

SOUTHERN ENDODONTIC STUDY GROUP CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: THE NAME of the organization shall be the Southern Endodontic Study Group, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the Group.

ARTICLE II: THE OBJECT of the Group shall be the dissemination and promulgation of ideas and information about pulp conservation and endodontic therapy among the interested persons in the southern United States and surrounding areas.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP The Group shall be composed of Active, Honorary, Life, and Retired Life Members. Active, Life, and Retired Life Members shall hereinafter be referred to as Members.

A. **WHO MAY APPLY:** Members of the American Association of Endodontists.

B. **HOW TO APPLY:** An applicant may complete an application of such form as the Executive Council may designate and return it to the Membership Director. Enclosed shall be payment to the Group in the amount of the application fee plus annual dues.

C. **ELECTION:** The Executive Council shall examine the qualifications of applicants and vote at the annual meeting or other meeting (i.e., conference call) either an applicant be accepted or rejected. Per vote by the Executive Council the application will either be accepted or denied. If an applicant is accepted, the Membership Director shall inform the applicant, add the applicant's name to the list of members, and furnish the applicant with a copy of this document. If an applicant is rejected, the Membership Director shall inform the applicant, and the application and any correspondence shall be maintained as a permanent record. The application fee shall be retained, but the annual dues refunded. If the applicant reapplies, the fee paid in the original application shall be credited toward whatever fees are required at the time of reapplication. A complete membership report will be given at the annual meeting reflecting the names of the new members.

D. **DUES AND FEES:** Shall be set by the Executive Council, subject to approval of the Group. Annual dues are payable on January first.

E. **TERMINATION:** Of a membership shall occur immediately upon: (1) resignation by the member, (2) unanimous vote of the Executive Council, or (3) failure to pay the annual dues by the first day of April.

F. **REINSTATEMENT:** To membership shall be by application as outlined in Article III (B).

G. **HONORARY MEMBERS:** Candidates for honorary membership may be nominated by the Executive Council at the annual meeting. Those selected shall have made significant contributions to endodontics or a related science. Election requires unanimous approval of the Quorum. Honorary members shall not pay fees, vote, or hold office.

H. **LIFE MEMBERS:** Candidates for life membership shall have been members of the Group for 20 years and have reached their 65th birthday; or shall have been a dues paying member of the Group for 20 years and have become disabled. Life members may still earn income from dentistry, consulting, or lecturing. Candidates may apply to the Executive Council and upon approval by the Executive Council and the Quorum will be honored with Life Membership at the annual meeting. Payment of dues by Life Members is voluntary. Life members remit annual meeting registration fees.

I. **RETIRED LIFE MEMBERS:** Candidates for retired life membership shall have been members of the Group for 20 years and have reached their 65th birthday; or shall have been a dues paying member of the Group for 20 years and have completely retired from teaching, consulting, lecturing and/or practice or teaches voluntarily for a small stipend. The following constitute consulting or lecturing activities which

would preclude eligibility for Retired Life Membership: Receives more than \$10,000 annually from consulting or lecturing activities relating to endodontics or dentistry and/or has ownership or other direct relationship with an endodontic or dental company. The above language does not include lecturing at your alma mater or school(s) near your home and lectures to students at any dental school or endodontic training program. SESG Retired Life Members are fully retired from the practice of dentistry, payment of SESG dues is voluntary, and pay 50% of the annual meeting registration fee (this excludes golf and any other extracurricular meeting activity of which a separate fee is charged).

ARTICLE IV: THE GOVERNING BODY shall be an executive committee of five, called the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall meet prior to the annual meeting, and at such other times as circumstances indicate a meeting to be in order. The Executive Council may appoint ad hoc committees. No member of the Executive Council may succeed themselves except as outlined in **Article IV (B)**. All officers of the Executive Council are voting members of this executive committee.

A. **ELECTION:** Each new member shall be elected for three years, and one member shall be elected each year at the annual meeting to replace the member whose term has expired. Term of office shall extend from one annual meeting to the next annual meeting, with the exception of the 4th member, the Treasurer will be elected to serve a three-year term, limited to two terms. The slate of officers will be presented to SESG Members at the annual business meeting for consideration and approval.

B. **REPLACEMENT:** If a member does not serve the full term, the immediate past member shall be invited to serve until the next annual meeting. If the immediate past member cannot serve the remaining two members shall appoint a third to serve until the next annual meeting, at which time the Quorum shall elect a member to serve the remainder of the term. Any such appointed member shall be eligible to succeed themselves once. If the treasurer cannot serve a full term, a replacement will be appointed to serve until the next annual meeting, at which time the Quorum shall elect a new treasurer.

C. **OFFICERS:** The Executive Council shall nominate its own officers annually, and these may serve in the same office for the Group.

1. **THE PRESIDENT:** Shall select site and preside at all meetings of the Group and of the Executive Council, and shall coordinate all activities of the Group. The President shall work with the other SESG officers to plan the annual meeting held during their year as president.

2. **THE VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:** Shall work in conjunction with the SESG executive director to furnish application forms to applicants, review membership applications, present applications at executive council meetings for consideration and vote.

3. **THE SECRETARY:** Shall record accurate minutes of meetings, maintain the records in good order, notify members at least 30 days prior to annual business meetings, provide a resume of the activities and business conducted during the previous year, promptly accomplish correspondence necessary for conducting the affairs of the Group.

4. **THE TREASURER:** Shall be the custodian of assets, sign checks for disbursements, keep accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements, and report such record to the Group at the annual meeting.

5. **THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** Shall provide assistance and guidance to the Executive Council and will vacate this position when the new slate of officers are presented and voted on at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE (V): MEETINGS The Group shall have an annual meeting, time and place to be set by the Executive Council. No member shall be admitted to the annual meeting whose dues are not paid.

A. **A QUORUM** for conducting business shall be twenty-five members, and a majority shall prevail except as otherwise herein provided in **Article III (C), (G), and Article VII.**

B. **THE AGENDA** for the annual meeting shall be: clinical, a business meeting, and minor variations are permitted as long as the business session remains in the middle of the annual meeting.

C. **MEMBER PARTICIPATION** in the program of the annual meeting is encouraged, but not required.

ARTICLE VI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY during these meetings of the Group shall be the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS: This document may be amended or changed at any meeting of the Group on approval by four-fifths of the Quorum.

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