

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
THE MUSKOKA-SIMCOE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be The Muskoka-Simcoe Dental Association, a component society of the Ontario Dental Association.

ARTICLE II OBJECTS

The objects of this Association shall be:

- (a) To encourage the improvement of the health of the public.
- (b) To promote the mutual improvement of its members and the advancement of the art and science of dentistry, and to do all things incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objects.
- (c) To be an integral and active component of the Ontario Dental Association.

ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT

The administrative and legislative body shall be the "Executive Council" of the Association.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

There shall be:

- (a) President
- (b) Four councillors, one from each of the following geographic locations:
 - 1. Barrie – Alliston – Camp Borden
 - 2. Midland – Penetang – Collingwood – Stayner
 - 3. Orillia – Coldwater – Elmvale
 - 4. Gravenhurst – Bracebridge – Huntsville – Parry Sound
- (c) A President-elect – who shall be one of the four councillors.
- (d) A Secretary-Treasurer – who shall be one of the four councillors.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- (a) At least one business meeting shall be held each year.
- (b) Scientific and social meetings shall be held at such times as designated by the Executive Council.
- (c) The election of officers shall be at the last spring meeting and they shall take office at that time.

ARTICLE VI CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics shall be that of the Ontario Dental Association.

BY-LAWS

CLAUSE I MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Members shall be classified as follows:

- Active Members
- Life Members
- Honorary Members
- Associate Members

Section 2 **ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) A dentist shall be classified as an **ACTIVE MEMBER** who is licensed to practice in the Province of Ontario and is a member in good standing of the Ontario Dental Association. He may vote, hold office and attend any scientific session of this association.
 - (b) An active member in good standing in his 50th year of practice in Ontario will automatically become a **LIFE MEMBER**. He may vote, hold office and attend any scientific session of this association without payment of dues. He shall be responsible for special costs of a meeting; e.g., meals, green fees, etc.
 - (c) An **HONORARY MEMBER** shall be considered by the Executive Council when applicable.
 - (d) A person not eligible for active or life membership in this association, upon application to, or invitation of, and approval of the Executive Council shall be classified as an **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** of this Association. He may not vote, or hold office but shall be eligible to attend meetings and any scientific session of this association. His dues shall be at the discretion of the Executive Council.
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Section 3 DEFAULT

- (a) **DUES** Failure to pay the just dues as levied by this association will result in the loss of privileges in this association.

- (b) **UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** At any business meeting, where advanced notice of motion of one month has been given, any member may lose the privileges of this association, when a majority of the voting members pass a motion of sanction against such member who has been charged with gross unethical or unprofessional conduct.

CLAUSE II EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1 COMPOSITION

- (a) Immediate Past President
- (b) President
- (c) President-elect
- (d) Secretary-Treasurer
- (e) Two Councillors
- (f) Editor of the Bulletin (a non-voting member)

Section 2 TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall be one year.

Section 3 DUTIES

To be the administrative and legislative body of the organization.

Section 4 POWERS

As in Clause II, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Ontario Dental Association.

Section 5 EMERGENCY MEETINGS

Special emergency meetings may be called by the President on request or approval of two-thirds of the Executive Council.

Section 6 QUORUM

A majority of the voting members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.

CLAUSE III FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Muskoka-Simcoe Dental Association shall begin January 1st of each calendar year and end December 31st of the same year.

CLAUSE IV ELECTIONS

Section 1 The election of officers shall be by ballot and conducted by the Nomination Committee.

Section 2 PROCEDURE

The call for nominations shall be sent to all Active and Life Members approximately two months before the final spring meeting. The call shall include Clause IV, Section 2, of these By-Laws. Nominations may be made only by Active and Life members and must be in the hands of the Nominations Committee one month before the final spring meeting. All nominations must be in writing accompanied by the consent of the nominee. The Nominations Committee shall see that there is *at least one* qualified nominee for each vacancy on the Executive Council and shall conduct the Election by ballot at the final spring meeting.

Section 3 The Editor of the Bulletin shall be appointed by the Executive Council for a one year term. There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive appointments.

Section 4

(a) No members except the Editor of the Bulletin, Representatives and Alternatives to the Board of Governors of the O.D.A. shall hold the same office for more than two successive terms. The filling of an unexpired term shall be considered as a term of office.

(b) In case of any member of the Executive Council ceasing to be a member of this Association through death or removal from district, or any other cause, the remaining members of the Executive may appoint a successor who shall hold office until the end of that term.

CLAUSE V REPRESENTATIVE(S)

Representative(s) to the Board of Governors of the Ontario Dental Association to be elected in accordance with Clause II, Section 8, of the Constitution of The Ontario Dental Association.

CLAUSE VI COMMITTEES

- Section 1
- (a) The Nomination Committee shall consist of two members, and the President-elect who shall be the chairman.
 - (b) The Membership Committee shall consist of two members and the Past-President who shall be chairman.
 - (c) Other Committees will be formed as deemed necessary.

Section 2 **SELECTION OF COMMITTEES**

The Executive Council by a majority vote shall set up such special committees as they deem necessary at any time.

Section 3 **THE TERM OF OFFICE**

The term of office shall be two years, one half of the total number of members being appointed each year, with a maximum of three consecutive terms for each member.

CLAUSE VII This Association shall file a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws with the Secretary of The Ontario Dental Association.

CLAUSE VIII AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Association present, provided that the proposed amendment(s) have been presented in writing at a previous meeting of the Association. A copy of any amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of The Ontario Dental Association for approval by the Board of Governors.

CLAUSE IX RULES OF ORDER

Bourinot's Rules of Order shall be followed.
