

Whereas a committee consisting of Cherie Wrubel, Rita Atikian, Janette Wybo, Cindi Zemple and Jeanne Beck has been formed for the purpose of reviewing the existing bylaws of the Michigan Sonographers' Society and subsequently recommending appropriate amendments. Therefore the committee has met and suggests the bylaws of the MSS be amended as follows:

GENERAL INFORMATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote the field of Diagnostic Ultrasound through continuing education of the membership to ensure competency for the benefit of patient care.

FORMATION

Following the September 1975 ASUTS* Meeting in Winston-Salem, NC three sonographers** working in the Metro-Detroit area decided to organize a state-wide professional society named the Michigan Sonographers' Society.

The first meeting was held at Hutzel Hospital in December 1975 with approximately twenty interested sonographers in attendance. A steering committee guided the MSS during the first year while the Constitution and Bylaws were written and organizational policy was established. The first Spring Symposium was held at Oakwood Hospital in March 1976 and the first officers were elected in the fall of 1976. Long before ARDMS required CME, the MSS offered "MSS credits" so that members could document to employers their dedication to the field. The MSS continues to be a progressive and dynamic organization.

CURRENT STATUS

Members in this organization are from all medical specialties of Ultrasound. Membership also includes residents of neighboring states and Canadian province. Dedicated attendance to local meetings and the annual symposium should earn a member ARDMS credits. Communication with the membership is made through the mss1.org website.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Members of the Society are expected to follow the SDMS Code of Ethics and will qualify as a member in at least one of the following categories as described in the Bylaws:

MEMBER

STUDENT MEMBER

LIFE MEMBER

MICHIGAN SONOGRAPHERS' SOCIETY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization is the Michigan Sonographers' Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

This Society shall be non-profit, non-political and non-discriminatory. No part of any net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual member or affiliate.

Section 1 Purposes

The purpose of the Society shall be to promote the Science of Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound through primary and continuing education of its membership to the ultimate benefit of enhancing patient care.

In order to accomplish its purpose, the Society shall:

- Establish qualifications for membership in the Society.
- Initiate and oversee educational programs.
- Encourage the presentation of interesting case reviews at Monthly meetings
- Disseminate information pertinent to professional growth.
- Adopt the SDMS Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE III POLICIES

The name of the Society or its officers in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial company or with any partisan interest or for other than regular functions of the Society. Neither commercial enterprise nor any candidate for public office shall be endorsed by the Society

ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

Section I

The time of commencement of this Society shall be December 9, 1975 and the period of its duration shall be in perpetuity.

Section II

The management of this Society shall be vested in an Executive Board, composed of Members to serve in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of this Society..

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Individual members shall be admitted to this Society in accordance with the qualifications and procedures established in the Bylaws. Rules of conduct for members, admission of members, officers and other matters shall be governed by the Bylaws

Section I

The Society shall be composed of the following membership categories. The rights and privileges of each classification shall be defined in these articles.

a. **MEMBER**

- i. A member must be current in their yearly dues..
- ii. A member may serve on a committee and possesses the right to vote.

b. **STUDENT MEMBER**

- i. A student member shall be a person who is enrolled in an ultrasound training program.
- ii. A student member may serve on a committee of the Society.
- iii. A student member cannot vote and or hold office.

c. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

- i. Honor conferred on a person who has served the Society as a Past President.
- ii. All rights and privileges of active membership excluding Symposium are granted to life membership, without any further payment of annual membership fees.
- iii. A life member who is no longer active as executive/committee board member, shall receive five consecutive Symposiums free of

charge, and thereafter a minimal fee to cover food expenses will be charged.

ARTICLE VI DUES

The annual dues for Members and shall be payable each year.

- a. Annual membership dues shall be established by the Executive Board.
- b. The Society membership year shall extend from September 1 to August 31.
- c. Dues will be announced annually.

ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE BOARD

The offices of this Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-president, and a Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected, annually, by the membership in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

Section I

- a. The officers must be registered sonographers.
- b. The Board members shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected and have assumed office.
- c. The officers of the Society shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

Section II DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1) *President*

- a. *The president shall execute the Society objectives*
- b. Shall appoint committee chairpersons
- c. Shall perform the duties of President as listed in the job description

2) **Vice President**

- a) In the absence of the President , the Vice president will assume the duties of the President
- b) Perform the duties of Vice President as listed in the job description

3) **Secretary**

- a) Attend the monthly meetings and record the minutes
- b) Perform the duties for Secretary as listed in the job description

4) **Past President**

- a) Perform the duties of the Past President as listed in the job description

5) **Treasurer**

- a) Shall maintain the financial accounts for the Society
- b) Provide a monthly financial statement to the Executive Board
- c) Be bonded in order to withdraw and deposit checks into the Society's financial institution
- d) Perform the duties of Treasurer as listed in the job description

ARTICLE VIII VACANCIES

In the event of a vacancy of any officer, the remaining executive board members will assume the job responsibilities for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

- a. The elected officers include: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

ARTICLE X ELECTION PROCEDURE

Section 1

The election of officers shall be conducted.

Section 2

Nominations for the officers of the Society shall be submitted to the Board. Election shall be made by simple majority ballot.

- a. Announcement for open nominations of officers will be made.
- b. Nominees must accept nominations.
- c. List of nominated candidates will be posted.
- d. Election shall be made by simple majority vote at the March meeting.
- e. Induction of officers will occur at the Sept. meeting.

ARTICLE XI Duties of the Medical Advisors

Medical advisors are invited to serve by the board

- a. Serve as a consultant to the Society.
- b. Present a minimum of one lecture biannually

ARTICLE XII MEETINGS

Section 1

The site of the monthly meetings shall be announced.

Section 2

Continuing Medical Education Credits: The Board shall be responsible for obtaining accreditation of continuing medical education credits for its members from the appreciable agencies. Only members of the Society are eligible to receive these credits through the Society.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this By-Law may be made by a simple majority of the members voting, following proper notification.

ARTICLE XIV DISSOLUTION

Section 1

- a. The Society shall be dissolved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- b. In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Society, all of its assets remaining after payment of its obligations shall be distributed as designated by the Executive Board according to current law.