternate shall succeed to all of his/her privileges. Delegates and alternates shall be active members, student active members or resident physician members of the Society.

Section 3.1. Each component student society annually may elect to membership in the House of Delegates two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates. Student active members, their component student society, and the delegates from the component student society shall be considered members, societies and delegates of the territorial area in which is located the medical school with which they are affiliated.

Section 3.2. The component resident physician section annually may elect to membership in the House of Delegates one delegate and one alternate for each thirty-five (35), or major fraction thereof, of its members who are members of the Society.

Section 3.3. Each specialty section listed in Appendix A shall annually elect delegates, who are also members of the Medical Society of Virginia, to membership in the House of Delegates. The apportionment of delegates from each specialty society shall be a minimum of one delegate and one alternate. If at least forty (40) percent of its members are members of the Society the specialty society shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates; if at least sixty (60) percent of its members are members of the Society the specialty society shall be entitled to three delegates and three alternates. Prior to the annual meeting each specialty section shall submit the name(s) of its delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) to the Speaker of the House of Delegates or his designee. In the event a delegate for a specialty section is not present at any meeting of the House of Delegates, his/her alternate shall succeed to all privileges.

Section 3.4. If the full number of delegates accredited to a component society, component student society, component resident physician section, specialty section, the hospital medical staff section, health system or academic medical school are not present at a meeting of the Society, those members present from such component society, component student society, component resident physician section, specialty section, the hospital medical staff section, health system or academic medical school may, from members of that society, section, system or school present, who are voting members of the Society, elect or appoint a sufficient number of delegates to complete its quota.

Section 3.5. The hospital medical staff section shall elect annually to membership in the House of Delegates one delegate and one alternate. In the event the delegate for hospital medical staff section is not present at any meeting of the House of Delegates, his/her alternate shall succeed to all privileges.

Section 3.6. Each health system shall elect annually to membership in the House of Delegates one delegate and one alternate. In the event the delegate for the health system is not present at any meeting of the House of Delegates, his/her alternate shall succeed to all privileges.
Section 3.7. Each academic medical school shall elect annually to membership in the House of Delegates one delegate and one alternate. In the event the delegate for the academic medical school is not present at any meeting of the House of Delegates, his/her alternate shall succeed to all privileges.

Section 3.8. Each district shall annually elect to membership in the House of Delegates, one delegate and one alternate for each thirty-five (35), or major fraction thereof, of its members who are members of the Society that reside in a city or county not represented by a component society within the district. Such delegates will be approved by the District Director. Presidents of component societies located within the District shall be informed of such selection prior to the House of Delegates.

Section 4. Quorum. Twenty-five (25) percent of the number of delegates allowed representing at least eight (8) districts shall constitute a quorum of the House of Delegates.

Section 5. Election of Delegates and Alternates. The House of Delegates shall elect delegates and alternates to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association in accordance with the Bylaws of that organization. Except where the number of nominees does not exceed the number of delegates to be elected, such delegates shall be elected by ballot, and a majority vote shall be necessary for election. The nominee receiving the fewest votes will be dropped on each ballot in succession until the requisite number receives a majority. Following the election of delegates, the same method shall be used to elect alternate delegates.

Section 6. Budget. The House of Delegates, at each annual meeting, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

Section 7. Special Meetings. The Board of Directors may, by majority vote, call a special meeting of the House of Delegates when in its opinion such a meeting is necessary. The President shall call such meeting, upon petition of at least one-third (1/3) of the Delegates serving at the last regular meeting of the House of Delegates. Written notice stating the date, place and time of the meeting, and the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, or at the direction of the President or Executive Vice President, to each member of the House of Delegates serving, or who was authorized to serve, at the last regular meeting of the House of Delegates. If any member is unable to serve, then another member shall be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors to serve. The transaction of business at any special meeting of the House of Delegates shall be limited to the purpose in the notice for the meeting.

ARTICLE VI
ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The House of Delegates, at its second session of the Annual Meeting, shall elect from its membership a Nominating Committee consisting of one member from each District who shall be nominated by the delegates present from that district, and one member from the academic medical schools who shall be nominated by the academic medical school Director, and one member from the Medical Student Section (MSS) nominated by the MSS.

Section 1.1. The Nominating Committee is charged with the task of identifying, recruiting, promoting and nominating those individuals that will best serve the needs of the Society, and to encourage their decision to be active in Society leadership.

A. The Nominating Committee shall recommend to the House of Delegates one or more members for each of the offices to be filled at the Annual Meeting, including Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Society’s AMA Delegation. The Nominating Committee shall present its recommendations to the membership in conjunction with the September Board meeting or within thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
B. Further nominations for each office may be made at the Annual Meeting from the floor by members of the House of Delegates. Except where there is only one nominee for an office, the election of officers and AMA representatives shall be by ballot, and a majority vote shall be necessary for election. The nominee with the fewest votes shall be dropped on each ballot in succession until one receives a majority vote.

C. The two immediate former presidents of the Society, and the Chair of the Society’s AMA Delegation, shall be non-voting advisory members. If for any reason there is a vacancy on the Nominating Committee, the District may nominate a replacement and recommend to the Board of Directors for approval to fill that vacancy. If the District does not nominate a replacement for the vacant Nominating Committee position, the President may recommend a replacement from that District for approval by the Board. In the event of a vacancy of the medical student Nominating Committee member, the student section may provide a nominee for appointment by the President for the remainder of the term. Should a vacancy occur in the academic medical schools’ representation to the committee, the academic medical schools may provide a nominee for appointment by the President for the remainder of the term. Any Nominating Committee member so elected to fill a vacant seat on the committee shall serve until the next annual meeting unless earlier removed in accordance with these Bylaws and applicable law.

D. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be chosen by majority vote of those members elected to serve on the committee by the House of Delegates. No person shall serve more than two consecutive one year terms as chair. It is encouraged that the chair rotate throughout geographic areas of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. Election of President-Elect. At each annual meeting, the House of Delegates shall elect a President-Elect for a term of one (1) year. At the end of this term, the President-Elect shall become President for a term of one (1) year.

Section 3. Election of Secretary-Treasurer, Speaker and Vice Speaker. At each annual meeting, the House of Delegates shall elect a Secretary-Treasurer. The House of Delegates also shall elect a Speaker and Vice Speaker. The term of office for each of the officers described in this Article shall be one (1) year except for the Secretary-Treasurer, whose term shall be three (3) years.

Section 4. Board of Directors; Composition. There shall be members of the Board of Directors consisting of one representative from Board Districts 1, 5, 6, 8, and 9, two (2) representatives from Board Districts 2, 3, 7, and 10, one representative from the academic medical schools, one (1) representative from the Medical Student Section, one (1) representative from the Resident and Fellow Section, one (1) representative of the MSVF who is a member of the Society and who is a physician and the following ex-officio members: The President, the President-Elect, the immediate past President, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Secretary-Treasurer. Ex-officio members of the Board of Directors shall have full voting rights.

Section 5. Board of Directors, Election. Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the House of Delegates at the annual meeting Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years; those from odd numbered Districts are elected in odd-years, and those from even numbered Districts are elected in even years. Any Director eligible for re-election shall not attend the meeting of his/her District during the time the District is selecting its nominee for the Board of Directors. Any Director who has served three (3) consecutive full two-year terms shall not be eligible for a fourth consecutive term, but may be re-elected after being out of office for at least one (1) year. If at the time of the annual meeting there is a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Directors and the District is not represented in the meeting, the House of Delegates, on nomination by the Speaker, shall elect a Director for that District. If any representative qualifies as a member of the Board of Directors as a result of his/her election or appointment to an office in the Society, his/her membership on the Board of Directors as a representative of a District shall cease.

Section 5.1. A medical student from one of the recognized medical schools shall be elected by the House of Delegates to the Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year.
Section 5.2. A resident, fellow, or intern shall be nominated by the Resident and Fellow Section, and elected by the House of Delegates to the Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year.

Section 5.3. An Associate Director from each District shall be elected by a majority vote of the House of Delegates at the annual meeting to assist the Director(s) for the District and to substitute when a Director for the District is unable to perform his/her duties. Associate Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years; those from odd numbered Districts are elected in odd-years, and those from even numbered Districts are elected in even years. Any Associate Director who has served three (3) consecutive full two (2) year terms shall not be eligible for a fourth consecutive term, but may be re-elected after being out of office for at least one (1) year. Associate Directors shall be requested to attend all meetings. Any Associate Director may speak on behalf of his/her District, but shall not vote in Board meetings.

Section 5.4. A medical student from one of the recognized medical schools shall be elected by the House of Delegates as an Associate Director for a term of one (1) year.

Section 5.5. A resident, fellow or intern from the Resident and Fellow Section shall be elected by the House of Delegates as an Associate Director for a term of one (1) year.

Section 5.6. A representative from the academic medical schools duly accredited or licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be elected by the House of Delegates as an Associate Director for a term of two years provided all such schools annually achieve and maintain the established membership equivalency requirements for their respective full time academic physicians as of the annual meeting of the Society coincident with the election. Annual membership equivalency requirements shall be determined by the Board of Directors and communicated by the President or his designee to all such schools. Such requirements are incorporated herein by reference. For subsequent elections, a representative shall only be elected by the House of Delegates provided all such schools have achieved and continue to maintain annually the membership equivalency requirements established for their respective full time academic physicians. In the event that the membership equivalency requirements are not achieved or maintained annually for all such schools, the seat on the Board of Directors, seat on the Associate Directors and seat on the Nominating Committee shall terminate until such time as the membership equivalencies are achieved, as determined by the President of the Society. For regular term elections, the nominee to serve as the representative shall be selected by such schools in a method agreed upon by the schools. The name of the nominee shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Delegates or his designee in advance of the annual meeting together with the number of full time academic physicians for all such schools. The term limits in Section 5 shall apply to this section.

Section 5.7. An Associate Director representing the academic medical schools accredited or licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be elected by majority vote of the House of Delegates at the annual meeting to assist the Director and to substitute when the director is unable to perform his/her duties. The Associate Director shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Any Associate Director who has served three (3) consecutive full two (2) year terms shall not be eligible for a fourth consecutive terms, but may be re-elected after being out of office for at least one (1) year. Associate Directors shall be requested to attend all meetings. Any Associate Director may speak on behalf of the academic medical schools, but shall not vote in Board meetings.

Section 6. Districts Described. The Districts for the Society shall be composed of the component societies, component student societies and orphan cities/counties set forth on Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated by this reference. The number and configuration of Districts may be changed by vote of two-thirds majority of members of the House of Delegates present.

Section 7. Vacancies. Each Director or Associate Director of the Society may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Executive Vice President, who will inform the President. The resignation will take effect on the date of the receipt of that notice or at a later date as specified in the notice. Any resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the organization, as long as the resigning party
continues to abide by the bylaws and pays dues. At the time of a Board of Directors meeting, if there is a
vacancy in the membership of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy from
nomination(s) by the President. If the vacancy is from a District with an Associate Director, the Associate
Director shall automatically be nominated to the Board of Directors for approval to fill the vacancy of the
Director seat and the District may nominate a new Associate Director and may recommend to the Board
of Directors for approval to fill the vacancy of the Associate Director until the next annual meeting. If for
any other reason there is a vacancy in the Director or Associate Director position, the District may
nominate a replacement and recommend to the Board of Directors for approval to fill that vacancy. If the
District does not nominate a replacement for the Director or Associate Director position, the President
may recommend a replacement from that District for approval by the Board. In the event a vacancy of the
medical student or resident Director occurs, the President may contact the respective section to obtain a
nomination to be submitted to the Board for approval. Any Director so elected to fill a vacant Director’s
seat shall serve until the next annual meeting unless earlier removed in accordance with these Bylaws
and applicable law. Such Director shall be eligible to serve three consecutive two (2) year terms in
addition to the partial term for which the Director was elected to fill the vacancy. Should a vacancy occur
in the academic medical schools’ representation to the Board, the academic medical schools shall
provide a nominee for appointment by the President for the remainder of the term.

Section 8. Term. The officers shall begin service at the adjournment of the annual meeting of the
House of Delegates and continue until the end of the next meeting of the House of Delegates or until a
successor qualifies, except as provided for in Article VII, Section 6.3.

ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS

Section 1. President.

Section 1.1. The President shall be the chief elected officer of the Society.

Section 1.2. The President shall preside over meetings of the members of the Society, and
shall be a member of the House of Delegates, chair of the Board of Directors, and a voting, ex-officio
member of all committees.

Section 1.3. The President shall fill any vacancy in any committee or in the Society’s
delegation to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association occurring between annual
meetings, and such appointment shall be valid until the adjournment of the next annual meeting. The
President may appoint any necessary special committees during his/her term.

Section 1.4. The President shall visit as many of the component societies of the Society as
possible during the year, in the interest of the Society, actual expenses incurred being paid in accordance
with the budget.

Section 2. President-Elect.

Section 2.1. The President-Elect shall be a member of the House of Delegates, the Board of
Directors and the Executive Committee. The President-Elect shall succeed to the presidency at the end
of the President’s term.

Section 2.2. In case there is a vacancy in the office of President-Elect and the House of
Delegates is not in session, the Board of Directors may appoint a President-Elect pro tempore. If at the
annual meeting there is a vacancy in the office of President-Elect, or in case the President-Elect was
appointed pro tempore by the Board of Directors, the House of Delegates shall elect a President for the
following term.

Section 3. Executive Vice President.
Section 3.1. The Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Executive Vice President. The Executive Vice President need not be a member of the Society. The Executive Vice President of the Society shall be the executive agent of the Society, and shall assist the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society in developing minutes of general meetings, the House of Delegates, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. In addition, the Executive Vice President shall function as the Chief of the Society's staff and shall be responsible for the allocation of resources towards the Society's strategic goals and program portfolios across all entities. The Executive Vice President also shall serve as the general manager of the official publications of the Society.

Section 3.2. The Executive Vice President shall be the custodian of all property of the Society, provide for registration of members at meetings of members, conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and, with the consent of the President, employ necessary assistance.

Section 3.3. The Executive Vice President shall collect all money due the Society and pay out these funds under the joint supervision of the President and Secretary-Treasurer, or upon their designated authority.

Section 3.4. The Executive Vice President shall make an annual report to the House of Delegates.

Section 4. Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Section 4.1. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall preside over all meetings of the House of Delegates, but shall vote only in the case of a tie. The Speaker shall appoint all special committees whose duties are concerned primarily with the operation and function of the House of Delegates.

Section 4.2. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall serve as an ex-officio voting member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

Section 4.3. The Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates shall preside over the House of Delegates in the absence of the Speaker, or at the Speaker's request. The Vice Speaker shall vote, if serving as the Speaker, only in case of a tie. The Vice Speaker, serving in the capacity of Vice Speaker, shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the House of Delegates.

Section 4.4. In the event of a vacancy of the Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates, the President shall appoint a successor to serve through the next annual meeting.

Section 5. Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 5.1. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Society shall have the responsibility for preparing, and maintaining custody of minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, its Executive Committee, the House of Delegates and any other meeting of the Society's members, and for authenticating records of the Society. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Section 5.2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio, voting member of the House of Delegates, the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee.

Section 5.3. The term of office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society shall be three (3) years. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a successor to serve through the next annual meeting.

Section 6. Officer resignations and vacancies
Section 6.1 Each officer of the Society may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Executive Vice President, who will inform the President. The resignation will take effect on the date of the receipt of that notice or at a later date as specified in the notice. Any resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the organization, as long as the resigning party continues to abide by the bylaws and pays dues.

Section 6.2 A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or any other cause shall be filled in a manner as prescribed in the Bylaws for regular appointment to the office. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than the President, such vacancy shall be filled temporarily by appointment by the President and shall remain in office until the next meeting of the House of Delegates.

Section 7. Professional Conduct. Each officer will remain in compliance with the duties as described in Article IX Section 1 of these bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Duties. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the affairs of the Society, when the House of Delegates is not in session.

Section 2. Qualifications. Each Director and Associate Director who represents a District must be a member of, and for the purpose of these Bylaws be considered a representative of, a component society or component student society, in that District.

Section 3. Executive Committee. There shall be a five (5) member Executive Committee of the Board of Directors composed of the President, the President-Elect, the immediate Past-President, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Secretary-Treasurer. The President may appoint non-voting advisory members to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors and to the President, who shall serve as its Chair.

Section 4. Finance Committee. There shall be a six (6) member Finance Committee of the Board of Directors composed of the President, the President-Elect, the immediate Past-President, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Executive Vice President. The Executive Vice President will be a non-voting member. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as its Chair. The Finance Committee shall have oversight responsibilities for budget development, business agreements, and for investment, accounting and auditing matters of the Society. The President may appoint non-voting advisory members to the Finance Committee.

Section 5. Compensation Committee. There shall be an eight (8) member Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors comprised of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Chair of the AMA Delegation, and one member of the MSV Board of Directors as appointed by the President. The Immediate Past President shall serve as Chair of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee shall have responsibility for recommending to the Board of Directors adjustments to the compensation and benefits package for the Executive Vice President which shall be voted on by the Board of Directors in executive session.

Section 6. Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held upon call of the Executive Vice President at the request of the President or any five (5) members of the Board of Directors, upon reasonable notice. Actual expenses may be paid members attending meetings of the Board of Directors between annual meetings.

Section 7. Additional Duties. The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors shall receive reports at least semi-annually on the Society’s budget. At each annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall present to the House of Delegates for its action a budget for the next fiscal year.
Section 8. **Other Attendees.** The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, State Health Commissioner, the Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Medicine and the Dean of each allopathic or osteopathic medical school in Virginia may be requested to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. **Nominations for Virginia State Board of Medicine.** The Society shall submit nominations to the Governor of Virginia for membership on the Virginia State Board of Medicine.

Section 10. **Quorum.** One-third of the Directors representing at least one-third of the districts, and either the President or President-Elect, shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Section 11. **Professional Conduct.** Each member of the Board of Directors will remain in compliance with the duties as described in Article IX Section 1 of these bylaws.
ARTICLE IX
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Section 1. Professional Conduct. Each officer, Associate Director, or Director of the Society shall conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner in discharging the duties of the respective office, while taking appropriate action to advance and foster the business of the Society. Each officer or director of the Society will remain in compliance with the Society's Code of Conduct and these bylaws.

Any officer, Associate Director, Director may be removed from office for cause. Grounds for removal include but are not limited to any of the following circumstances:

1. Continued, gross, or willful neglect of the duties of the office, which in part include duties of care, loyalty, and diligence, in addition to fiduciary duty
2. Actions that intentionally violate the bylaws
3. Failure to comply with the proper direction given by the Board
4. Failure or refusal to disclose necessary information on matters of organization business
5. Unauthorized expenditures or misuse of organization funds
6. Unwarranted attacks on any officer, member of the board of directors, board as a whole, or staff, on an ongoing basis
7. Misrepresentation of the organization and its officers to outside persons
8. Conviction for a felony
9. Failure to adhere to professional ethics or any other action(s) deemed injurious to the reputation of, or inconsistent with the best interests of the Society

Proceedings for the removal from office of an officer, Associate Director, or Director of this Society shall be commenced by the filing to the Executive Vice President a written complaint signed by not less than one-third of the Board of Directors. Such complaint shall name the person sought to be removed, shall state the cause for removal, and shall demand that a meeting of the Board of Directors be held for the purpose of conducting a hearing on the charges set forth in the complaint.

At the hearing upon such charges the person named in the complaint shall be afforded full opportunity to be heard in his/her own defense, to be represented by legal counsel at personal expense or any other person of his/her own choosing, to cross-examine the witnesses who testify against him/her, and to examine witnesses and offer evidence in his/her own behalf. The Board of Directors shall convene for the purposes of hearing the charges in such complaint no less than sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the service of the written notice upon such person sought to be removed.

A quorum for the purposes of this section shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors. Removal shall occur by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors present at such meeting.

The hearing rights under these bylaws do not apply if an individual voluntarily resigns in accordance with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE X
INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Definitions.

"Applicant" means the person seeking, indemnification pursuant to this Article IX.

"Expenses" includes reasonable counsel fees.

"Liability" means the obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, including any excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan, or reasonable expenses incurred with respect to a proceeding.
“Official capacity” means (a) when used with respect to a Director, the office of Director in the Society, or (b) when used with respect to an individual other than a Director, the office in the Society held by the officer or the employment or agency relationship undertaken by the employee or agent on behalf of the Society. “Official capacity” does not include service for any other foreign or domestic corporation or any partnership, joint venture, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise.

“Party” includes an individual who was, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding.

“Proceeding” means any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative, formal or informal.

Section 2. Right of Indemnification. The Society shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative or investigative by reason of the fact that he/she is or was a Director, officer or employee of the Society, or a member of any committee of the Society or is or was serving at the request of the Society as a director, trustee, partner or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against any liability incurred by him/her in connection with such proceeding if (a) he/she believed, in the case of conduct in an official capacity, that his/her conduct was in the best interests of the Society, and in all other cases that his/her conduct was at least not opposed to its best interests, and, in the case of any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his/her conduct was unlawful, (b) in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the Society, he/she was not adjudged liable to the Society, and (c) in connection with any, other proceeding charging improper benefit to him/her, whether or not involving action in his/her official capacity, he/she was not adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit improperly was received. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the applicant did not act in good faith and in a manner which he/she believed to be, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Society, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding or action, that he/she had no reasonable cause to believe that he/she was acting in the Society's best interests. A person serves an employee benefit plan at the Society’s request if his/her duties to the Society also impose duties on, or otherwise involve services by, him/her to the plan or to participants in or beneficiaries of the plan. A person's conduct with respect to an employee benefit plan for a purpose believed to be in the interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan is conduct that satisfies the requirements of this section.

Section 3. Expenses of Successful Defense. To the extent that the applicant has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any proceeding referred to in Section 2 of this Article, or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he/she shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection therewith.

Section 4. Determination of Proprietary of Indemnification. Any indemnification under this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Society only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the applicant is proper in the circumstances because he/she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this Article. Such determination shall be made either:

A. By the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors not at the time parties to the proceeding; or

B. If a quorum cannot be obtained under subsection (A) of this section, by majority vote of a committee duly designated by the Board of Directors (in which designation Directors who are parties may participate), consisting of two (2) or more Directors not at the time parties to the proceeding; or

C. By special legal counsel in a written opinion:
Selected by the Board of Directors or its committee in the manner prescribed in subsection (A) or (B) of this section; or

If a quorum of the Board of Directors cannot be obtained under subsection (a) of this section and a committee cannot be designated under subsection (b) of this section, selected by majority vote of the full Board of Directors, in which selection Directors who are parties may participate; or

D. By the House of Delegates, but members of the House of Delegates who are Directors who are at the time parties to the proceeding may not vote on the determination.

**Section 5. Expenses of Counsel.** Authorization of indemnification and evaluation of the reasonableness of expenses shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible, except that if the determination is made by special legal counsel, authorization of indemnification and evaluation of the reasonableness of expenses shall be made by those entitled under subsection C of this Section 4 above to select counsel.

A. The Society may pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by any applicant who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding if:

(i) The applicant furnishes the Society a written statement of his/her good faith belief that he/she has met the standard of conduct described in Section 2;

(ii) The applicant furnishes the Society, a written undertaking, executed personally, or on his/her behalf, to repay the advance within a specified period of time if it is ultimately determined that he/she did not meet the standard of conduct; and

(iii) A determination is made that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification under this Article.

B. The undertaking required by paragraph (ii) of subsection (A) of this section shall be an unlimited general obligation of the applicant but need not be secured and may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment.

C. Determinations and authorizations of payments under this section shall be made in the manner specified in Section 5.

**Section 6. Authority to Indemnify.** The Board of Directors is hereby authorized, by majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Directors, to cause the Society to indemnify, or contract in advance to indemnify, any person not specified in Section 2 of this Article who was or is a party to any proceeding, by reason of the fact that he/she is or was an agent of the Society, or is or was serving at the request of the Society as an employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, to the same extent as if such person were specified as one to whom indemnification is granted in Section 2. The provisions of Sections 3 through 5 of this Article shall be applicable to any indemnification provided hereafter pursuant to this Section 6.

**Section 7. Insurance.** The Society may purchase and maintain insurance to indemnify it against the whole or any portion of the liability assumed by it in accordance with this Article and may also procure insurance, in such amounts as the Board of Directors may determine, on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Society, or is or was serving at the request of the Society, as a Director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against any liability, asserted against or incurred in an such capacity, whether or not the Society would have authority, to indemnify him/her against such liability under the provisions of this Article.
Section 8. References Included. Every reference herein to Directors, officers, committee members, employees or agents shall include former Directors, officers, committee members, employees and agents and their respective heirs, personal representatives, executors and administrators. The indemnification provided shall not be exclusive or any other rights to which any person may be entitled, including any right under policies of insurance that may be purchased and maintained by the Society or others, with respect to claims, issues or matters in relation to which the Society would not have the power to indemnify such person under the provisions of this Article, but no individual shall be entitled to be indemnified more than once for the same claim and that credit will be given to the Society for any collateral source reimbursement.

Section 9. Limitation of Liability of Officers and Directors. To the extent permitted by Section 13.1-870.1 of the Code of Virginia, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor provision to that Section, officer and Directors of the Society shall not be liable for actions or conduct in their capacity as officers and Directors of the Society.

ARTICLE XI
COMMITTEES

Section 1. Power to Appoint. The President shall appoint committees and subcommittees, as he/she deems appropriate, as well as the chair of each committee or subcommittee. The chair of any committee shall have the privilege of the floor when reporting to the House of Delegates or in any incidental discussions. The President shall appoint one or more representative member(s) of the Virginia Medical Group Management Association, or any of its successor organizations, as a voting member of selected committees and subcommittees of the Society.

Section 2. Expenses. Actual expenses of members of any committee required to do official work between annual meetings may be paid upon the recommendation of the chair of such committee and the endorsement of the President, if presented within thirty (30) days after the meeting for which expenses are sought, provided budget allowance be made for such purpose. All unexpended balances of any fund authorized in the budget shall, on or before the end of each fiscal year, revert to the General Treasury.

Section 3. Authority. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, members of committees shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

ARTICLE XII
ETHICS

Section 1. Removal and Guiding Principles. The Principles of Medical Ethics governing the members of the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association Code of Ethics shall govern members of the Society. Any member whose license to practice medicine in Virginia has been revoked or suspended when such order becomes final by the Board of Medicine shall be deleted from membership in the Society.

ARTICLE XIII
RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Rules of Order. In all matters not covered by its bylaws, special rules of order, and standing rules, this organization shall be governed by the current edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

ARTICLE XIV
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Authority to Amend Bylaws. Bylaw amendments may be proposed by any member. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing through the Executive Vice President. The Bylaws Committee shall consider and make written recommendations for disposition of all properly proposed
amendments in its report to the House of Delegates. Amendments made at the time of the annual meeting shall lay on the table at least twenty-four (24) hours before they may be considered for adoption and shall be handled in accordance with rules established by the House of Delegates in accordance with Article V, Section 2. All previous Bylaws of the Society are repealed when these Bylaws are adopted and put into effect.

Section 2. Vote to Amend Bylaws. These Bylaws shall be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the House of Delegates present and shall be effective as of the vote or as provided for in the Resolution of the House of Delegates.
First District:
Mid-Tidewater Medical Society

Second District:
Chesapeake Medical Society; Norfolk Academy of Medicine; Tri-County Medical Society; Virginia Beach Medical Society; Eastern Virginia Medical School Student Section;

Third District:
Richmond Academy of Medicine; VCU Student Medical Association.

Fourth District:
Reserved

Fifth District:
Danville-Pittsylvania Academy of Medicine;

Sixth District:
Lynchburg Academy of Medicine; Roanoke Valley Academy of Medicine; Virginia Tech-Carillion Medical Student Section.

Seventh District:
Albemarle County Medical Society; Fauquier County Medical Society; University of Virginia Student Medical Society;

Eighth District:
Prince William County Medical Society.

Ninth District:
Tazewell County Medical Society;

Tenth District:
Arlington County Medical Society; Medical Society of Northern Virginia.
Specialties:

- Allergy
- Anesthesiology
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Practice
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology/Oncology
- Internal Medicine
- Neurological Surgery
- Neurology
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Occupational & Environmental Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Plastic Surgery
- Preventive Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Radiology
- Rheumatology
- Sleep Medicine
- Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Urology