

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS

CONSTITUTION – Adopted November 9, 1933

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ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this Society shall be the Pacific Northwest Society of Pathologists.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

Section 1. The object of this Society shall be:

- 1) To foster the highest standards in education, research and practice of pathology in the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada, and
- 2) To elevate the scientific and professional status of those specializing in the practice of pathology in the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be:

- 1) Members
- 2) Associate Members
- 3) Emeritus Members
- 4) Resident Members

Section 2. Qualifications for membership:

- 1) Members: Membership shall be limited to physicians actively practicing Laboratory Medicine or Pathology in the United States or Canada and licensed to do so by State or Provincial authorities. In the United States this will mean: a) being a graduate of a certified pathology residency training program in North America and having b) board certification. Canadian members will ordinarily:
 - a. be graduates in medicine, registered by and in good standing with the Provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons;
 - b. hold certification or fellowship in one of the specialties in laboratory medicine granted by the Royal College of Physicians and

Surgeons of Canada or equivalent qualifications granted by regulatory authorities in the United States of America or the United Kingdom;

- c. shall spend the majority of their time engaged in the practice of laboratory medicine or anatomic pathology.

Dentists must have qualifications equal to those required for membership in the American Academy of Oral Pathology or the Canadian equivalent. Veterinarians must have qualifications equal to those required for membership in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists or the Canadian equivalent.

- 2) Associate members:
 - a. shall be Pathology assistants or university graduates in medicine or have a Ph. D. in a biomedical science ;
 - b. shall spend the majority of their time engaged in the practice of laboratory medicine or anatomic pathology.

Membership carries all of the privileges of the Society excepting the right to vote.

- 3) Emeritus Members: Any member who has retired from practice (or teaching) of pathology may apply for transferal to Emeritus Membership, a status which exempts him from payment of annual dues.
- 4) Resident Members: Shall be graduates of a medical school and in an approved residency training program in anatomic pathology or laboratory medicine, or both in the United States or Canada.

Section 3. Method of Election:

- 1) Members: Applications for membership must:
 - a. Be endorsed by two members of the Society.
 - b. Be referred to the Executive Committee.
 - c. The Executive Committee in their discretion shall present the names of qualified candidates to the Membership of the Society in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.
 - d. a favorable vote by two-thirds of those members present will constitute election to the Society.
- 2) Associate Members: Same as for Members.
- 3) .
- 4) Emeritus Members: Same as for Members.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President and President -elect
- 3) Secretary-Treasurer
- 4) Past President
- 5) Two Members-at-Large

Section 2. The above officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The intent of the Members-at-Large is to maintain reasonable geographic balance among the represented states and provinces.

Section 3. The election of officers and their duties will be as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. This Society shall meet not less than two times yearly, the time and place being selected by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership at the previous meeting. The last meeting of the year shall be called the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws of this Society shall be amended at any meeting upon approval of three-fourths of the members present and voting. Members in absentia can vote by submitting a ballot, written or by e-mail, to be received no later than two days before the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the membership at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.