

48 a. All classes of membership shall abide by the Bylaws of this Society.

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50 Section 5. Application.

51 a. An applicant for any class of membership except honorary membership shall make application in
52 writing on a form prescribed by the Board. A current photograph of the applicant must be submitted
53 at the time of application.

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55 f. Upon the expiration of thirty (30) days following publication of an application for membership and
56 the receipt of no adverse comments, the applicant who meets the eligibility requirements of these
57 Bylaws and the OSMA's Constitution and Bylaws **will be presented to the Board for approval.**
58 **Membership is effective upon approval by the Board.**

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ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

60 *Section 2. Election.*

61 Nominations for offices to be filled may be made by a Nominating Committee appointed by the
62 President as well as by nominations from any voting member. The Nominating Committee will be
63 chaired by the Immediate Past President. Nominations from a member must be co-signed by five (5)
64 additional members and be received in the Society office at least one (1) week prior to the Annual
65 Meeting **of the Nominating Committee as published.** Nominations shall be made with the approval
66 of the nominee **as verified by the Nominating Committee.** Nominees receiving a majority vote of the
67 members present and eligible to vote shall be elected for a 1-year term commencing at the conclusion
68 of the Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected and installed.

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70 Section 3. Duties.

71 a. *The President.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and of this Society.
72 The President shall exercise the executive and appointive powers that the Bylaws and parliamentary
73 usage and custom dictate and other executive powers as directed by the Board. The President shall
74 preside at Board meetings and is an ex-officio member of all committees.

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76 d. *The Secretary-Treasurer.* The Secretary-Treasurer of this Society shall act as the official custodian of
77 the permanent **records** of this Society.

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ARTICLE V - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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81 Section 1. Membership.

82 Voting members of the Board of Trustees shall be: Officers, Credentials Committee, Delegates and
83 Alternate Delegates to the OSMA, and any **SCMS** member elected to a district, state or national office.
84 The current President of the SCMS Auxiliary or their designee may be invited to serve as a non-voting
85 member.

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87 **The Board, at its discretion, may elect to Emeritus Board status any SCMS member who has served**
88 **as an OSMA or AMA president.**

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90 Section 2. **Board Composition**

91 Members of the Credentials Committee, Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be Active
92 Members nominated by the Nominating Committee for a three (3) year term, arranged such that
93 approximately one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Trustees are elected **annually.**

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95 Section 4. The Credentials Committee shall consist of five (5) Active Members of the SCMS
 96 **representing a cross section of physicians in Stark County.**

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 98 Nominations may also be made in writing in the same fashion as for officers (Article 4, Section 2).
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100 **Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities**

101 The Board shall be the executive **body** of this Society. **Members of the Board who are present** shall
 102 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
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104 Special meetings.....written or oral announcement shall be given at least **ten (10)** days in advance of the
 105 special meeting
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107 **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

109 **Section 1. Annual Meeting.**

110 a. This Society shall hold an Annual Meeting of the members of the Society at which new officers shall
 111 be installed. Written notice to all members of the time and place of the meeting and of any special
 112 business to be transacted is required to be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
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114 **b. All meetings of the Society shall** be according to Davis' Rules of Order or other similar rules or
 115 procedure approved for use by the society.
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117 **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**

118 **Section 1. Standing Committees**

119 The Standing Committees of this Society shall be the Credentials Committee, the Auditing &
 120 Appropriations Committee, the Peer Review Committee, the Program and Social Committee, and
 121 the Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint members to the Standing Committees for
 122 a one-year term. The composition of the Auditing & Appropriations Committee shall be the officers
 123 of the Society.
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125 **ARTICLE IX - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

126 **Section 1. Dues and Assessments.**

127 The annual dues and assessments for all classes of members required to pay dues and assessments
 128 shall be determined by the Society, and shall be levied on members **per the policy of the OSMA.**
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130 **Section 3. Exemption from Dues and Assessments.** A physician who is not in active practice by
 131 reason of retirement and who was a member in good standing of this Society at the time of retirement
 132 may be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments in the Society, provided a **written** request
 133 for such exemption from dues and assessments is submitted to and is approved in writing by **action of**
 134 **the Board.**
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136 A physician who is not engaged in active practice because of disability and who was a member in good
 137 standing of this Society at the time of the disability may be exempt from the payment of dues and
 138 assessments in the Society, provided a request for such exemption from dues and assessments is
 139 submitted to and is approved in writing by **action of the Board.**
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141 A member of the Society for whom payment of regular dues in this Society constitutes a financial
142 hardship **due to extraordinary or extenuating circumstances** may request the Board for an adjustment
143 of dues. The request shall be in writing, signed by the member and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer
144 of the Society. If the Board of the Society, finds that payment by the member of regular dues
145 constitutes a financial hardship, the **Board** shall certify the finding to the Council of the State
146 Association for like consideration.

147 148 **ARTICLE X - QUORUM**

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150 **Members present** shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

151 152 **ARTICLE XI - DISCIPLINE AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

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154 c. As soon as possible, and in any event not later than ten (10) days after the filing of charges by a
155 member, members, or by the Board, the Secretary-Treasurer shall serve upon the accused member a
156 true copy of the charges and shall also furnish copies thereof to the Chairperson of the Credentials
157 Committee and to the Councilor for the District. If after reviewing the complaint, the Credentials
158 Committee determines that disciplinary action is advisable, the Credentials Committee shall **report**
159 **such to the Board. The Board shall thereafter** promptly give notice of the proposed action to the
160 member, including the reasons for the proposed action, the right of the member to request a hearing
161 within thirty (30) days of the date of notice, and a summary of the rights and procedures to be
162 followed in a hearing. If a hearing is requested, or if the Committee chooses to proceed with a
163 hearing, the Committee shall fix a time and a place for a hearing on the charges.

164 165 **ARTICLE XIII - INDEMNIFICATION**

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167 **Section 3. Insurance.** This Society, to the extent permitted by Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code,
168 **may shall** purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person described in this Article.