

CODE OF REGULATIONS

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THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization is

The North American Society
for Pediatric Gastroenterology
(NASPG)

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose or purposes for which this Society is formed are: to advance the knowledge of diseases and function of the gastrointestinal tract and liver in children, hereafter referred to as Gastroenterology and to foster the dissemination of this knowledge through

- (1) national scientific meetings;
- (2) cooperation with other societies concerned with pediatric gastroenterology; and
- (3) other means approved by the members of this Society on recommendation by its board of trustees, which board shall be known as the Council.

The purposes of this Society shall not be construed to authorize any activities not permitted by Section 501 c 3 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), and it is expressly intended that no part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of any member or other individual in his private capacity, that no substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and that the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III

Membership

SECTION 1. The Society shall consist of active members only.

SECTION 2. Members. Any person holding the degree of M.D. or Ph.D., or its equivalent, who has demonstrated a major and continuing interest in Pediatric Gastroenterology and/or hepatology and who is a permanent resident or citizen of a country of North American shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

SECTION 3. Qualifications for Membership. Application for membership shall be initiated by the candidate. Applicants must present evidence fulfilling one or more of the following criteria which will provide guides to the Membership Committee for assessing the eligibility of the candidate:

- (1) Publications in the field of pediatric gastroenterology
- (2) Completion of at least one year of research or clinical traineeship in pediatric gastroenterology, or other relevant post-graduate education.
- (3) Extensive clinical experience as a specialist and consultant in gastrointestinal disease and related conditions in children.

SECTION 4. Election to membership shall be decided by the Council with the benefit of recommendations to be made by the membership Committee.

SECTION 5. The Council may revoke the membership of any member who fails to pay his dues for two consecutive years or who misses two consecutive meetings without adequate excuse.

SECTION 6. Any current paid-up members of the Pediatric Gut Club meeting the qualifications for membership shall be considered charter members of the NASPG.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Councilors

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President and a President-Elect, each to be elected by the members at the annual business meeting for a one year term, and a Secretary-Treasurer to be elected by the members at the annual

business meeting for a three year term. The immediate past-President shall serve as a member of the Council for one year. No person shall serve two successive terms as president.

SECTION 2. Councilors. There shall be four Councilors. The terms of the Councilors shall be two years, with a replacement of two Councilors each year. At the annual business meeting held in 1974 and at each annual business meeting thereafter, the members shall elect two Councilors to succeed the Councilors whose terms are expiring. No Councilor shall serve for two successive terms unless the first of such terms shall have been one year or less.

SECTION 3. Any vacancy occurring in the office of Councilor may be filled by the Council for the unexpired term of the Councilor whose office is so being filled.

SECTION 4. New officers and Councilors shall assume office at the termination of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

The Council

SECTION 1. The Council shall consist of eight members: the President, the immediate Past-President, the President-Elect, the Secretary-Treasurer and four Councilors. It shall be the duty of the Council to supervise the affairs of the Society, to elect new members and to arrange for the annual meeting.

SECTION 2. Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. No person shall serve on the Council for more than five successive years with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer who may serve on the Council for the duration of the tenure of his office.

ARTICLE VI.

Dues

Dues shall be assessed annually in an amount stipulated by the Council and ratified by majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Meetings

SECTION 1. The Society will hold an annual scientific meeting at a time and place to be decided by the Council.

SECTION 2. The President and one program advisor shall select the program of the annual meeting with the advice of the Council.

SECTION 3. A business meeting of the Society will be held annually at the time of the scientific meeting for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business. Election shall require a majority vote of the members present and voting.

SECTION 4. Special scientific or business meetings may be called by the Council.

SECTION 5. Notification of annual meetings must be sent in writing to the membership at least three months in advance.

SECTION 6. Quorum. The quorum required for all business meetings of the members shall be not less than twenty percent (20%) of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

SECTION 1. Nominating Committee. The President in conjunction with the Council shall appoint annually a Committee of three, including the designation of one as Chairperson who are not Council members who shall recommend to the Council members nominees to serve as officers and Councilors. After approval of these nominees by the Council, such approved nominees shall be voted on by the members.

SECTION 2. Membership Committee. This Committee shall consist of four members appointed by the President. The Chairperson of the Committee each year will be the member of the Committee departing at the termination of that year. The Committee will consider applications for membership and make nominations to the Council. The term of office on this Committee shall be four years with replacement of one member each year.

SECTION 3. Auditing Committee. The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee annually consisting of two members to audit the books of the Society and to report at the annual meeting.

SECTION 4. The President shall be empowered to appoint such additional committees as shall be necessary to conduct the affairs of the Society.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Any amendment of this Code of Regulations must be proposed in writing to the Council by at least five members. The amendment must be acted upon at the succeeding annual business meeting, notices of which shall contain an announcement of the proposed amendment, and any such amendment shall require for its adoption an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

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