
Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1.

The organization is organized exclusively for purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) 6 of the internal revenue code.

Section 2. Mission Statement

To improve the health of Wisconsin families through statewide health initiatives, local alliance activities and partnerships with the Wisconsin Medical Society.

The purposes of the Alliance are educational and charitable. They are:

- Promoting and maintaining an informed membership
- Supporting the activities of county alliances and serving as a resource to them
- Developing and leading major statewide health initiatives
- Providing a network of individuals who share in understanding the unique stresses and dynamics of a medical family
- Fundraising to support projects that further its mission and goals

Organizational Tagline: Promoting healthy lifestyles for Wisconsin Families.

ARTICLE III - POLICY

Section 1. Governance

The policy of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance in education and program areas shall be governed by that of the parent organization. An Advisory Committee, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the WI Medical Society, shall provide consultation and direction.

Section 2. Representation

The Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance shall not accept representation from other organizations on its Board of Directors. It shall not be officially represented on the boards of other organizations and shall not affiliate with other organizations except with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the WI Medical Society.

Section 3. Endorsements

No commercial interest nor any candidate for public office shall be endorsed by the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance. Neither the name of the Wisconsin Medical Alliance nor the name of any officer in an official capacity shall be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any political interest, provided, however, that the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance may assume a stand on matters of public policy if so recommended by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the WI Medical Society.

Section 4. Gifts

All gifts presented to the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance must be accepted by the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance before being announced at the Annual Session.

Section 5. Amendments

The Board of Directors may alter these policies only upon direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the WI Medical Society.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

Membership in the Alliance shall be composed of active members, associate members, and honorary members. (Hereafter in these Bylaws the feminine reference shall signify a person of either gender.)

Membership classes are defined as follows:

A. Active members shall be entitled to hold office and serve as delegates at the annual convention.

Those eligible to become active members of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance shall be:

1. Family members of physicians who hold active membership, or are eligible to hold active membership, in the WI Medical Society;
2. Family members of physicians who were members in good standing or were eligible to be members of the WI Medical Society at the time of their disablement, retirement, death or divorce.
3. Any physician belonging to the Wisconsin Medical Society may also hold membership.

B. Associate members shall be family members of executives employed by a medical society, residents, interns, medical students, international medical graduates, or fellows in training.

C. Honorary membership in the Alliance may be conferred by the House of Delegates upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, on a member who has rendered long and signal service to the Alliance. An honorary member shall have rights and privileges of active members. An example would be someone who served as the National President.

Section 2. County Alliances/Auxiliaries

A. All active and associate members of this Alliance shall be members of the constituent county medical society alliance with the exception of members-at-large who are from counties in which there are no

alliances \ auxiliaries.

1. Should a member-at-large desire, the member may, upon official invitation, participate in the activities of an adjoining county alliance which is organized and affiliated, providing this action is in accord with that county's by-laws.
 2. A member-at-large, who upon official invitation, becomes an active member of an adjoining organized and affiliated county alliance is no longer a member-at-large. 3. A member-at-large shall have full privileges of an active member, shall pay dues, shall have representation in the House of Delegates and shall receive the official State publications.
- B. If there is an insufficient number of physicians' spouses in any county to form an alliance, two or more counties may form a combined alliance with the approval of their county medical societies, the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance, and by a majority of the members of the affected county alliances \ auxiliaries.
The minimum number of members for formation of a county alliance is five members.
- C. In the same manner (Section 2, B.) a combined alliance may separate.

Section 3. Dues

A. Payment

All members, with the exception of honorary members, shall pay dues to the WI Medical Society Alliance.

B. Amount

1. Dues for active members of the WI Medical Society Alliance shall be established by the Alliance's House of Delegates at the Annual Session and shall remain at that level until changed by that body.
2. Dues for associate members shall be the same as the dues for active members.
3. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues.

C. Receipt

1. Annual dues shall be collected by the WI Medical Society Alliance. County treasurers shall be responsible for verifying members and potential members from their county. Dues billing will begin in the summer of each year for the next year and are receivable throughout the fiscal year.
2. Deadline for dues for delegate counts at state convention shall be December 31. Unpaid members as of January 31 shall be dropped from the membership list.
3. A charter for a newly organized alliance will be granted upon receipt of dues.

D. Special Assessment

An assessment of members may be made only when voted by the majority of delegates at an Annual

Session.

ARTICLE V. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from May 1 through April 30.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. ANNUAL SESSION AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

- A. The Annual Session of the House of Delegates:
 - 1. Shall be held annually to allow for elections, installation of new officers, passage of bylaws changes, budget, and any resolutions, and the transaction of all business not specifically provided for in these bylaws.
 - 2. The Annual Session may be postponed or canceled by the Executive Committee when necessitated by emergency conditions.
- B.
 - 1. Special Sessions of the House of Delegates shall be authorized by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee.
 - 2. All members are eligible to serve as alternates for any unfilled delegate seat.
 - 3. The minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Session shall be reviewed and approved by a Reading Committee appointed by the president for the Annual Session.
 - 4. The quorum at the Annual Session shall be a majority of attending delegates.
 - 5. The invitation to the Annual Session shall be sent to the membership not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Session.
- C. Delegates:
 - 1. The past presidents of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance who are active members; the elected officers; the chair of standing and special committees; the historian; the member-at-large chair; the resident physician/medical student family member chair (if so appointed); the international family member chair (if so appointed); and representatives to WI Medical Society councils shall be state Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance delegates with all rights and privileges thereof.
 - 2. Each county alliance shall be entitled to send to the Annual Session its president and her/his alternate and one delegate and her/his alternate for each twenty fully paid members or major fraction thereof over and above the first twenty members. Delegate representation shall be determined by the number of Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance members on December 31 of the previous year.
 - 3. Members-at-large shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates; the members-at-large shall be entitled to one additional delegate and her alternate for each twenty fully paid members-at-large or major fraction thereof over and above the first twenty members-at-large.
- D. Duties
- E. The House of Delegates of the Annual Session shall:

1. Be the legislative and policy-making body of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance
2. Transact all business of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance not otherwise specifically provided for in these Bylaws;
3. Adopt a proposed budget for the ensuing year; and
4. Elect the Nominating Committee and the officers for the ensuing year.

E. Privileges

Only an accredited delegate, or in her absence, her alternate, shall have voice or voting privilege.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special Meetings may be called by the president or Executive Committee at the request of twenty members of this alliance.

Section 3. Quorum

Quorums shall be a majority of attending members.

Section 1. Designations

A. Elected Officers

The elected officers of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance shall be the president, president-elect, the vice president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the treasurer-elect, the immediate past president, and regional representatives.

B. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance shall be the parliamentarian and the historian.

Section 2. Eligibility for Office

A. Elected Officers:

1. A candidate for state president or president-elect shall be a member who has served as a county alliance president, where possible, and has served for at least two years as an elected state officer or chair of a standing or special committee of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance board.
2. Candidates for vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, and treasurer-elect shall be in good standing as Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance members.

B. Appointed Officers

To be eligible for appointed office; a member shall be a member in good standing of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance..

Section 3. Attendance

- A. All officers shall be required to attend and participate in all scheduled meetings unless previously excused by the president.
- B. If an elected officer has two unexcused absences in a row, the president may dismiss the officer and appoint someone else to fill her position under the guidelines listed in Section 2 A and B.

Section 4. Duties of Elected Officers

In the performance of their duties, all officers shall conform to the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Procedure Manual of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance, and such other rules as the House of Delegates or Board of Directors shall adopt.

A. President

The president shall:

1. Be the presiding officer of the House of Delegates, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee;
2. Be a member ex-officio of all committees of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance, with the exception of the Nominating Committee;
3. Appoint, with approval of the Board of Directors:
 - a. A parliamentarian, a historian, a member-at-large chair, a resident physician/medical student spouse chair and an international spouse chair. [Chairs shall only be appointed when there are more than five members of a group to be represented.]
 - b. Standing committees, and such special committees and liaison representatives as are deemed necessary to implement the current program of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance;
 - c. Member-at-large delegates and alternates to the Annual Session;
 - d. Delegates and alternates to the Annual Session of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association Alliance, according to national guidelines;
4. Represent the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance on committees of the WI Medical Society when so appointed;
5. Approve all meetings of standing and special committees;
6. Call Special Sessions of the House of Delegates with the approval of the Executive Committee;
7. Submit an annual report as the Chair of the Executive Committee, to the Board of Directors;

8. Submit an annual report as president of the Board of Directors, to the House of Delegates;
9. Be delegate to the AMAA Annual Meeting and serve as the Wisconsin delegation chair;
10. Co-sign to be able to disburse funds in absence of the treasurer or treasurer-elect;
11. Visit county Alliances upon invitation;
12. Attend state, national, and regional conventions, meetings, and workshops;
13. Prepare the agenda or program for the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance Annual Meeting;
14. Make necessary arrangements for change of office-i.e. order president's pin, speaker gifts, flowers.

B. President-Elect

The president-elect succeeds automatically to the office of president at the conclusion of the elected year and shall:

1. Preside in the absence of the president;
2. Be an active aide to the president;
3. Acquaint herself with the affairs and personnel of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance;
4. Serve on all standing and special committees as a member ex-officio;
5. Select appointees for the ensuing year, with the approval of the current Board of Directors;
6. Become president upon installation and serve as president until a successor is elected;
7. Be the first elected delegate to the AMAA annual convention;
8. Serve as chair of the strategic planning committee.

C. Vice President

The vice president is automatically the chairperson of the regional representatives and shall:

1. Serve as chair of the Membership Development Committee;
2. Serve as a member of the Bylaws Committee;
3. Serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

D. Secretary

The secretary shall:

1. Be responsible for a record of the proceedings of the House of Delegates, the Board of Directors,

and the Executive Committee;

2. Be chair of the Reading Committee for the Annual Session;
3. Mail or e-mail minutes of the BOD meetings, the BOD executive meetings, the annual meeting to the president, president-elect, and to the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance staff within two weeks of the meeting;
4. Maintain a complete list of the officers, chairs and committee members, county presidents, and necrology;
5. Notify officers of their elections;
6. Notify AMAA delegates and alternates of their election/selection;
7. Notify standing committees of their appointments.

E. Treasurer

The treasurer shall:

1. Be the custodian of the funds of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance; if unavailable to sign checks, the treasurer-elect and/or president may sign checks;
2. Monitor the checking and savings accounts of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance at appropriate financial institutions;
3. Serve as chair of the Finance Committee;
4. present a statement of account at all meetings of the Board of Directors;
5. Make a report at the Annual Session of the House of Delegates;
6. *Provide for the submission of the accounts for annual audit to a CPA approved by the BOD. This may be done through the Wisconsin Medical Society.;*
7. Present the report of the auditor for adoption by the House of Delegates at its Annual Session.

F. Treasurer-Elect

The treasurer-elect shall:

1. Serve in the absence of the treasurer;
2. Serve on the finance committee;
3. Serve as an aide to the treasurer;
4. Notify county presidents with paid member numbers on a regular basis;
5. Assist with the AMA/Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation fundraisers.

F. Immediate Past President

The immediate past president shall:

1. Be a member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Bylaws Committee for one year;
2. Serve as a consultant when requested to do so by the president or the Board of Directors;
3. Serve as chair of the Nominating Committee;
4. Serve as hostess for the Pin and Gavel Club (past presidents) at the annual session;
5. Serve on the strategic planning and development committee.

G. Regional Representatives

Wisconsin shall be divided into four regions that match those the Wisconsin Medical Society is divided into.

The regional representatives shall:

1. Serve on the Board of Directors;
2. Serve as members of the Membership Development Committee;
3. Help maintain communication between the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance and counties in their region through telephone and written contact;
 - a. Encourage inter county activities;
 - b. Promote the activities of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance that require county participation (ex. SOS Players, SAVE Day, Legislative Events, Doctor's Day);
 - c. Maintain communication with the Wisconsin Medical Society field staff in an effort to coordinate activities that the Wisconsin Medical Society might need Alliance assistance with.

Section 5. Duties of Appointed Officers

A. Parliamentarian

The parliamentarian shall:

1. Attend all meetings of the House of Delegates, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee, and the Strategic Planning and Development Committee;
2. Advise when requested, the president, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, any committee, officer, or member on questions concerning parliamentary procedure in the Alliance.

B. Historian

The historian shall:

1. Prepare a historical record of the activities of the current year and place it on file in the State Alliance Office;
2. Be responsible for the preservation of historical memorabilia.

Article VIII- NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Section 1. Nominations

A. A Nominating Committee of five members shall:

1. Consist of the immediate past president who will serve as chair and four other members. The four other members shall be elected at the first meeting of the House of Delegates; should the chair be unable to serve, the president-elect shall serve as the chair for the remainder of the term. Should a member be unable to serve, the president will appoint a new member.
 - a). The nominating committee will place four names in nomination.
 - b). Any delegate may nominate a candidate of her own choice. Nominations shall not be closed until the president has ascertained by direct question whether there are any other nominations from the floor.
2. Obtain the consent of all nominees for office *and check membership status prior to elections*;
3. Serve from the close of the Annual Session at which it is elected to the close of the next Annual Session; and no member shall serve two consecutive years.
4. Complete the slate of officers, nominating committee, and delegates and alternates to the AMA-Alliance Annual Meeting by the winter board meeting prior to the Annual Session; and shall include the slate with the invitation to the Annual Session published in the pre-convention issue of the official Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance publication (SCAN);
5. Prepare the Ballot.

B. Nominations from the Floor

Nominations for elected officers may be made from the floor of the House of Delegates provided written or oral consent of the eligible nominee has been obtained and submitted to the presiding officer of the House of Delegates.

Section 2. Elections

Election shall be by ballot and a plurality vote shall elect.

- A. All officers shall be elected at the Annual Session for a term of one year; and shall be eligible for re-election.

- B. The regional representatives shall:
 - 1. Be elected for a term of two years, one-half to be elected one year and one-half the alternate year; and may be reelected for one successive two-year term;
 - 2. Be residents of the region they represent, except in unusual circumstances.
- C. A member nominated for office shall be present at the meeting at which the election and installation is held unless previously excused by the president.
- D. All officers shall assume office at the close of the Annual Session at which they are elected; and shall serve until their successors are elected.
- E. No member shall hold more than one elected office in this Alliance at any one time.

Section 3. Appointments

A. Parliamentarian

The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the president to hold office for one year concurrently with the president.

B. Historian

The historian shall be appointed by the president to hold office for one year concurrently with the president.

C. Delegates and alternates to the AMAA Annual Meeting.

- 1. The president shall be a delegate to the AMAA Annual Meeting. She shall serve as delegation chair.
- 2. The president-elect shall be first elected delegate.
- 3. The following method shall govern the election of the remaining delegates to be elected:
 - a. For a name to be placed in nomination, as a delegate one must be a member in good standing of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance and the AMA-A and her spouse must be a member in good standing of the AMA.
 - b. No one member may serve as a delegate to the AMAA annual meeting consecutively more than two years. This shall not apply to the state president and president-elect during their terms of office.
 - c. If a full quota is unable to be elected at the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance annual meeting, the president shall be empowered to appoint a sufficient number of delegates and alternates.
 - d. Names of all elected and appointed delegates shall be forwarded to the AMAA by the secretary.

Section 4. Vacancies

A. Elective Office

- 1. If the presidency is vacated, the president-elect shall immediately become president and the vice president shall take over the duties of the president-elect for the remainder of the term.

2. Other vacancies in elected office shall be filled by the board of directors in consultation with the nominating committee within one month, designating by majority vote a regular member possessing the qualifications set forth in Article VII to fill the unexpired term.

C. Appointive Officers:

A vacancy in an appointive office shall be filled by the president with the approval of the BOD, in keeping with article VII of these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Designation

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, the appointed officers and chair, the immediate past president, the chair of standing committees, the chair of special committees, and county alliance president or their designated proxy.

Section 2. Duties

The Board of Directors shall:

- A. Carry out mandates and policies of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance as determined by the House of Delegates;
- B. Have authority to transact all business for or on behalf of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance except when the House of Delegates is in session to the provisions of these bylaws
- C. Be responsible for the financial operation of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance;
- D. Approve all appointments;
- E. Approve times and places of meetings sponsored by the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance;
- F. Fill vacancies in elective offices as provided in Article VIII.
- G. Report annually to the House of Delegates through the president, concerning its activities.
- H. Be permitted in an emergency to vote by mail, phone, or e-mail.
- H. Approve all extraordinary expenditures of Wisconsin Medical Alliance funds.

Section 3. Meetings

- A. The Board of Directors shall convene at least two times during the current Alliance year; additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the president.
- B. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be postponed or canceled by the Executive Committee when necessitated by emergency conditions.
- C. The president may call a special meeting of the BOD on her own motion and must call a meeting upon

written request of five or more of its members.

Section 4. Quorum

Members *present* of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I. Designation

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the president, who shall act as chair; the president-elect; the vice president; the recording secretary; the treasurer; *the treasurer-elect*; and the immediate past president.

SECTION 2. Meetings

- A. The Executive Committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the president or by written request of 3 members of the Executive Committee.
- B. A meeting of the Executive Committee may be postponed or canceled by the president when necessitated by emergency conditions.

Section 3. Duties

The Executive Committee shall:

- A. Have the power to act for the Board of Directors in the interval between meetings;
- B. Supervise such activities as may be referred to it by the Board of Directors;
- C. Submit an annual report, through its chair, to the Board of Directors;
- D. Transact business between meetings of the Executive Committee by mail, by e-mail or by telephone, verified by mail; such transactions to be ratified at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- E. Approve Special Sessions of the House of Delegates called by the president;
- F. Postpone or cancel a meeting of the Board of Directors when necessitated by emergency conditions.

Section 4. Quorum

Members present of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI . COMMITTEES

Section 2. Standing Committees

The Standing Committees shall be AMA/Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation, Bylaws, Finance, Health Promotion, Legislative Affairs and Membership Development.

A. Composition

1. AMA/Wisconsin Medical Society Foundations

The AMA/Wisconsin Medical Society Foundations Chair shall be appointed by the president.

2. Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chair; the president; the president-elect; the vice president; the immediate past president; the chair of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee; and on an advisory basis, the parliamentarian.

3. Finance

The Finance Committee shall consist of the treasurer, who shall be the chair; the treasurer-elect, the president; the president-elect; the vice president; at least two additional members appointed by the president; and on an advisory basis, the alliance coordinator.

4. Health Promotion

The Health Promotion Committee shall consist of a chair, an assistant chair and at least two additional members appointed by the president.

5. Legislative Affairs

The Legislative Affairs Committee shall consist of a chair appointed by the president and county legislation chair.

6. Membership Development

The Membership Development Committee shall consist of the vice president who shall be the chair and the regional representatives.

B. Duties

1. AMA /Wisconsin Medical Society Foundations

a.) The AMA /Wisconsin Medical Society Foundations Chair shall be responsible for informing the membership about the American Medical Association-Foundation's and the WI Medical society foundations' programs and needs, and to promote fund raising efforts for AMA/Wisconsin Medical Society Foundations;

b.) Shall serve on the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation committee when invited;

c.) Shall be responsible for dispersing scholarship checks to the medical schools.

2. Bylaws, Revisions, and Resolutions

a.) The Bylaws, revisions, and resolutions Committee shall present amendments to the Bylaws as provided in Article XIV.

b.) Shall be responsible for presenting any resolutions for consideration at the annual meeting.

3. Finance

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the financial operation of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance. The committee shall propose an annual budget which shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval; and thereafter shall be recommended to the House of Delegates for adoption.

4. Health Promotion

The Health Promotion Committee shall encourage education and participation of alliance members in health-related projects and programs to improve the quality of life for people of all ages. It will encourage counties to apply for national and state grants.

5. Legislation

The Legislation Committee shall be alert to all pending legislation and shall inform the membership of such.

6. Membership Development

The Membership Development Committee shall encourage the organization of county alliances\auxiliaries; and strive to increase all categories of membership.

Section 2. Special Committees

The Special Committees shall be Communications, Convention, and Strategic Planning and Development. Additional special committees may be created by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors.

A. Composition

1. Communications

The Communications Committee shall consist of the president, who shall serve as chair of the committee and editor of the official Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance publication. The alliance coordinator will serve as staff editor and the president may appoint others to the committee as needed.

2. Convention

The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the president.

3. Strategic Planning and Development

The Strategic Planning and Development Committee shall consist of a chair and at least four

members appointed by the president; the immediate past president; the chair of the Bylaws Committee; and the parliamentarian, on an advisory basis.

B. Duties

1. Communications

The Communications Committee shall be responsible for publicizing Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance activities and for editing the official Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance publication. Editions of SCAN are published each year.

2. Convention

The Convention Committee shall cooperate with the president in developing plans for the Annual Session.

3. Strategic Planning and Development

The Strategic Planning and Development Committee shall evaluate the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance structure, programs, allocation of resources, and shall be charged with making recommendations to keep the organization viable now and in the future.

Section 3. Liaison Representatives

Liaison representatives shall be official representatives of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance and shall report to the Board of Directors and submit an annual report to the House of Delegates. They shall be appointed by the president.

ARTICLE XII - PUBLICATIONS

The Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance shall issue an official publication for the membership and other publications authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order which have been or may be adopted.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by the House of Delegates by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided a written or electronic notice has been sent to the president of each county alliance, not less than *30 days* prior to said meeting. Amendments made necessary by law shall be made either by the BOD or the House of Delegates whenever such necessity exists.

ARTICLE XIV - DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

No person shall possess any property right in or to the assets of the *Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance*. Upon dissolution of the Wisconsin Medical Society Alliance and after all obligations are satisfied, all assets shall be distributed to the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation of the Wisconsin Medical Society.

Approved by the House of Delegates
April 8, 2005