

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

Section 1. The name of the Corporation shall be PENNSYLVANIA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and shall be known and operate as the PENNSYLVANIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of the Corporation shall be to unite all pharmacists in all areas of practice and all persons desiring to promote and support the profession of pharmacy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the accomplishment of the following objectives:

- (a) To assure a high quality of professional practice through the establishment and maintenance of high standards of professional ethics, education and attainment.
- (b) To promote the practice of pharmacy as that profession which is concerned with preserving, protecting, and promoting public health
- (c) To protect and promote the professional and economic security of its members.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Members**

Section 1. The Corporation shall consist of Active Voting Members, Retired Active Voting Members, Life Active Voting Members, Associate Non-voting Members, Student Associate Members (non-voting), and Honorary Members.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Qualification for Membership**

Section 1. Active Voting Membership –The following natural persons who shall have reached the age of eighteen years and are of good moral character and professional standing shall be active voting members.

- (a) Registered or licensed pharmacists and individuals not licensed or registered, but who have received a degree in pharmacy from an accredited school of pharmacy.
- (b) Retired Active Members

1. Request for transfer to the retired dues category will be limited to active members who have been dues paying members of either the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association or an affiliated county or regional pharmacy association for five years. Under special circumstances, this requirement may be waived by the Board of Directors.
  2. Persons requesting membership in the retired dues category must be eligible for Social Security and not be employed more than twenty hours per week.
  3. Requests that are granted for a change to the retired dues category will become effective with next year's dues billing.
  4. Members in the retired dues category will pay such annual dues as may be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Faculty who teach pharmacy, chemistry, materia medica, and other sciences or arts, the knowledge of which is necessary for the proper and efficient practice of pharmacy.

Section 2. Associate Non-voting Membership –The following natural persons who shall have reached the age of eighteen years and are of good moral character shall be eligible for Associate Non-voting Membership:

- (a) Those actively engaged in the manufacture, distribution, packaging or sale of drugs, medicines, medical supplies, and commodities sold in licensed pharmacies.
- (b) Any student enrolled in a program affiliated with an accredited school or college of pharmacy and a member of the Academy of Student Pharmacists, the dues to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Any Pharmacy Technician (certified or non-certified) and a member of the Academy of Pharmacy Technicians, the dues to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Any reputable individual, who is not eligible for active membership, but who is desirous of advancing the interests of pharmacy, and who is informed concerning the aims of the Association and is willing to accept the obligations imposed by membership.
- (e) Any pharmacist who is only employed twenty hours or less per week and does not desire to hold active membership.

Section 3. Active Life Voting Membership – Any active voting member in good standing for at least fifty years shall be eligible for active life voting membership. All past presidents prior to the year 2003 are Active Life Voting Members. Active Life Voting members shall pay no dues.

Section 4. Honorary Membership – Any individual who has made a praiseworthy contribution to the profession of pharmacy shall be eligible for honorary membership.

- (a) The Board of Directors may nominate any person or persons qualified for honorary membership at any session of any annual meeting of the members and such person or persons upon receiving an affirmative vote of the majority of the members voting shall be elected to honorary membership.
- (c) Honorary members are exempt from the payment of annual dues.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Officers of the Corporation**

Section 1. The Corporation shall have the following officers:

President  
President Elect  
Vice-President  
Chief Executive Officer

Section 2.

- (a) The officers, except the President and the Chief Executive Officer, shall be elected as provided in the By-laws of the Corporation for a term of one year to commence with the calendar year. Installation of the officers will be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The President Elect shall become the President for the year immediately following their term as President Elect. If for any reasons the President Elect cannot become the President, a special election shall be held to fill the office of President.
- (c) The Chief Executive Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term to be established by the Board. Any renewal of the term shall occur at a meeting of the Board of Directors not sooner than one year prior to the expiration of their term.
- (d) No officer shall be eligible to succeed themselves except the Chief Executive Officer.
- (e) Active Voting Members, in good standing, are eligible for election to any office, unless otherwise stated in the By-Laws.
- (f) No officer shall be entitled to receive compensation from the Corporation except as provided in the By-laws and except the Chief Executive Officer whose compensation shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Creates the Board of Directors**

Section 1.

- (a) The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors
- (b) The Board of Directors is charged with the administration of the Association, establishing appropriate policy, and implementing decisions of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Quorums**

Section 1. A quorum at a meeting of the members of the Corporation shall consist of thirty-five (35) active members in good standing.

Section 2. Quorum is defined as a number one greater than half of the duly elected members of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Amendments**

Section 1. Any propositions to amend this Constitution shall be submitted to the Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The proposed amendment shall be published at least forty-five (45) days prior to the next General Business Session. The proposed amendment upon receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast, shall become a part of this Constitution.

Section 2. This Constitution or any part thereof may not be suspended.