

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 the original constitution has become obsolete due to the many necessary changes that have taken place within the group since the constitution was first written.

Therefore be it resolved that, as of February 9th, 1956, 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, honorary, 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 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 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 or 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 at a general meeting.

Sec. VI

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 twenty-five 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 executive 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, Clinic Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and two committee members. These officers together with the immediate past president shall constitute the executive of the Society.

Sec. II

The officers of the Society shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

Article VII

Elections

Sec. I

Members of the executive shall be elected at the April meeting of the Society.

Sec. II

The executive shall name a nominating committee of three past presidents of the Society to present a recommended slate of officers at the election meeting.

Sec. III

The president, at this election meeting, shall call for nominations from the floor for each of the offices in the executive.

Sec. IV

Each officer shall be elected by a majority vote of those members present at the election 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 who 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

- (1) 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.
- (2) In the absence of the President the Vice President shall temporarily fulfil the duties of the President and in the absence of both the President and Vice President the meeting shall be conducted by a member delegated by the executive.
- (3) The Clinic Chairman shall be responsible for all equipment, arrangements, and correspondence pertaining to the clinical presentations made at the Society meetings.
- (4) The Secretary-Treasurer 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. He shall have charge of the funds of the Society and shall in conjunction with the president sign all cheques. He shall keep proper account of all monies received, disbursed and on hand, and at least once a year render his books to auditors appointed by the executive.
- (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 October of each year.
- (7) Bourinto's Rules of Order shall regulate all meetings
- (8) The order of business shall be as follows –
 - a. Reading and approval of minutes.
 - b. Special order for the meeting.
 - c. Reports of standing committees.
 - d. Reports of special committees.
 - e. Unfinished business.

- f. New business.
- g. Election of officers.
- h. Paper.