

**BY- LAWS
OF THE
TEXAS PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION SOCIETY**

Article I Name

The name and title of this organization shall be the Texas Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Society, hereafter referred to as the Society.

Article II Purpose

The purposes of the Society are to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health through an understanding and utilization of the function and procedures of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Article III Membership

Section A. Classes of Members. The Society shall consist of four types of members with the qualifications, rights, and duties hereinafter stated:

1. Active members
2. Associate members
3. Affiliate members
4. Honorary members

Section B. General Qualifications of Members. The members shall consist of physicians holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy and legally registered to practice medicine in Texas and members in good standing of the Texas Medical Association or local county medical society except:

1. that medical officers of the federal government and teachers in medical "Class A" schools who are not required to register under the Medical Practice Act of Texas and are for the time bona fide residents of the State of Texas, shall be eligible for membership, and
2. that physicians serving full time residencies in physical medicine and rehabilitation in hospitals and similar institutions in Texas as a part of their educational qualifications, shall be eligible for membership, and
3. that any distinguished physician not a resident of this state, or that any distinguished scientist may be elected to honorary membership as hereinafter set forth.

3. **Limitation of duration of Affiliate Membership:** Affiliate membership continues only as long as the member is a full time resident in an approved residency program.
4. **Procedure for Advancing from Affiliate to Active Membership:** The affiliate member who has completed a residency program becoming Board admissible in physical medicine and rehabilitation submits to the Chair of the Membership Committee a request for advancement to active membership. Upon favorable review of the request, the name of the affiliate member is submitted to the membership at the annual or any other regularly scheduled meeting. The affiliate member is elected to active membership by the favorable vote of two-thirds of the active members present and voting.

Section F. Honorary Members

1. **Qualifications.** Any distinguished physician or scientist who has rendered outstanding contributions to the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation or special service to this Society may be elected an honorary member.
2. **Nomination and Election.** Any active member may nominate in writing to the Chair of the Membership Committee a person deemed to be eligible for honorary membership, supplying such information and executing such forms as may be required. The Chair of the Membership Committee will present the name of the candidate during the annual meeting to the membership. The candidate shall be elected only by acclamation of the active members present and voting.

Section G. Rights and Duties of Members. The acceptance of membership in this Society signifies an agreement to comply with all of the provisions of the By-Laws contained herein. Active members in good standing have the right to hold office, to vote, and to participate in the business meetings and scientific sessions of the Society. Associate, affiliate, and honorary members in good standing have all the rights and privileges of active members except the right to vote and hold office.

Article IV Officers

Section A. Officers. The officers of the Society are the President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section B. Qualifications. The officers of the Society must be active members in good standing.

Section C. Election. The officers to be elected shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the active members at the annual meeting. The officers shall be elected from a list of nominees presented by the nominating committee to the active members thirty days before the annual meeting or from nomination by active members from the floor.

Article V Board of Trustees

Section A. Composition.

1. The Board of Trustees ("Board") will consist of the following members:
 - a. President
 - b. President-Elect
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Immediate Past President
 - f. Three Members at Large
 - g. Liaison Councilor to the AAPM&R Board of Liaison Councilors
2. The following will be ex-officio and non-voting members:
 - a. Presidents of Regional PM&R Societies
 - b. Committee Chairpersons
 - c. Executive Director

Section B. Members at Large

1. Qualifications. The Members at large of the Society must be active members in good standing.
2. Election. The Members at Large to be elected shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the active members at the annual meeting. The Members at Large shall be elected from a list of nominees presented by the nominating committee to the active members thirty days before the annual meeting or from nominations by active members from the floor.
3. Tenure. The active members of the Society at the annual meeting elect one Member at Large to serve a term of three Society years or until a successor is elected. The Member at Large assumes office at the close of the annual meeting at which elected and serves until the corresponding three Society years hence.
4. A vacancy caused by the death, resignation or disqualification of any Member at Large may be filled by action of the President until the next annual meeting when, if necessary, the active members elect a member for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section C. Duties. The Board of Trustees conducts the affairs of the Society between its meetings as is consistent with the provisions of Article VII of these By-Laws. The President of the Society is the Chairperson of the Board.

Section D. Meetings. The Board shall hold regular meetings at least yearly at the time of the annual meeting. It also shall meet at such other

Article VII General Powers of the Society

All legislative powers of the Society are vested in and reside in the active members. The Board of Trustees carries out the mandates and policies as determined by these members. Subject only to the provisions of these By-Laws and all resolutions and enactments of this organization, the Board of Trustees has full power and authority to perform all acts and to transact all business for or on behalf of the Society.

Article VIII Executive Director

Section A. Executive Director. The Executive Director acts in the capacity of the business manager for the Society and in that capacity is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Society including having charge of the annual meeting. The Executive Director has the responsibility for executing all documents unless the Board of Trustees by resolution provides otherwise. The Executive Director is subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees and to the President acting for the Board.

Section B. Appointment and Removal. The Board of Trustees shall have responsibility for both the appointment and the removal of the Executive Director.

Article IX Committees

Section A. Standing Committees. Standing committees of the Society are:

1. Membership
2. Scientific Program
3. Nominating
4. By-Laws
5. Legislative and Medical Practice
6. Finance
7. Young Physicians

Section B. Composition, Term and Appointment of Standing Committees.

1. The Membership Committee consists of three members. Annually the President appoints one member to serve a term of three years. The President, as needs arise, may appoint additional members to the Committee to serve for a period of one year. The Chairperson of the Committee is designated by the President from those serving on the Committee.
2. The Scientific Program Committee consists of three members. Annually the President appoints one member to serve a term of three years. The President, as needs arise, may appoint additional members to the Committee to serve for a period of one year. The Chairperson of the Committee is designated by the President from those serving on the Committee.

positions that are then vacant or will be vacant at the close of the annual meeting. These nominations will be presented in writing to the members thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

4. The By-Laws Committee shall consider either upon its own initiative or by reference from the Society or its members revisions or amendments of the By-Laws and shall report its recommendations to the society in accordance with Article XV of the By-Laws.
5. The Legislative and Medical Practice Committee monitors issues of legislative and medical practice concern to the membership. It informs the officers and the general membership so that appropriate action can be taken individually or as a Society. Specific awareness is placed on issues that would affect access to and quality of care.
6. The Finance Committee shall review at least annually the financial affairs of the Society which shall include a budget for the next fiscal year and financial policy recommendations.
7. The Young Physicians Committee monitors issues of special interest to the young practitioners. It informs the officers and the general membership so that appropriate actions can be taken on these issues.

Section D. Other Committees. Except as may conflict with the duties of the standing committees, the President may appoint any other committee, so constituted and for such purpose as the President may see fit. However, a presidential committee may not be created for a term in excess of one year.

Section E. Appointments to Committees. Only members of the Society may serve as committee members. Only active members are eligible to serve as Chairpersons of standing committees.

Article X Meetings of the Society

Section A. Meeting Places and Times

1. The Society shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place that it shall coincide with the Annual Meeting of the Texas Medical Association. Each such annual meeting shall consist of a scientific session and a business session.
2. The Society shall also meet at such other regularly scheduled times as it from time to time may deem to be necessary to conduct its affairs.
3. The Society may be called to a special session at any time during the year by the President upon written request of all the members of the Board of Trustees. Written notification of the special

Article XII Disciplinary Action

Section A. Causes. For such reasons and under such conditions as the Society by resolution may provide, the Society may enforce proper disciplinary measures on the members. Pending the adoption of such resolution or resolutions, the Society may admonish, suspend, or expel if a member has committed on or more of the following acts, or if one or more of the following acts has occurred:

1. Suspension or expulsion by local medical society
2. Suspension, revocation or loss of license to practice medicine in the State of Texas
3. Violation of the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association
4. Default in payment of dues or assessments.

Section B. Procedure. The official action of the local medical society, of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners or the Board of Censors of the Texas State Medical Association shall be prima facie evidence of the act or acts committed and shall constitute sufficient cause for disciplinary action by this Society. The accused member shall be entitled to a hearing in a special session of the Society; the active members present shall by a three-fourths vote affirm, modify, or reject the recommendations of the officers and the decision of the members at such special session shall be final.

Article XIII Ethics

The principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association and the Texas Medical Association in force at the time of adoption of these By-Laws, and as they may from time to time thereafter be amended by the American Medical Association or the Texas Medical Association are the Principles of Medical Ethics of the Society and are binding on its members.

Article XIV Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any session, annual or special, by the vote of at least two-thirds of the active members present and voting provided that any proposed amendment (1) has been submitted in writing to the Secretary and (2) notice thereof has been mailed to each active member at least thirty (30) days prior to the session at which it is acted upon.

Article XV Nondiscrimination Policy

The policy of this Society is nondiscrimination on the basis of race, creed, sex, color, or country of national origin.

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