CHAPTER 148 (EXCERPT)

148.015 State society. (1) The Wisconsin Medical Society is continued with the general powers of a corporation. It may, from time to time adopt, alter and enforce constitution, bylaws and regulations for admission and expulsion of members, election of officers, and management.

(2) A member expelled from a county medical society may appeal to the state society, whose decision shall be final.

148.02 County societies. (1) The physicians and surgeons, not less than 5 in number, of the several counties, except those counties where a county medical society already exists, may meet at such time and place at the county seat as a majority agree upon and organize a county medical society. When so organized, a county medical society:

(a) Shall be a body corporate by the name of the medical society of the county for which it is organized.

(b) Shall have the general powers of a corporation.

(c) May take, by purchase or gift, and hold real and personal property.

(1m) All county medical societies organized prior to June 7, 1878, shall have the powers and privileges conferred by this chapter.

(2) Physicians and surgeons who have received a license from the medical examining board shall be entitled to meet to organize or become members of the county medical society.

(3) If there is not a sufficient number of physicians and surgeons in any county to form a county medical society they may associate with those of adjoining counties, and the physicians and surgeons of not more than 15 adjoining counties may organize a county medical society under this chapter, meeting at such time and place as a majority agree upon.

(4) A county medical society may from time to time adopt, alter and enforce constitution, bylaws and regulations for the admission and expulsion of members, election of officers, and management, not inconsistent with the constitution, bylaws and regulations of the state society.

148.03 Service insurance corporations for health care. The state medical society or, in a manner approved by the state society, a county society, may establish in one or more counties of this state a service insurance corporation for health care under ch. 613.

For the full text of Ch 148, please see Appendix A on page 77.

Constitution

Article I. Name
The name and title of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Medical Society, Inc. (“Society”).

Article II. Purpose
The purpose of the Wisconsin Medical Society shall be to represent and unify the physicians of the state of Wisconsin in order to advance the science and art of medicine, improve the health of the people of Wisconsin, and secure the enactment and enforcement of appropriate public policy.

Article III. Membership
The Society shall be composed of physicians, medical students and other individuals, as defined in the Bylaws.

Article IV. Structure and Governance
A. House of Delegates. The House of Delegates (“House”) shall be the policy-making body of the Wisconsin Medical Society. The House shall consist of elected Delegates, a Speaker, a Vice-Speaker and others as provided in the Bylaws.

B. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors (“Board”) shall have the full authority and power of the House of Delegates between meetings of the House. The Board shall consist of Directors and Officers, as provided in the Bylaws. The Executive Vice President shall be an ex officio member of the Board, but without the right to vote.

C. County Medical Societies. Members of the Society shall be organized into county medical societies (“county societies”). The county societies shall be chartered by the Board and organized into districts (“Districts”).

D. Sections. The House shall establish specialty and other special sections, as provided in the Bylaws.

Article V. Officers
Officers of this Society shall be a President, a President-Elect, an Immediate Past President, an Executive Vice President/Chief Executive Officer, a Treasurer, a Speaker and a Vice-Speaker. No person shall hold more than one of the following positions concurrently: President, President-Elect, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Speaker, Vice Speaker, or Director, except that the Treasurer is a Director.

Article VI. Meetings
Section 1. The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting, at which time