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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 • NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Arkansas State Dental Association, herein referred to as "the Association" or "this Association."

ARTICLE II • OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to improve the dental health of the public, to promote the art and science of dentistry in all its phases, and to maintain an ethical level of practice in the best interest of the public.

ARTICLE III • ORGANIZATION

Section 1. INCORPORATION: This Association is incorporated not for profit under the laws of the State of Arkansas. If at any time this corporation should be dissolved, no part of its funds or property shall be distributed to or among its members, but after payment of all just indebtedness of the corporation its surplus funds and properties shall be used for dental education within the State of Arkansas in such manner as the then-governing body of the Association may determine.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Association shall be open to all ethical dentists licensed to practice in the State of Arkansas and to others whose qualifications and classifications shall be as set forth in Chapter I of the Bylaws, and who shall have been admitted to membership pursuant to Bylaws of the Association duly adopted. Ethical dentists are those dentists complying with ARTICLE VIII of this Constitution.

Section 3. COMPONENT SOCIETIES: Component societies shall be those district dental societies that hold charters from this Association, the membership of which shall be composed of legal and ethical practitioners in accordance with Chapter II of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV • GOVERNMENT

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE BODY: The legislative and governing body of this Association shall be a General Assembly, which may be referred to as "the Assembly" or "this Assembly" as provided in Chapter III of the Bylaws.

Section 2. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY: The administrative body of this Association shall be an Executive Council, which may be referred to as "the Council" or "this Council" as provided in Chapter IV of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V • OFFICERS

Section 1. ELECTIVE OFFICERS: The elective officers of this Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer and an Editor, each of whom shall be elected by the General Assembly as provided in Chapter III of the Bylaws.

Section 2. APPOINTIVE OFFICERS: The appointive officer of this Association shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Executive Council as provided in Chapter IV of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI • SESSIONS

All sessions of this Association shall be conducted in accordance with Chapters III and XIII of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII • PUBLICATIONS

The official publication of this Association shall be known as *Arkansas Dentistry*.

ARTICLE VIII • ETHICS

The Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association and the provisions of the Arkansas Dental Practice Act shall govern the professional conduct of all members of this Association.

ARTICLE IX • AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the General Assembly (there being a quorum present) at any regular or special session provided the proposed amendment shall have been previously presented to the Executive Council in writing for its study and recommendation to the General Assembly. This Constitution may also be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the General Assembly (there being a quorum present at any regular of special session, provided the proposed amendment is presented in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at such session.

BYLAWS

CHAPTER I • MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. CLASSIFICATION: The membership of this Association shall be classified as follows:

- Active Members
- Life Members
- Retired Members
- Associate Members
- Graduate Student Members
- Honorary Members
- Team Associate

Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS:

A. ACTIVE MEMBER: A dentist shall be classified as an active member of this Association who is licensed to practice in Arkansas, or is a member of a federal dental service residing in Arkansas, providing he is a member in good standing of this Association and one of its component societies. Election to active membership shall be in accordance with Chapter II, Section 6A, of these Bylaws. (The term "federal dental service" shall mean the dental departments of the military and civilian agencies of the Federal Government).

B. LIFE MEMBER: An active or retired member who has been an active or retired member in good standing for thirty (30) consecutive years or a total of forty (40) years, having attained the age of sixty-five (65) years, may be classified as a life member upon application to the Executive Council in any year, and upon election by the General Assembly in the same year. Such applicant shall be an active member in good standing at the time of his application and election to life membership. Maintenance of membership in good standing in his component society shall be requisite for continuance of life membership in this Association.

C. RETIRED MEMBER: An active member in good standing who has been an active member for twenty-five (25) years or more, and is now retired from the practice of dentistry, and who is no longer earning income as a dental practitioner, dental educator, dental administrator or dental consultant, may be classified as a retired member upon application and proof of qualification to the Executive Council and election by the General Assembly. The applicant must be an active member in good standing at the time of his application and election to retired membership, and maintenance of active or retired membership in good standing of his component society shall be requisite for continuance of retired membership in this Association.

D. ASSOCIATE MEMBER: An ethical dentist practicing and residing in a State other than Arkansas, who is a member in good standing of the American Dental Association and one of its constituent societies (as ~~is~~ defined in Chapter II, Section 10 of the American Dental Association Bylaws), may apply to the Secretary-Treasurer of the component society of this Association nearest his residence for election to associate membership, and upon election by the component society, shall be classified as an associate member of this Association. Election to associate membership shall be in accordance with Chapter II, Section 6B, of these Bylaws. Ethical dentists are those dentists complying with ARTICLE VIII of this Association's Constitution.

E. GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBER: A member in good standing of this Association who is engaged full time in (1) an advanced training course of not less than one academic year's duration in an accredited school or (2) an internship or residency program approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, shall be classified as a graduate student member of this Association. Such classification shall continue to the end of the calendar year in which such graduate work is completed.

F. HONORARY MEMBER: An individual who has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the art and science of dentistry, upon nomination by the Executive Council and election by the General Assembly shall be classified as an honorary member of this Association. A member of this Association shall not be eligible for election to this classification.

G. DENTAL STUDENT MEMBER: An individual who is a legal resident of the state of Arkansas and is enrolled full time in an accredited dental school shall be classified as a dental student

member of this Association. Such classification shall be awarded based upon a completed membership application that shall be forwarded to the Arkansas State Dental Association for processing. Such classification shall continue to the end of the calendar year in which the student graduates from dental school.

H. TEAM ASSOCIATE: An individual who is a licensed dental hygienist or dental assistant in the state of Arkansas may be classified as a team associate of this association, provided the individual is employed by a member in good standing of the Arkansas State Dental Association or is otherwise approved by the Executive Council. Such classification shall be awarded based upon a completed membership application that shall be forwarded to the Arkansas State Dental Association for processing and approval.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF "IN GOOD STANDING": A member of this Association whose dues and also assessments levied by the membership for the current year have been paid or exempt shall be in good standing; provided, however that a member in good standing who is under a disciplinary sentence of suspension shall be designated as a "member in good standing temporarily under suspension" until his disciplinary sentence has terminated. A member of this Association receiving assistance from the Relief Fund (as defined herein at Chapter XI, Section 4) shall be exempt from payment of dues and shall be in good standing during the period of such assistance. A member of this Association who is totally disabled for a period of one year and who is unable to engage in the duties of the dental profession and who is a member in good standing at the time total disability was incurred, shall be exempt from payment of dues and shall be in good standing during the period of total disability. Such member shall submit to the Association a medical certificate attesting to his total disability.

Section 4. PRIVILEGES:

A. ACTIVE MEMBER.

1. An active member in good standing shall receive annually a certificate of membership and the *Arkansas Dentistry* subscription price of which shall be included in the annual dues. He shall be entitled to attend any session of this Association and such other services as are provided by the Association.

2. An active member in good standing shall be entitled to voting privileges and shall be eligible for election or appointment to any office or agency of this Association, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

3. An active member under a disciplinary sentence of suspension shall have no voting privileges and shall not be eligible for election or appointment to any office or agency of this Association for the duration of such suspension.

B. LIFE MEMBER. A life member in good standing shall be entitled to all the privileges of an active member in good standing.

C. RETIRED MEMBER. A retired member in good standing shall be entitled to all the privileges of an active member in good standing.

D. ASSOCIATE MEMBER. An associate member in good standing shall be entitled to all the privileges of an active member in good standing, except he shall have no voting privileges nor shall he be eligible for election or appointment to any office or agency of this Association.

E. GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBER. A graduate student member in good standing shall be entitled to all the privileges of an active member in good standing, except he shall have no voting privileges nor shall he be eligible for election or appointment to any office or agency of this Association.

F. HONORARY MEMBER. An honorary member shall be entitled to attend all sessions of this Association and such services as may be authorized by the Executive Council. Such members shall have no voting privileges nor shall he be eligible for election or appointment to any office or agency of this Association.

G. DENTAL STUDENT MEMBER. A student member in good standing shall be entitled to all the privileges of an active member in good standing, except he shall have no voting privileges nor shall he be eligible for election or appointment to any office or agency of this Association.

H. TEAM ASSOCIATE: A team associate in good standing shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member in good standing, except he shall have no voting privileges, nor shall he receive *Arkansas Dentistry* . He shall not be eligible for election or appointment to any office or agency of this association, except as an appointment by the association president to an ad hoc committee.

Section 1. DUES AND REINSTATEMENTS:

A. ACTIVE MEMBERS. The dues of active members shall be determined by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Executive Council, and shall be due on January 1 of each year. In the first year after graduation from dental school or from a graduate training program, and upon the initiation of active practice in Arkansas, a new member will pay no dues. In the second year after graduation from dental school or from a graduate training program, a new member will pay one-fourth (1/4) of the full dues. In the third year, he or she shall pay one-half (1/2) of full dues. . In the fourth such year, he or she shall pay three-fourths (3/4) of full dues. In the fifth and all subsequent years of

active membership, he or she shall pay full dues.

B. LIFE MEMBERS. Life members who no longer derive any income from the practice of dentistry are exempt from payment of dues. Life members who derive any income from the practice of dentistry shall pay one-half (1/2) of full dues.

C. RETIRED MEMBERS. Retired members shall be required to pay no dues.

D. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. The dues of associate members shall be equal to the cost of subscription to *Arkansas Dentistry*

E. GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS. Graduate student members shall be required to pay no dues. Graduate student membership terminates on December 31 of the year in which graduate training is complete. If a graduate student member transferring to active membership has not already used his reduced dues schedule for active membership after graduation from dental school, he is eligible for it at completion of his graduate studies.

F. HONORARY MEMBERS. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues.

G. DENTAL STUDENT MEMBER. Dental student members shall be required to pay no dues. Dental student membership terminates on December 31 of the calendar year in which the student graduates from dental school.

H. WAIVER OF DUES. The payment of annual dues to this Association shall be waived for:

1. Any member who is totally disabled as provided in Chapter I, Section 3.
2. Any member receiving assistance from the Relief Fund as provided in Chapter I, Section 3.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer of this Association.

I. MEMBERS ELECTED AFTER JULY 1. Active members elected to active membership in this Association for the first time, and who are elected after July 1, shall pay one-half (1/2) the current year's dues, subject to further reductions as listed in Section A.

J. LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP and REINSTATEMENT

1. A member whose dues have not been paid by March 31 shall cease to be a member of this Association.
2. A member having been suspended from membership for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated to membership upon the payment of annual dues and on compliance with the provisions of Chapter II, Section 6 of these Bylaws.

K. ACCEPTANCE OF BACK DUES. Back dues shall be accepted for not more than the three years of delinquency prior to the date of application for such payment. The rate of such dues shall be in accordance with Chapter I, Section 5 of these Bylaws.

L. MANDATORY ASSESSMENTS. A Mandatory Assessment may be levied upon the general membership of the Arkansas State Dental Association, with the set assessment not exceeding $100 in any one calendar year and must be approved by a majority vote of those present and voting at the annual spring General Assembly meeting.

CHAPTER II • COMPONENT SOCIETIES

Section 1. ORGANIZATION: Component societies may be organized in conformity with a plan approved by the General Assembly of this Association. The members of each component society shall consist of dentists who are members in good standing of this Association. Each component society shall adopt and maintain a constitution and bylaws which shall not be in conflict with, or limit, the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Dental Association, and shall file a copy thereof and any changes which have been made thereafter with the Executive Director of the American Dental Association.

Section 2. NAME: The component societies of this Association shall take their names from the geographical division of the State of Arkansas and shall be named as follows:

Central District Dental Society
Northeast District Dental Society
Northwest District Dental Society
Southeast District Dental Society
Southwest District Dental Society

Section 3. GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISION BY COUNTIES: The geographical division by counties for each component society of this Association shall be as follows:

CENTRAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY. The Central District Dental Society shall consist of the counties of: Conway, Faulkner, Garland, Lonoke, Perry, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline and White.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY. The Northeast District Dental Society shall consist of the counties of: Baxter, Clay, Cleburne, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Fulton, Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph, St. Francis, Sharp, Stone and Woodruff.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY. The Northwest District Dental Society shall consist of the counties of: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Van Buren, Washington and Yell.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY. The Southeast District Dental Society shall consist of the counties of:

Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Cleveland, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lee, Lincoln, Monroe and Phillips.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY. The Southwest District Dental Society shall consist of the counties of: Clark, Columbia, Hempstead, Hot Springs, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Sevier and Union.

Section 4. POWERS:

A. A component society shall have the power to elect its active members as active members of this Association and the American Dental Association as provided in Chapter II, Section 40 of the Bylaws of the American Dental Association and as provided in Chapter II, Section 6 of these Bylaws.

B. A component society shall have the power to elect its associate members as associate members of this Association as provided in Chapter II, Section 6 of these Bylaws.

C. A component society shall have the power to provide for its financial support.

D. A component society shall have the power to discipline any of its members subject to the provisions in Chapter XI, Section 20 of the Bylaws of the American Dental Association.

Section 5. MEMBERSHIP:

A. The membership of each component society shall be limited to dentists practicing within the territorial jurisdiction of such component society, except that a dentist practicing near the dividing line of two component societies may hold membership in the component society most convenient for him to attend meetings of the society of this Association.

B. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP: A member in good standing shall have the opportunity of enjoying all privileges of component society membership without exception.

C. TRANSFER FROM ONE COMPONENT TO ANOTHER: A member in good standing who has changed residence or location of his practice, within the jurisdiction of this Association, so that he no longer fulfills the membership requirements of the component society of which he is a member shall be transferred by membership to the component society having jurisdiction over his new location. The transfer of membership shall be accomplished by letter from the Central Office of this Association to the Secretary-Treasurer of the component societies involved. Such transfer of membership shall not result in additional payment of dues by the member during the calendar year in which the transfer is made.

Section 6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS:

A. ACTIVE MEMBERS. Election to active membership in a component society of this Association shall carry with it automatic election to membership in this Association and the American Dental Association. Such election shall be in accordance with the following procedures:

1. Applicants for active membership shall complete the prescribed application form for active membership and submit it to the Secretary-Treasurer of the component society in which the applicant is practicing, or intends to practice. The application shall be accompanied by payment of all dues applicable to active membership in the component society, this Association and the American Dental Association.

2. It shall be the duty of the component society Secretary-Treasurer to refer the application to the component society Membership Committee, which shall, after proper investigation, present the application for approval at the next business session of the society. A majority vote 51%) of the members present at the business session shall be necessary to elect.

3. A component society may specify that the applicant must be present in person at the business session at which action is to be taken on his application for membership.

4. A component society may provide in its bylaws for an Ad Interim Committee to act on applications for membership between business sessions of the society. A majority vote of the Committee shall be necessary to elect. In the event such Ad Interim Committee rejects an application for membership the society Membership Committee shall present the application for vote at the next business session of the society.

5. The component society Secretary-Treasurer shall submit all approved membership application forms, along with the applicable dues for membership in this Association and the American Dental Association, to the Executive Director of this Association for further membership processing.

B. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. Applications for election to associate membership shall be in accordance with Chapter I, Section 2D of these Bylaws. The application shall be accompanied only by payment of dues applicable to the component society to which application is being made and this Association in accordance with Chapter I, Section 5 of these Bylaws. Election procedures for associate members shall be the same as for active members.

Section 7. OFFICERS: The officers of a component society shall be a President and a Secretary-Treasurer, and such others as may be prescribed in its constitution and bylaws.

Section 8. SESSIONS: A component society shall hold a business session at least once each calendar year.

Section 9. ETHICS: The Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American

Dental Association and the provisions of the Arkansas Dental Practice Act shall be the code of ethics of each component society for governing the professional conduct of its members.

Section 10. PRIVILEGES OF REPRESENTATION

A. Each component society shall have the privilege of representation on the Executive Council of this Association of two members, in accordance with Chapter IV, Section 1 of these Bylaws.

B. Each component society shall have the privilege of representation on the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners of one member, in accordance with Chapter VII, Section 1 of these Bylaws.

CHAPTER III • GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. COMPOSITION: The General Assembly shall be composed of all active, retired and life members in good standing of this Association. The appointive officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the General Assembly without power to vote. Associate, honorary and graduate student members in good standing of this Association are granted the privilege of participation in sessions of the Assembly without the power to vote.

Section 2. POWERS:

A. The General Assembly shall be the supreme authoritative body of this Association.

B. It shall possess the legislative powers.

C. It shall determine the policies that govern the Association and all its activities.

D. It shall have the power to enact, amend and repeal the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association.

E. It shall have the power to grant, amend, suspend or revoke charters of component societies.

F. It shall have the power to elect life, retired and honorary members of this Association.

G. It shall have the power to approve all memorials, resolutions or opinions issued in the name of the Arkansas State Dental Association.

Section 3. DUTIES

A. To elect the elective officers of the Association.

B. To elect the members of the Executive Council.

C. To elect the members of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners, subject to the appointment by the Governor of the State of Arkansas and subject to the applicable laws of the State of Arkansas.

D. To receive and act upon reports and recommendations of the Executive Council.

Section 4. TRANSFER of POWERS and DUTIES of the General Assembly: The powers and duties of the General Assembly, except the power to enact, amend and repeal the Constitution and Bylaws, and the duty of electing the elective officers, members of the Executive Council and the State Board of Dental Examiners, may be transferred to the Executive Council in times of necessity or extraordinary emergency. The existence of a time of extraordinary emergency may be determined by consent of the majority of members of the Executive Council present and voting at a regular or special session. Action taken by the Council under the provisions of this section shall be subject to review by the General Assembly at the next session of the Assembly.

Section 5. ANNUAL SESSION: The General Assembly shall meet annually in March, April or May of each year in conjunction with the annual scientific session.

Section 6. SPECIAL SESSIONS: A special session of the Assembly shall be called by the President on a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the members of the Executive Council, or on petition of not less than one-fifth (1/5) the number of active, retired and life members in good standing in each of not less than three (3) of the component societies of this Association. The time and place of a special session shall be determined by the president, providing the time shall not be more than forty-five (45) days after the request was received. The business of the special session shall be limited to that stated in the official call except by unanimous consent.

Section 7. OFFICIAL CALL:

A. ANNUAL SESSION. The Executive Director of the Association shall cause to be published in *Arkansas Dentistry* an official notice of the time and place of each annual session at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the session.

B. SPECIAL SESSIONS: The Executive Director of the Association shall send an official notice of the time and place of each special session and a statement of the business to be considered to each active, retired and life member in good standing of the Association at least fifteen (15) days prior to the opening of the session.

Section 8. QUORUM: Forty (40) of the voting members of the General Assembly shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any session of the Assembly.

Section 9. ORDER of BUSINESS: The order of business for each session of the General Assembly will be determined by the President, or presiding

officer, with the approval of the members of the Assembly.

Section 10. RULES of ORDER: The rules contained in the Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of the General Assembly in all cases in which they are applicable and not in conflict with standing rules or these Bylaws.

Section 11. ELECTION PROCEDURES: Elective Officers, members of the Executive Council and members of the State Board of Dental Examiners shall be elected by the General Assembly at the annual session.

A. NOMINATIONS: Nominations for elective officers (except for the office of President), members of the Executive Council, and members of the State Board of Dental Examiners will be made from the floor at the annual session. No nominating speech may exceed seven (7) minutes in length with one seconding speech not to exceed three (3) minutes in length. Following the completion of all nominations, a period of open discussion of candidates for contested offices will be allowed. The discussion will be limited by the Chair to not more than ten (10) minutes per candidate, and no one person will be allowed to speak more than three (3) minutes, nor more than one time, concerning each contested office. Provided, however, the will of the majority of members present shall be determined by the Chair before this period of discussion is allowed.

B. VOTING: Voting shall be by the secret ballot, except that when there is only one candidate, such candidate shall be declared elected by the Chair. The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide facilities and Tellers for voting. The majority of the ballots cast shall elect. In the event no candidate receives a majority of votes cast on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the greater number of votes shall be balloted on again.

Section 12. INSTALLATION: Newly elected officers and Council members shall be installed at the concluding meeting of the annual session. All other elective officers and Council members shall assume their duties immediately following adjournment of the session at which they are installed. The President-Elect shall be installed as President at the annual session following his installation as President-Elect.

CHAPTER IV • EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. COMPOSITION: The Executive Council shall consist of two (2) members from each of the component societies of this Association. Such members shall constitute the voting membership of the Council. The President, the immediate past President, the President-Elect, the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Editor and the appointive officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Council without the power to vote.

Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS: A member of the Council must be an active, retired, or life member in good standing of this Association and an active member of the component society that he represents at the time of his election to the Council. Should the status of any Council member change in regard to the preceding qualifications during his term of office, that Council position shall be declared vacant by the President and he shall fill such vacancy as provided in Chapter IV, Section 4 of these Bylaws.

Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office of a member of the Council shall be five (5) years. No member of the Council may be elected to serve two consecutive full terms.

Section 4 VACANCY: In the event of a vacancy on the Council the President shall appoint an active member in good standing of the same component society to fill such vacancy until a successor is elected by the next General Assembly for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the event a member of the Council is to be absent for an entire session of the Council, the President shall appoint an active member in good standing of the same component society as a substitute member to serve during that session.

Section 5. POWERS:

A. The Executive Council shall be the administrative body of the Association, vested with full power to conduct all business of the Association, subject to the laws of the State of Arkansas, the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and Bylaws and the mandates of the General Assembly.

B. It shall have the power to establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with these Bylaws to govern its organization and procedures.

C. It shall have the power to direct the President to call a special session of the General Assembly as provided in Chapter III, Section 6 of these Bylaws.

D. It shall have the power to establish ad interim policies when the General Assembly is not in session and when such polices are essential to the management of the Association, providing that all such policies must be presented for review at the next session of the General Assembly.

E. It shall have the power to create special committees of the Association.

Section 6. DUTIES: It shall be the duty of the Executive Council:

A. To appoint and establish terms of employment of the Executive Director of the Association.

B. To determine the date and place of convening each annual session.

C. To cause to be bonded by a surety company all officers and employees of the Association entrusted with Association funds.

D. To cause all accounts of the Association to be audited by a certified public accountant once each year.

E. To adopt a budget for carrying on the activities of the Association for each ensuing fiscal year.

F. To review and approve appointments by the President of chairmen and members of committees of the Association.

G. To act upon applications for life and retired membership.

H. To nominate honorary members.

I. To hear and review reports of the committees of the Association and to make recommendations concerning such reports to the General Assembly.

J. To appoint an Interim Executive Director, upon the event of a vacancy in such office, until such time as a new Executive Director is appointed.

K. To perform such other duties as prescribed by these Bylaws.

Section 7. SESSIONS:

A. REGULAR SESSIONS: There shall be three regular sessions of the Executive Council each year:

1. One within sixty (60) days following the close of the fiscal year for the purpose of reviewing the annual audit, considering any other Association business that may come before it.
2. One to be held during the Annual Scientific Session.
3. One to be held during the Fall Seminar.

B. SPECIAL SESSIONS: Special sessions of the Council may be called at any time by the President, provided at least ten (10) days notice is given each member in advance of the session. The President shall call a special session of the members of the Council upon request of a majority of the voting members of the Council.

Section 8. QUORUM: A majority of the voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9. OFFICERS:

A. CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY. The officers of the Council shall be the President of the Association who shall be the Chairman, and the Executive Director of the Association who shall be the Secretary. In the absence of the President, the office of Chairman shall be filled by the President Elect, and in his absence the Vice-President; pro tem. In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman shall appoint a Secretary pro tem.

B. DUTIES:

1. CHAIRMAN. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Council. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.
2. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall serve as the recording officer of the Council and as the custodian of its records. He shall cause a factual record of the proceedings to be published as the official transactions of the Council.

CHAPTER V • ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1. TITLE: The elective officers of this Association shall be President, President-elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor, as provided in Article V of the Constitution.

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY: Only an active, retired, or life member in good standing of this Association shall be eligible to serve as an elective officer. No elective officer of this Association (President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor) shall concurrently hold elective or appointive office in or be employed by, or shall serve on the board of directors of, any corporation or business with which this Association conducts business. This includes boards of dental examiners, dental service corporations, dental insurance companies, but does not include allied dental associations or associations comprised of dental specialists.

Section 3. TERMS of OFFICE: The elective officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year, except the Secretary-Treasurer who shall serve for a term of three (3) years and the Editor, who shall serve for a term of five (5) years. No elective officer shall be eligible for election to more than one term in the same office, excepting the Editor.

Section 4. ROTATION of ELECTIVE OFFICERS:

A. The elective offices of President, President-Elect and Vice-President shall be filled in rotation among the component societies. The order of rotation shall be as follows: Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Central and Southeast. No two shall be from the same component society.

B. The elective office of Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled in rotation among the component societies. The order of rotation shall be as follows: Central, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast.

Section 5. VACANCIES: In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall become the President for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event the office of Vice-President

becomes vacant, this office shall remain vacant until the next annual session of the General Assembly. In the event the office of President-Elect becomes vacant, the office of President for the ensuing year shall be filled at the next annual session of the Assembly in the same manner as that provided for the nomination and election of elective officers, except that the nomination shall be for "President for the ensuing year." Any other vacancy not provided for will be filled by appointments by a majority vote of the Executive Council, such appointee to serve until the next session of the Assembly when the vacated office will be filled by election by the Assembly.

Section 6. DUTIES:

A. PRESIDENT. It shall be the duty of the President:

1. To serve as an official representative of this Association in its contacts with governmental, business and professional organizations for the purpose of advancing the objectives and policies of the Association.

2. To preside at all sessions of the Association and to deliver an address to the annual session of the General Assembly on such matters as he may deem important to the Association, the public and the dental profession.

3. To serve as Chairman and ex-officio member of the Executive Council.

4. To appoint the members of all committees of the Association, subject to approval by the Executive Council, except as provided in these Bylaws.

5. To call special sessions of the Executive Council and the General Assembly as provided in Chapters III and IV of these Bylaws.

6. To represent the Association as an alternate delegate to the American Dental Association in accordance with Chapter X, Section 1 (a).

7. To sign all certificates, citations, letters testimonial and other official acts of the Association.

8. To cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

9. To attend at least one scheduled meeting of each component society during his term of office.

10. To perform such other duties as may be provided in these Bylaws.

B. PRESIDENT-ELECT. It shall be the duty of the President-Elect:

1. To assist the President as requested.

2. To serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Council.

3. To succeed to the office of President at the next annual scientific session following his installation as President-Elect.

4. To represent the Association as an alternate delegate to the American Dental Association.

C. VICE-PRESIDENT. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President:

1. To assist the President as requested.

2. To serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Council.

3. To preside at meetings of the Association when the President vacates the chair for the purpose of making reports or entering into debates, or in the absence of the President.

4. To succeed to the office of President in the event vacancy occurs as provided in Chapter V, Section 5.

D. SECRETARY-TREASURER. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer:

1. To assist the President as requested.

2. To serve as custodian of all monies, securities and deeds belonging to the Association, and he shall be responsible for the proper management, investment and disbursement of same, subject to the actions and directives of the Executive Council and General Assembly.

3. To countersign, with the President, all certificates, citations, letters testimonial and all other official acts of the Association.

4. To represent the Association as an alternate delegate to the American Dental Association in accordance with Chapter X, Section 1 and 2, and to certify the Association's delegates and alternate delegates to the Executive Director of the American Dental Association.

5. To serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Council.

6. To submit a written report of his office, including a necrology report, to the annual session of the General Assembly.

7. To serve as advisor to the Executive Director.

8. To perform such other duties as may be provided in these Bylaws or as may be delegated to him by the Executive Council or the General Assembly.

E. ASSOCIATE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

1. This office is an elective office of the Executive Council. The election shall be from the name or names submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer to the council. This office shall be an at-large office and the term shall run concurrent with the Secretary-Treasurer's term.

2. It shall be the duty of the Associate Secretary-Treasurer to serve under the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer and assist in the duties of that office.

F. EDITOR. It shall be the duty of the Editor:

1. To edit and be responsible for the contents of *Arkansas Dentistry*, subject to the policies of the Association.

2. To serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Council.

3. To submit a report of his office annually to the Executive Council.

CHAPTER VI • APPOINTIVE OFFICER • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Section 1. TITLE: The appointive officer of this Association shall be the Executive Director, who shall be the full time, salaried administrative officer of the Association.

Section 2. APPOINTMENT: The Executive Director shall be appointed to or dismissed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Council. The Executive Council will determine the salary and terms of employment of the Executive Director.

Section 3 DUTIES: The Executive Director shall be responsible for the operation of the Central Office and the supervision of the activities of the Central Office staff, including the engaging or discharging of all Central Office employees. It shall be his duty:

A. To keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of this Association.

B. To give notice in writing to officers of their election.

C. To give proper notice to all members of the time and place of meetings.

D. To notify members of councils and committees, in writing, of their appointments and duties assigned to each.

E. To record all resolutions approved by the Association and to deliver copies to the proper committees, councils or persons.

F. To have accessible at all meetings, a master or duplicate copy of this Constitution and Bylaws complete with any amendments or revisions.

G. To keep a copy of all letters written or received by himself for the Association.

H. To collect all monies due the Association from any source whatever, and to have an approved system of accounting including all receipts and disbursements as required by actions of the Executive council.

I. To furnish proper financial reports to the Secretary-Treasurer as requested.

J. To close the books of the Association not later than thirty (30) days following the close of the fiscal year and submit them to a certified public accountant for audit.

K. To maintain an accurate, up-to-date list of the membership of the Association with the date of their election to membership, resignation, death, suspension or expulsion.

L. To serve as the Managing Editor of *Arkansas Dentistry* and as Editor and Managing Editor of all other publications of the Association.

M. To serve as Secretary to the Executive Council.

N. To assist all committee chairmen subject to the approval of the President and Secretary-Treasurer.

O. To perform services for allied and/or auxiliary dental organizations at the discretion of the Secretary-Treasurer.

P. To perform such other duties as requested by the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 4. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: In the event of a vacancy in this office, the Executive Council shall appoint an Interim Executive Director until such time as a new Executive Director is appointed.

CHAPTER VII • APPOINTMENTS TO STATE AGENCIES

Section 1. ARKANSAS STATE BOARD of DENTAL EXAMINERS:
Appointments to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners shall be in accordance with Section 2 of the Arkansas Dental Practice Act. The board shall be composed of five active members of this Association, one from each of the component societies. The nomination and election of members for appointment to the Board shall be as set forth in Chapter III, Section 11 of these Bylaws. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to submit a report of the Board's activities to each annual session of the General Assembly of this Association..

Section 2. ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH: Appointments to the Arkansas State Board of Health shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 1, Act 302 of the 1949 Arkansas General Assembly. The names of three (3) active members of this Association shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Council for submission to the Governor, who will select one for appointment to the Board.

CHAPTER VIII • COMMITTEES

Section 1. COMPOSITION: Each standing committee of this Association shall be composed of at least five (5) members with each component society represented. The President shall have the privilege and the duty of appointing special committees as he deems necessary and composed as he may deem advisable. Special committees must meet with the approval of the Executive Council, and are appointed for a specific term of duty not to exceed one year.

Section 2. APPOINTMENT: It shall be the duty of the President to appoint the chairman and members of all committees of this Association, subject to the

approval of the Executive Council, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Only active, retired, or life members of this Association may be considered for appointment to committees.

Section 3. TENURE: No member may serve more than three (3) successive years as chairman of the same committee of this Association, unless otherwise provided for in the Bylaws. No officer of the Association shall be a member, other than an ex-officio member, of a standing committee, unless otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 4. STANDING COMMITTEES: The standing committees of this Association shall be:

Committee on Membership and Budget
Committee on Ethics, Grievances, and Peer Review

Section 5. AD HOC COMMITTEES: The President shall have the privilege and the duty of appointing special ad hoc committees as are needed, with the approval of the Executive Council, for a specific term of duty not to exceed one year. Such committees shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws
Committee on Continuing Education
Committee on Legislation
Committee on Medicaid
New Dentist Committee
Continuing Education Committee

Section 6. DUTIES: GENERAL. Each committee chairman shall submit a report of the activities and recommendations of his committee to the Executive Council in writing, through the office of the Executive Director, at least thirty days prior to the annual spring meeting of the Council. This report shall include a request for a budget allocation sufficient to cover the ensuing fiscal year. Other reports and information will be submitted as requested by the President.

SPECIFIC. The specific duties of each committee are as follows, excepting that the President may add any additional duties that are required to carry on the functions of the Association.

A. COMMITTEE on MEMBERSHIP and BUDGET. The committee on Membership and Budget shall be composed of the President, the President-elect, the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer and the five (5) senior term members of the Executive Council. It shall be the duties of this committee:

1. To prepare an annual operating budget, based on anticipated income and projected expense allocations, and submit it to the Executive Council for approval.

2. To receive and consider requests for funds, other than budgeted amounts, and make recommendations for disposition to the Executive Council.

3. To advise the Executive Council in all matters pertaining to Association finances, properties and investments.

4. To review the required annual audit of the Association funds as prepared by a certified public accountant.

5. To oversee the review and processing of applications for membership and ensure they are processed in accordance with Chapter II, Section 6 of these Bylaws.

6. To assist the Central Office regarding collection and processing of all dues payable to the component societies, this Association and the American Dental Association.

7. To encourage nonmember dentists to join the Association.

8. To provide from Association resources, appropriate memorials honoring deceased members of this Association.

B. COMMITTEE on CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS. It shall be the duties of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws:

1. To review annually the Constitution and Bylaws, recommending editorial correction and appropriate amendments when needed to keep them consistent with the Association's programs.

2. To receive, study and approve the text of all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and make recommendations for approval or disapproval to the Executive Council.

3. To interpret or clarify the Constitution and Bylaws upon request by the President.

C. COMMITTEE on CONTINUING EDUCATION. It shall be the duties of the Committee on Continuing Education:

1. To serve as a coordinating agency to prevent excessive overlapping or duplicating of clinical subject matter presented in programs of continuing education to sessions of this Association, component societies, study clubs, and other allied dental organizations.

2. To obtain clinicians for all scientific sessions of this Association, scheduled up to three years in advance, if possible.

3. To serve as the agency of this Association to screen and approve all requests to present programs of postgraduate dental education within the state.

D. COMMITTEE on ETHICS, GRIEVANCES, and PEER REVIEW. The President of each component society shall appoint a committee for his district on Ethics, Grievances, and Peer Review. The chairman of the district committees shall constitute the ASDA committee. Unless a different chairman is elected by the ASDA committee in any given year, the committee member from Central District shall be the Chairman.

DUTIES: It shall be the duties of the Committee on Ethics, Grievances, and Peer Review:

1. To receive and consider all grievances, protests, and charges alleging infractions of the Principles of Ethics, and Code of Professional

Conduct of the American Dental Association, or the Arkansas Dental Practice Act, as submitted by a component society or by a member.

2. To attempt to resolve complaints against members received from patients, to the satisfaction of both, by the peer review process.

3. To maintain liaison with the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners, insuring that peer review cases are handled in a timely manner.

4. To maintain liaison with component society through its committee, insuring that all means necessary are employed on a local level to effect resolution of disputes.

5. To maintain liaison with the Executive Council, to report findings and resolutions of ethics, grievance, and peer review problems.

6. To consider grievances filed against dentists who are not members of this Association when appropriate, and report findings to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners when advisable.

E. COMMITTEE on LEGISLATION. It shall be the duties of the Committee on Legislation:

1. To cooperate with the Council on Legislation of the American Dental Association to protect and further the interests of the public and dental profession in matters of legislation, patents and regulations by appropriate activities.

2. To study legislation, both state and national, as it pertains to dentistry and other allied health professions and advise the Executive Council regarding such legislation.

3. To initiate and propose legislation, upon approval of the Executive Council and/or the General Assembly, necessary to protect and further the interests of the public and the dental profession.

F. COMMITTEE on MEDICAID. It shall be the duties of the Committee on Medicaid:

1. To promote and maintain satisfactory professional relations with the Arkansas Department of Human and the federal government.

2. To serve in an advisory capacity to the Arkansas Department of Human Services regarding availability of dental services, compensation, and funding priorities.

3. To provide liaison with other health-related professional organizations in dealing with government sponsored social services.

G. NEW DENTIST COMMITTEE

New Dentist Committee is to serve as the voice of the new dentist within the American Dental Association, representing new dentists' views to the ADA Board of Trustees and other agencies; to monitor and anticipate new dentist needs and advocate for the development of member benefits, services, and resources to facilitate professional and practice success; and to foster the next generation of leadership within organized dentistry by building community and facilitating new dentist leadership development at all three levels of the tripartite.

H. CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Continuing Education Committee has responsibility for developing policy and program recommendations for the Association's continuing professional education program. The Committee's tasks include:

1. Developing and delivering continuing professional education programs and products.

2. Providing educational and technical assistance to ASDA staff by their presence at Annual Sessions and Fall Seminars.

CHAPTER IX • PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURE

Section 1. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT of MEMBERS: The professional conduct of a member of this Association shall be governed by the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association, and the provisions of the Arkansas Dental Practice Act.

Section 2. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS:

A. CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE: A member may be disciplined by his component society or by this Association for (1) having been found guilty of a felony. (2) having been found guilty of violating the Arkansas Dental Practice Act, or (3) violating the principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association, the Bylaws of this Association, or the Bylaws of his component society.

B. DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES. A member may be placed under a sentence of censure, probation or suspension or may be expelled from membership for any of the offenses enumerated in Section 2A of this Chapter.

C. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FOLLOWING EXPULSION. A member having been expelled from membership for any of the offenses enumerated in Section 2A of this Chapter may be reinstated to membership only after he has conducted an ethical practice for at least one year and expressed a desire before his component society to apply for and be elected to membership in accordance with Chapter II, of Section 6 of these Bylaws.

Section 3. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS: A member having been accused of any of the violations enumerated in Section 2A of this Chapter shall be disciplined in accordance with the proceedings outlined in Chapter XI, Section 20C of the Bylaws of the American Dental Association.

Section 4 An accused member under sentence of censure, probation, suspension or expulsion for having been found guilty of any of the offenses enumerated in Section 2A of this Chapter shall have the right of appeal. Such appeal shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XI, Section 20C of the Bylaws of the American Dental Association.

Section 5. Copies of all decisions resulting from disciplinary proceedings shall be furnished the President, the chairman of the Committee on Ethics and Grievances and the Central Office of this Association, in addition to those parties listed in Chapter XII, Section 20C of the Bylaws of the American Dental Association.

CHAPTER X • DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Section 1. DELEGATES

A. EX-OFFICIO: The President and President-Elect of the Association shall be alternate delegates to each annual session of the American Dental Association.

B. ELECTIVE: The delegates to whom the Association is entitled shall be elected at large by the Executive Council. Such delegates shall serve for a term of four years each. No elective delegate shall serve for more than four full terms (sixteen years.)

C. ELECTION OF DELEGATES: Candidates for election as delegates shall make known their candidacy by letter to the President no later than 30 days prior to the meeting of the Executive Council at which delegates are to be elected. Candidates shall appear before the Council in person stating their qualifications and their reasons for wanting to serve as a delegate. Delegates shall be elected by a majority vote of the Council. If for any reason an elected delegate should be unable to complete his term the vacancy will be filled by an available alternate delegate by way of election of the Executive Council in the manner described above.

D. ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES: An elected delegate shall assume his duties at the first meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association following his election.

E. RECALL OF DELEGATES: The Executive Council shall have the right and duty to recall from office any elected delegate who fails to fulfill his duties as a delegate.

F. DELETION OF DELEGATES and/or ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

1. Should the Association be ordered or instructed to remove delegates, the delegate with the shortest tenure shall be removed from service as a delegate and assume the most tenured elected alternate delegate position.

2. If an alternate delegate position is vacant during annual session of the ADA the Secretary-Treasurer will assume the position.

Section 1. ALTERNATE DELEGATES: The President and President-Elect of the Association shall serve as alternate delegates. However, the Executive Council shall have the authority to appoint the Secretary-Treasurer to serve as an alternate delegate for the term of his office if the Association is entitled to additional delegates. The intent of the Association is to provide one alternate delegate position for each delegate position to which the Association is entitled.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the Association shall attend each session of the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association and be seated with the delegates of the Association without vote.

Section 3. In addition to the President and President Elect, the Association shall elect at-large Alternate Delegate(s). The total number of alternate delegates is to be equal to the number of delegate positions to whom the Association is entitled. The elected alternate delegates shall be elected at large by the Executive Council in the same manner as described above for the delegate position. The at large alternate~~s~~ delegate(s) shall serve for a term of four years and shall be limited to a maximum of four terms.

Section 4. In the event an Alternate Delegate is elected by the Executive Council to serve as a delegate, prior years of service or terms served as an alternate delegate will not affect years and terms served as a delegate.

Section 5. TRAVEL AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:

A. The delegates and alternate delegates shall be entitled to reasonable reimbursement for travel costs and expenses related to their duties to the American Dental Association House of Delegates. Reasonable travel costs shall include mileage, train

fare or coach-class airfare to the ADA House of Delegates function. Reimbursement shall be determined according to policy established by the Executive Council.

B. Attendance at all sessions of the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association, plus performance of all other assigned duties and responsibilities during each annual session shall be requisite to receiving reimbursement under the provisions of this Section.

CHAPTER XI • FINANCES

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year of this Association shall begin January 1 of each year and end December 31 of the same year.

Section 2 GENERAL FUND: The General Fund shall consist of all monies received other than those specifically allocated to other funds by these Bylaws. This fund shall be used for defraying all expenses incurred by this Association not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws. The General Fund may be divided into Operating and Reserve Divisions at the direction of the Executive Council. All Checks issued on the General Fund shall bear the signatures of two (2) parties who have been approved by the Executive Council.

Section 3. RELIEF FUND:

A. PURPOSE: This Association shall establish the Arkansas State Dental Association Relief Fund, fully detached from any other fund of the Association for the purpose of granting financial aid to member dentists, their dependents and survivors in accordance with rules and regulations formulated by the Committee on Relief of the American Dental Association concerning constituent society participation in the American Dental Association Relief Fund.

B. FUND: This fund shall be held in the name of the Arkansas State Dental Association Relief Fund and shall be derived from contributions, bequests and earnings thereon.

Section 4. OTHER FUNDS: This Association may establish other funds, at the direction of the Executive Council, for activities and programs requiring separate accounting records to meet governmental and administrative requirements. Such funds shall consist of monies and other assets received or allocated in accordance with the purpose for which they are established. Such funds shall be used for defraying expenses incurred in their operation and shall serve only as separate accounting entities and continue to be held in the name of the Arkansas State Dental Association as divisions of the General Fund.

Section 5. TRAVEL AND EXPENSES ALLOWANCES:

A. The President, Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the Association shall receive an annual expense allowance to be determined by the executive council of no less than $400 for the purpose of defraying administrative and intrastate travel expenses inherent to their respective offices.

B. Any member of the Association who is directed to represent the Association at a meeting or conference shall be reimbursed in accordance with Chapter X, Section 5A.

Section 6. AUDIT: All funds and accounts of this Association shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant.

CHAPTER XII • PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. OFFICIAL JOURNAL:

A. TITLE: This Association shall publish or cause to be published an official journal under the title of *Arkansas Dentistry.*

B. OBJECT: The object of *Arkansas Dentistry* shall be to report, chronicle and evaluate activities of scientific and professional interest to members of this Association.

C. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE AND SUBSCRIPTION RATE. *Arkansas Dentistry* shall be published at regular intervals to be determined by the Executive Council. The Subscription rate of *Arkansas Dentistry* shall be determined by the Executive Council.

D. EDITOR: The Editor of the Association shall be Editor-in-chief of *Arkansas Dentistry*

Section 2. OTHER PUBLICATIONS: The Executive Council may direct other publications in the name of the Association. Such publications shall be published under the direction of the Executive Director.

CHAPTER XIII • SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

Section 1. The Association shall conduct two scientific sessions annually, one to be known as the Annual Scientific Session and one to be known as the Fall Seminar.

TIME AND PLACE: The Annual Scientific Session will be held in March, April or May of each year and the Fall Seminar will be held in September, October, November or December of each year, the exact dates and places to be selected by the Executive Council in advance.

Section 2. The object and purpose of each scientific session of this Association is to foster the presentation of subjects pertaining to the improvement of the dental health of the public and to promote the art and science of dentistry.

Section 3. DENTAL TRADE AND LABORATORY EXHIBITS: Products of the dental

trade and dental laboratories and other products of a professional interest to the dental profession may be exhibited at the annual scientific session of this Association.

Section 4. ADMISSION: Admission to all sessions of this Association is granted to members who are in good standing and to others admitted in accordance with policies established by the Executive Council, upon payment of applicable registration fees.

CHAPTER XIV • AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the General Assembly (there being a quorum present) at any regular or special session, provided the proposed amendment shall have been previously presented to the Executive Council in writing for its study and recommendation to the General Assembly.

Section 2. These Bylaws may also be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the General Assembly (there being a quorum present) at any regular or special session, provided the proposed amendment is presented in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at such session.