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**Constitution of the Winnipeg Dental Society**

It being deemed that a constitution and certain by-laws be adopted by the Winnipeg Dentists organized into a group, that it may properly operate.

It also being deemed that certain sections of the constitution have become obsolete due to the many necessary changes that have taken place within the group since the constitution was revised on February 9th, 1956.

Therefore be it resolved that, as of April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the following be the constitution by which the group shall function.

**Article I**

The organization shall be known as the Winnipeg Dental Society.

**Article II**

The object of this society shall be;

**Sec. I**

To raise the standard of Dental Science, Practice, Art and Literature, and to promote among dentists mutual improvements and good fellowship.

**Sec. II**

The code of ethics shall be the same as the Canadian Dental Association.

**Article III**

**Sec. I**

The Society shall consist of Active members, Honorary Life members, and Life members.

## **Sec. II**

Active members shall consist of Dentists who are legally and ethically practicing their profession and who have paid their annual dues.

## **Sec. III**

Honorary Life members shall be elected from –

- (a) Those, outside of the profession, who have made valuable contributions to the Science or Art of Dentistry or who have rendered important services to the profession.
- (b) Those, within the profession, who the Society for any particular reason wishes to honor.

An Honorary Life member is not eligible to hold office or vote in this Society and is exempt from all dues.

## **Sec. IV**

Life members shall be selected from those who have been Active members of this Society they shall have all the privileges of Active members but shall be exempt from all dues.

## **Sec. V**

The procedure for the election of Honorary Life Members shall be as follows –

- (a) Nomination in writing by a member of the Society.
- (b) Consideration of the nominee by the Executive.
- (c) Election by the Executive.

## **Sec. VI**

The procedure for the election of Life Members shall be as follows –

- (a) A member who has been an active member for 35 consecutive years, and 65 years of age.
- (b) Consideration of the member by the Executive.
- (c) Election by the Executive.

## **Sec. VII**

A member may be expelled from membership at any time by a majority vote at any meeting on the recommendation of the Executive, and may be re-instated in a like manner.

## **Article IV**

### **Procedure**

#### **Sec.I**

There shall be regular monthly meetings from September to April inclusive, except as otherwise decided by the Executive.

#### **Sec. II**

Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the Executive or at the request of at least twenty-five percent of the Society membership.

#### **Sec. III**

- (a) A quorum shall be duly constituted by fifty members of the Society in good standing.
- (b) Any Active member having paid his dues or any life member shall be considered a member in good standing and is eligible to vote.
- (c) Any reference to voting in the constitution shall imply the above qualification of member eligibility and quorum.

## **Article V**

### **By-Laws**

The Society may make by-laws as necessary for the proper guidance of its Officers in the execution of their duties, and for the administration of its funds, and for generally regulating every matter and thing proper or necessary to be done for the prosecution of its objects and business.

## **Article VI**

### **Officers**

#### **Sec.I**

The Officers of this Society shall be President, Vice President/Treasurer Philanthropic Chair, Clinic Chair, Assistant Clinic Chair, Sports & Events Chair, and Secretary. These Officers together with the immediate past president shall constitute the Executive of the Society.

Progressive Executive Members Committee

Past President

President

Vice President/Treasurer – Philanthropic Chair

Clinic Chair  
Assistant Clinic Chair  
Sports & Events Chair  
Secretary

## **Sec. II**

The Officers of the Society shall hold office for one year. After one year the Executive member will move up the progressive executive committee system to the next office. With the Past President leaving the Executive and is replaced by the newly elected Secretary Officer.

## **Article VII**

### **Elections**

#### **Sec. I**

A new Member (Secretary) of the Executive shall be elected at the April meeting of the Society.

#### **Sec. II**

The Executive shall nominate a new incoming member for the vacated Secretary Officer and present the nominee at the election meeting.

#### **Sec. III**

The president, at this election meeting, shall call for nominations from the floor for the vacated Secretary Office in the Executive.

#### **Sec. IV**

If an election for position of Secretary is required, the Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of those members present at the Annual General meeting.

#### **Sec. V**

In case of a tie the President shall cast a ballot for his choice.

## **Article VIII**

### **Resignations and Removals**

#### **Sec. I**

Any Officer may resign at any time by giving notice of such intention in writing to the Executive, and the remaining members of the Executive shall have power to appoint an Officer to complete the unexpired term of office.

#### **Sec. II**

Any Officer may be removed from office by a four-fifths vote of those present at any general meeting.

#### **Sec. III**

Any member which is more than one year in arrears of dues payable to the Society may be struck off the membership roll at the discretion of the Executive.

## **Article IX**

### **Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that notice of such amendment shall have been given in writing to the entire membership at least thirty days prior to the time of voting. The reading of such amendment at the previous regular meeting may be considered as given notice to all members in writing.

### **By-Laws**

The President shall be the official spokesperson of the WDS. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and otherwise conduct the affairs of the Society not specifically delegated to the Executive or a committee.

- (1) In the absence of the President the Vice President/Treasurer shall temporarily fulfill the duties of the President and in the absence of both the President and Vice President/Treasurer the meeting shall be conducted by a member delegated by the Executive.
- (2) The Clinic Chair shall be responsible for all equipment, arrangements, and correspondence pertaining to the clinical presentations made at the Society meetings.
- (3) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, keep proper minutes of all meetings and otherwise conduct the business of the Society under advice of the President.
- (4) The Vice President/Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Society. They shall ensure proper account of all monies received, disbursed and on hand. At

least once a year the Vice President/Treasurer shall render the books to the Audit Committee consisting of three Past Presidents appointed by the Executive. The Vice President/Treasurer and the Executive can appoint personnel at the Manitoba Dental Association to assist in the day to day bookkeeping, deposits, and cheque writing of the Society. All cheques of the Society shall be signed by at least one Executive Member and the appointed bookkeeper.

- (5) The By-Laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at any general meeting.
- (6) The dues of the Society shall be an annual assessment determined by the Executive and passed by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual business meeting. These dues are payable in August of each year.
- (7) Bourinot's Rules of Order shall regulate all meetings
- (8) The current standard agenda for the AGM is:
  - a. Call to order
  - b. In Memoriam (moment of Silence – deceased members)
  - c. Approval of Agenda
  - d. Approval of minutes
  - e. Reports Standing Committees
  - f. Reports Special Committees
  - g. Old Business
  - h. Election of Officers
  - i. Introduction of New Executive
  - j. New Business
  - k. Adjournment
- (9) The mailing address of the Winnipeg Dental Society shall be the same as the Manitoba Dental Association.