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.
the House of Delegates shall meet to conduct its business. The Annual Meeting may also include scientific sessions as determined by the Board.

Section 2. The House of Delegates shall fix the time and place for each Annual Meeting. If the House fails to set the time and place of the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall do so.

Section 3. Special meetings of the House of Delegates shall be called by the speaker on written request of at least twenty (20) Delegates representing at least three (3) of the Society’s Districts, or upon written request of a majority of the Board.

Article VII. Finances
Funds may be raised by annual dues or by assessment on the members, or in any other manner approved by the House of Delegates. Dues, if any, shall be applied equitably to all members in each class.

Article VIII. Constitutional Amendments
The House of Delegates may amend any article of this Constitution by a two-thirds vote of the members of the House present at any annual meeting, provided that such amendment was introduced as a constitutional amendment in open session at the previous annual meeting and that it has either been officially published by the Society or sent to each member at least two months before the meeting at which final action is to be taken.

Article IX. Referendum
The House of Delegates may, by a two-thirds vote of those registered at that session, submit any question to the membership of the Society for its vote, except amendments to the Constitution. The House shall determine prior to submission whether a referendum shall be advisory or binding, and so advise the membership at the time of submission. A majority vote of all members of the Society who are eligible to vote shall determine the question on a binding referendum.

Article X. Seal
The Society shall have a common seal. The power to change or renew the seal shall rest with the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility
A. Regular Membership. Any person possessing the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) or an equivalent degree as determined by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board engaged in professional activities related to the practice of medicine (“professional activities”) in Wisconsin, or residing in Wisconsin, and not enrolled in a residency or fellowship training program, shall be eligible for Regular membership.

The EVP/CEO shall refer to the Membership Committee any Regular membership application if he/she determines that eligibility for regular membership is unclear. The Membership Committee will consider the application and make recommendation to the Executive Committee on whether the applicant is eligible for Regular membership. The Executive Committee shall rule on all such matters. If the Executive Committee rules that the applicant is ineligible for Regular membership and ineligible for any other category of membership, the applicant may appeal the Executive Committee’s decision to the Board of Directors (“Board”) within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Executive Committee’s decision. The Board shall rule on the application at its next scheduled meeting. The Board’s decision shall be a final adjudication of the matter.

B. Resident/Fellow Membership. Any person enrolled in a residency or fellowship training program in Wisconsin, including those persons on an approved leave of absence from a residency or fellowship training program in Wisconsin provided that person will be in good standing for return to the program upon return from the leave of absence, shall be eligible for Resident/Fellow membership.

C. Student Membership. Any person enrolled in a Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)-accredited medical education program in Wisconsin, including those persons (1) enrolled in a graduate program in Wisconsin as part of a dual-degree program at an LCME-accredited medical education program (e.g., MD/PhD, MD/MPH, MD/MBA, MD/MS) or (2) on an approved leave of absence from an LCME-accredited medical education program in Wisconsin provided that the person will be in good standing for return to the program upon return from the leave of absence, shall be eligible for Student membership.

Section 2. Application
Applications for membership shall be made in a manner determined by the Wisconsin Medical Society (“Society”). Applications are subject to verification of eligibility for membership.