

# BYLAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SECTION

## INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

### ARTICLE I. NAME AND OFFICE

#### Section 1. NAME

The name of this corporation is the United States of America Section of the International College of Dentists. It is an Autonomous Section of the College established to facilitate the organization of the College activities at the District, Constituent and Component levels.

#### Section 2. DISTRICT

A District is a geographically oriented division of an Autonomous Section under the jurisdiction of a Regent. It may be a single or multiple constituent chapter District.

#### Section 3. CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

A Constituent Chapter shall be each state by its name, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Army, Navy, Air Force, Veteran's Administration and Other Governmental Services or Agencies.

#### Section 4. COMPONENT CHAPTERS

Component Chapters shall be sub-chapters of Constituent Chapters.

#### Section 5. EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The principal office of the Section shall be located at, and its affairs conducted from, an office maintained for such purpose by the duly appointed Registrar, with the approval of the Board of Regents.

### ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the College and this Section as established are:

- a. To advance the science and art of dentistry for the welfare and health of the public.
- b. To encourage postgraduate study and research in the field of dental science and related subjects.
- c. To endeavor to unite outstanding members of the dental profession of the United States of America for the purpose of fostering growth and diffusion of dental knowledge, and to encourage an exchange of goodwill among the members of the profession throughout the world.
- d. To cultivate and foster cordial relations among those engaged in the profession of dentistry and other health professions.
- e. To take whatever action possible to cooperate with dentists and various organizations for the prevention and control of oral disorders, and all other conditions for the betterment of oral health.
- f. To maintain and elevate the dignity of the profession by the maintenance of the highest standard of ethical and professional conduct by its Members who are enjoined to recognize their responsibility to participate in the affairs of society as citizens of the community, to willingly accept responsibility for committee service in the fields of peer review, grievance, legislative, and the like, when requested and as appropriate.
- g. To perpetuate the history of dentistry.
- h. To recognize conspicuous and meritorious service to the profession and stimulate continuing efforts directed to the attainment of the objectives of the College by providing a method of granting Fellowship in the College.

### ARTICLE III. DEFINITIONS

The following are accepted definitions for these Bylaws:

- a. "College" means the International College of Dentists.
- b. "Section" means the United States of America Section of the International College of Dentists.
- c. "District" also means the regency under the jurisdiction of a Regent.
- d. "Constituent" means each state or unit as described in Article I, Section 3.
- e. "Area" means the geographical description of areas within a District.
- f. "Regent" means an elected member of the Board of Regents in charge of a District.
- g. "Board" means the Board of Regents of the Section.
- h. "Member" shall mean any person who is a member of the College and may be referred to as a Fellow.

- i. "Fellowship" shall be deemed to be synonymous with membership of the College.
- j. "Office" means the Central Office (Executive Office) of the Section wherever located at the discretion of the Board of Regents.
- k. "Month" means calendar month.
- l. "Seal" means Common Seal of this Section.
- m. "In writing" and "written" include typing, printing, lithographing, and other modes of representation or reproducing words or figures in visible form.
- n. Except where context otherwise requires, words denoting the singular number shall include the plural number. When a word imparts the masculine gender, it shall include the feminine gender.

### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be six classes of membership in the U.S. A. Section: (a) Active, (b) Life, (c) Retired, (d) Master, (e) Honorary, and (f) Disabled.

#### Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

- a. Eligibility. An active member in the U.S.A. Section of the International College of Dentists shall be:
  1. A dentist, and shall maintain membership in the American Dental Association.
  2. Recognized for their integrity; for honesty of purpose; for outstanding knowledge of the needs of the profession; for strict adherence to the code of ethics; for fairness in disseminating professional knowledge to others; for good standing in the community, in the local, state, or national dental society; for personal contribution to the advancement of the scientific knowledge of the profession; for generosity and their benevolence to their fellow practitioners and patients; and for all other noble qualities required of a professional person.
  3. Engaged in practice or shall be a dentist in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Veterans Administration or other Government Service or Agency; or shall be engaged in scientific dental research in a hospital or institution of generally recognized standing; or a teacher, writer, editor, or occupied in any other capacity within the scope of organized dentistry acceptable to the Board of Regents.
  4. A graduate of a recognized dental school for at least five (5) years, be at least thirty (30) years of age, in no way, directly or indirectly, personally or otherwise, connected with a firm or institution engaged in improper exploitation of dental service or the results of dental research.
- b. Nomination for and Election to Membership (Fellowship)
  1. Active Membership in the College shall be by invitation only.
  2. Any Member of a Constituent Chapter can become the sponsor of a colleague to their Chapter by submitting his/her name in nomination to a Deputy Regent of that Chapter with a letter stating why he/she believes this nominee is worthy and deserving of Membership in the College. The Deputy Regent will refer the nomination to the Screening Committee who will review the credentials of the nominee according to the Guidelines for a Screening Committee. After a favorable screening the sponsor will present the Candidate Information Form, minus the front endorsement page, to the nominee for the entry of information as requested. After the nominee has completed the Information Section and returned it to the sponsor, the sponsor shall sign the Endorsement Section and either on this Section or by attached letter, state the reasons why he/she believes the nominee has the qualifications to be elected to Membership. The Deputy Regent will write on the Endorsement Section the name of the Constituent and note in the proper place on the Information Form that the nominee has been approved by its Screening Committee. The completed Candidate Information Form shall be forwarded to the Counselor, the Vice Regent, and the Regent, in that order, for their comments, approval or disapproval and signatures. If approved, it shall then be submitted to the office of the Registrar.

3. Duty of the Registrar for approved Candidate Information Forms.

- a) The Registrar will take the data from the duly approved Candidate Information Form and place it on the candidate list which will be sent to the members of the Board for the nominee's election to Membership in the College. The sponsor shall be notified of the receipt of the Candidate Information Form.
- b) If any Board member votes unfavorably on a nomination, further processing of said nomination must stop. The CIF is returned to the Regent for corrections, and further consideration. When two or more rejections are made, the CIF should be sent to the Membership Committee whose decision would be binding.
- c) The sponsor will then supply the candidate with a Pre-Induction Information form which, together with the induction fee, must be sent to the Registrar within thirty (30) days following notification of acceptance which has been sent to the sponsor.
- d) If circumstances should arise in a Constituent Chapter that a prospective candidate cannot gain approval by the above-outlined procedure, it shall be the prerogative of the Members of the Constituent to file a petition for a hearing with the Board on this individual. The petition must state the reasons why the prospective candidate should be approved, qualifications for Membership, and be signed by three-fourths (3/4) or fifteen (15) Members, whichever is less, in that Constituent. Any decision of the Board in regard to such a petition shall be binding on all parties involved.

c. Conferring of Membership in the U.S.A. Section.

1. Membership will be conferred by the President or other presiding officer at the Annual Convocation of the College. The Induction Ceremony is prescribed in Appendix A.
2. When an approved candidate postpones induction in the ICD USA Section for more than three consecutive years, he or she forfeits further induction in the college. The induction fee will not be returned. For an extreme reason, the person can be offered one more opportunity, approved by the membership committee.

Section 2. RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

The Retired Member shall retain the right to vote or hold office and to propose, sponsor, or endorse candidates for Fellowship upon payment of the prescribed fee as established by the Board of Regents. (Currently \$35.00 per year plus state dues, if any.)

- a. Any active member who has been a Fellow in good standing for at least five (5) years and has retired totally from active practice, research, administering or teaching of dentistry shall be eligible for Retired Membership dues status if they so petition the Section.
- b. Any Fellow who has been granted Retired Membership dues status, has been a dues-paying Fellow in good standing a minimum of ten (10) years, is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, and has a combination of years of membership and age of eighty-five (85), is eligible for Life Membership and may so petition the Section.

Section 3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Members are exempt from the payment of dues and assessments and shall retain the right to vote or hold office and to propose, sponsor, or endorse candidates for Fellowship.

- a. Any Active member in good standing, who has been an Active dues-paying member a minimum of ten (10) years, and is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, and is engaged in sixteen (16) hours or less a week in practice, research, administering or teaching of dentistry and has a combination of years of membership and age of eighty (80) is eligible for Life Membership and may so petition the Section.
- b. Any Active member in good standing who has been a member a minimum of twenty (20) years, and is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, and has a combination of years of membership and age of ninety (90) is eligible for Life Membership without regard to the number of hours worked per week.

Section 4. MASTER MEMBERSHIP

- a. Eligibility.
  1. An Active, Retired, Life or Disabled Member who has

rendered outstanding service to the U.S.A. Section of the College.

2. An Active, Retired, Life, Master, or Disabled Member has the right to nominate a candidate for Master status.
3. The Awards Committee shall receive and evaluate biographical sketches of candidates and forward a recommendation to the Board of Regents.
4. The Board of Regents shall receive the report of the Awards Committee and make a proper recommendation to the International Council.
5. Election to the status of Master. Upon approval of the International Council, the status of Master shall be conferred on such candidate(s) as the Board of Regents has determined.
6. A member of the Board of Regents shall not be elected Master during his term of office.
7. The Immediate Past President of the U.S.A. Section or College shall not be elected to the status of Master for a period of three (3) years.

Section 5. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- a. The Board of Regents may confer Honorary Fellowship upon individuals of outstanding achievement in or for benefactions or contributions toward the promotion of the dental profession. They may be non-dentists of the dental profession involved in teaching, scientific work or research, or in branches of science allied to dentistry; those who have given positive aid in the advancement of dentistry; or those whose membership should be of significant benefit to the Section or College. Honorary Members shall have no vote and shall be exempt from dues or assessments. We do not confer Honorary membership to Dentists.
- b. Nominations for Honorary Membership shall require the endorsement of five (5) Active, Retired, Life, Master, or Disabled Members.
- c. The Awards Committee shall receive and evaluate biographical sketches of candidates for Honorary status, and no person shall be nominated until said nomination has been approved by the Deputy Regent and Regent of the nominee's area.

Section 6. DISABLED MEMBERSHIP

Disabled Members are exempt from the payment of dues assessments and shall retain the right to vote or hold office, and to propose, sponsor, or endorse candidates for Fellowship.

- a. A Member of the Section who has suffered significant financial hardship because of a permanent or temporary disability may be granted disabled membership by the Board of Regents.
- b. If such Disabled Member returns to practice, research, administering or teaching of dentistry, the member shall be reclassified to their previous class of membership upon the member's notification to the Registrar of such a change.

Section 7. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

- a. To fully participate in all activities of the College.
- b. To vote and hold office, and to propose, sponsor, and endorse candidates for Active, Master or Honorary Membership.
- c. To receive the publications of the U.S.A. Section and the College.
- d. All elected officers of the College must be Active, Retired, Life, Master, or Disabled Members.
- e. Property rights. Members of the College acquire no rights to any of the Section or College property, which is declared to be vested in the corporation.
- f. Use of the name. Members are authorized to use the letters F.I.C.D. or M.I.C.D. when such use does not conflict with state law; the attainment of Fellowship status may be indicated in scientific papers, curriculum vitae, letterhead and stationery.

Section 8. COMPONENT/CONSTITUENT MEMBERSHIP

An active member shall be considered to be a member of the Component/Constituent in which his/her major professional activity occurs.

The member may attend meetings of any Component/Constituent, but his/her membership and responsibility for dues and assessments shall remain in the Component/Constituent in which his/her major professional activity occurs. A retired, disabled or non-practicing member may elect to be a member of any Component/Constituent of his/her choice.

Section 9. RESIGNATION

A Member may resign at any time upon payment of all dues owed to the Section.

## ARTICLE V. DUES AND INDUCATION FEE

### Section 1. INDUCTION FEE

The non-refundable induction fee of the Section shall be determined by the Board of Regents and shall be payable at the time of filing the Pre-Induction Form for Fellowship.

### Section 2. ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues of members shall be determined by the Board of Regents and shall be due, and payable on January first of each year. Annual dues shall be payable by new members beginning with the second dues mailing following their induction. For a justifiable reason the Executive Committee may grant an extension of time for payment of dues provided a request for extension is received by the Registrar before the member becomes delinquent.

### Section 3. DELINQUENT DUES

Membership dues are delinquent after one year and membership shall be terminated following six (6) dues mailings. Notice of termination shall be sent to the individual with a request that he/she shall no longer indicate in any way his/her association as a member of the College.

### Section 4. REINSTATEMENT

Any former member may make application for reinstatement at any time by making application to the Registrar, the application being accompanied by current and delinquent dues. Said reinstatement shall be subject to approval of the Board of Regents.

## ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

### Section 1. OFFICERS

The officers of the Section shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice-President, an Immediate Past President, a Treasurer, an Editor, an Associate Editor, a Registrar and a Deputy Registrar. All candidates for office must have the ability to function on the computer, at least to the extent of e-mail.

### Section 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Regents except the Registrar who is selected by the Board of Regents and the Deputy Registrar who is selected by the Board of Regents in consultation with the Registrar.

### Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE

The President and Immediate Past-President's name shall appear on the ballot, but they ascend to their office by virtue of their position the previous year and are not actually elected. The President-Elect and Vice-President shall be elected for a term on one (1) year, or until the successor is duly elected and installed. The Treasurer shall be elected for a two (2)-year term or until the successor is duly elected and installed. The Treasurer shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years each. The Editor shall be elected annually and may be elected for additional terms. The Deputy Registrar is selected by the Registrar and approved by the Board of Regents. The Registrar is selected by the Board of Regents and, by contract, serves a rolling term of office not to exceed three years and may be subject to renewal. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, their terms of office shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on the morning after the Annual Dinner Dance.

### Section 4. DUTIES

#### a. President. It shall be the duty of the President:

1. To preside at all meetings of the Section, the Board of Regents, and the Executive Committee.
2. To appoint the Chairmen and members of all Committees subject to approval of the Board of Regents, except as may be otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws.
3. To serve as a member of the Nominating Committee and to serve ex-officio on all other committees of the Section.
4. To preside over the Induction Ceremony for new members.
5. To perform such other functions as usually devolve upon the President of an organization and are prescribed by the Bylaws or action of the Board of Regents or the Executive Committee.

#### b. President-Elect. It shall be the duties of the President-Elect:

1. To assist the President as requested, and to perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, or his/her inability to serve.
2. To fill the office of President in the event there is a vacancy in that office. In case of such vacancy, the policy shall be the

President-Elect will assume the office as President for the unexpired term, and then will continue as President for the term to which he/she was elected.

3. To serve as Chairman of the Rules Committee.
4. To provide oversight and coordination of all standing and Ad Hoc Committees.
5. To serve as a member of the Nominating Committee and to serve ex-officio on all other committees of the Section.

#### c. Vice-President. It shall be the duties of the Vice-President:

1. To assist the President as requested.
2. To perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President and President-Elect to serve.
3. To serve on the Rules Committee.
4. To serve ex-officio as a member without vote on all Committees of the Section. The Vice-President shall not be a member of the Nominating Committee.

#### d. Immediate Past President. It shall be the duties of the Immediate Past President:

1. To assist the President as requested
2. To assist in officer visitation activities
3. To serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee
4. To be responsible for monitoring USA Section relationships with other organizations and the environment in which it operates.

#### e. Registrar. It shall be the duties of the Registrar:

1. Under the direction of the Board of Regents, to supervise and discharge the activities and business of the Section. To administer the executive offices of the Section; act as Secretary of the Board of Regents; sign with the President all certificates and official documents; conduct all the correspondence of the Section and the Board of Regents; collect all the money due the Section and constituent chapters and the USA Section Foundation, review all vouchers for payment, sign all checks for payment; provide Treasurer a regular financial statement for review; notify all members by mail of all meetings of the Section; and notify all members of the Board of Regents of all meetings of the Board; notify a Regent when any member of the Regency is delinquent in the payment of dues and a membership is to be terminated; perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Registrar by the Bylaws and by the Board of Regents; and shall receive for services a salary, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Board of Regents.
2. Upon vacating this office, the Registrar shall deliver to a successor all moneys, papers, books, records and other property belonging to the Section that may be in his/her possession or for which he/she is responsible.
3. A surety bond shall be filed with the Board of Regents, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Board; the premium for same to be paid by the Section.
4. The Registrar, selected by the Board of Regents, is an appointed administrative officer of the Section and as such shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Regents, and Executive Committee without a vote.
5. To assist in officer visitations.

#### f. Deputy Registrar. The Board of Regents in consultation with the Registrar may appoint a member of the Section as Deputy Registrar, whose duty it shall be to acquaint himself/herself with the details of the Central Office in the conduct of the affairs of the Section. In the event of permanent disability, withdrawal, removal, or demise of the Registrar, the Deputy Registrar may assume the duties of the Registrar, until the next appointment of a Registrar. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Regents and Executive Committee without a vote.

#### g. Treasurer. A Treasurer, elected by the Board of Regents, is an officer of the Section and as such shall be a member of the Board of Regents and the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

1. Provide oversight to the Financial Procedures performed by the Central Office.
2. Review the financial condition of the Section and make recommendations to the Board.
3. Review the budget for the coming year prior to presentation to the Board of Regents.
4. Review the yearly "Financial Review" prior to submission to the

Board of Regents.

- h. Editor. An Editor, elected annually by the Board of Regents, is an officer of the Section, and as such shall be a member of the Board of Regents and Executive Committee. The Editor will supervise the official publications of the Section. The Editor shall receive compensation, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Regents.

Section 5. VACANCIES IN OFFICE

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall assume the office of President for the unexpired term and can then serve as President for the term to which elected. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-President, Treasurer, or Editor, the Board of Regents by a majority vote shall designate a member to fill the unexpired term. In the event the office of the President-Elect becomes vacant, the office shall be filled at the next annual meeting of the Section in the same manner provided for the nomination and election of officers (Article XI), except that in addition there shall be the election of "President for the Ensuing Year." In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Registrar, the Deputy Registrar is pre-positioned to assume the duties until a new Registrar is selected and appointed by the Board of Regents. In the event there is a vacancy in the office of Deputy Registrar, the Board of Regents in coordination with the Registrar will select a new Deputy Registrar.

**ARTICLE VII. ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE AND DUTIES**

- a. In order to comply with established provisions of the Constitution of the College, the Board of Regents of the U.S.A. Section shall elect ten (10) members to serve on the College's International Council. The term of office for the Councilman shall be three (3) years. The Board shall have a privilege of nominating other candidates from the floor at the time of this election. In case of a vacancy, the President will appoint a Councilman to fill the unexpired term with the approval of the Board. The tenure of a Councilman shall be limited to two (2) terms of three (3) years effective with new Councilman after July 2006.
- b. Councilmen shall be welcome to attend the Board of Regents of the USA Section meeting without the right to vote, but with voice privileges, but not the privilege of attendance or voice at the Executive Sessions of the Board of Regents. Because of logistics, Councilmen will not be seated at the Board of Regents meeting table, nor have assigned seats.
- c. The president shall annually appoint a Chairman of the Delegation.
- d. In meetings of the International Council held, Councilmen selected by the Chairman of the delegation shall exercise the proxy votes of the non-attending members as set by the Constitution of the College.
- e. Duties: To report annually the activities of the Delegation to the USA Section's Board of Regents.
- f. A Councilman may be removed from office, for cause, by the Board of Regents of the Section. (Cause shall be defined as an inability, an indifference to serve, or on moral or ethical grounds.)

**ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF REGENTS**

Section 1. MEMBERS

The Board of Regents shall be composed of the eight (8) officers enumerated in Article VI, and also one representative from each of the seventeen (17) Districts with the same geographical boundaries designated as Districts by the American Dental Association, and said representatives to be known as Regents whose term of office shall be four (4) years. In no instance shall there be more than one Regent for any single-state geographic boundary. The tenure of a Regent shall be limited to one (1) term of four (4) years.

Section 2. VACANCY

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Regent, the President, in consultation with the officers of the former Regent's District and with the approval of the Board of Regents, may appoint a new Regent to fill the unexpired term. If the term of the vacated Regent position has less than fifty percent (50%) of a full four-year term remaining at the time the successor Regent is appointed, the successor Regent shall be eligible for election to a new, consecutive four-year term. If fifty percent (50%) or more of the vacated term remains to be served at the time of the appointment, the successor Regent shall not be eligible for another term.

Section 3. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Regents shall be the governing body of the Section with full powers of management and control over the properties, financial affairs, policies, government programs, projects, and other activities of the Section. Specifically, but not by way of limitation, the Board shall have the power and duty to:

- a. Establish rules for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Section. At no time shall this document be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the College, the Certificate of Incorporation, or Bylaws of this Section;
- b. Act as a Committee on Admission with the responsibility to submit from the District eligible candidates, in a timely manner, for consideration, and by voting on all candidates submitted for the Section;
- c. Act as a Committee on Grievances with power to censure, suspend, and expel officers and members for cause in the manner provided in Article XVI;
- d. Cause a record of all Districts' proceedings to be kept by the Registrar;
- e. Elect officers and Regents of the Section and Councilmen to the International Council of the College;
- f. The Board of Regents shall have the authority to advertise, screen, interview, negotiate, and enter into contract with the person selected as Registrar. The rolling contract shall be for a period not to exceed three (3) years subject to renewal each year. The duties of the Registrar shall be delineated under that section of the Bylaws entitled "OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES".

Section 4. MEETINGS

The Board of Regents shall meet annually at the time and place of the Annual Convocation of the Section. Special meetings may be called by the President or the Registrar, or on request made to the Registrar in writing and signed by five (5) members of the Board of Regents. Meetings other than the Annual Convocation shall be held at a time and place as it may from time to time be determined. There shall be at least ten (10) days written notice of any meeting of the Board of Regents. An Executive Session of the Board of Regents may be called by a Regent with the concurrence of the President and the majority of the members of the Board.

Section 5. QUORUM

The majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6. VOTING BY WRITTEN BALLOT

In the interim between meetings of the Board of Regents, a vote of the Board may be taken at the written request of the President or Registrar without the Board's meeting, on any question which is submitted to the Board by the President or Registrar in writing. The voting shall close ten (10) days after the date on which the question is sent to the members of the Board. The vote shall be mailed or electronically submitted to the Registrar. If a majority shall vote on any question so submitted, the vote shall be counted and shall have the same effect as if cast at a meeting of the Board and recorded in the minutes at the next meeting.

Section 7. REGENTS' ANNUAL REPORTS

At least sixty (60) days prior to the Spring Meeting each Regent shall make a written report of their District status to the Registrar. The report shall include the following and is subject to review by the Board:

- a. Deaths in the District
- b. Number of constituent or component meetings
- c. Information of general interest to the Members
- d. Status of Membership
- e. Recommendations for improving each constituent or component chapter in the District
- f. Listings of all appointments in the Districts.

Section 8. ANNUAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. At the annual meeting of the Board of Regents, the order of business shall be as follows:
  - 1. Reading of minutes of the preceding meeting
  - 2. Reports of Officers (President, Registrar, Treasurer)
  - 3. Reports of Regents
  - 4. Reports of Committees
  - 5. Old business
  - 6. Executive Session

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7. New Business
  8. Elections
  9. Installation of officers; the President, having received the gavel of authority from the predecessor shall call the meeting to order to announce plans for this administration and name the committee appointments.
- b. The order of business may be changed by a vote of the majority of Regents present.

#### **ARTICLE IX. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SECTION**

##### **Section 1. TIME AND PLACE**

There may be an Annual Meeting of the members of the Section, the time and place to be designated by the Board of Regents. Notice of an Annual Meeting shall be in writing to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

##### **Section 2. QUORUM**

Twenty-five (25) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE X. VICE REGENTS, DEPUTY REGENTS COUNSELORS, CONSTITUENT EDITORS**

##### **Section 1. VICE REGENTS**

- a. Vice Regents, elected by the Board of Regents, shall acquaint themselves with the duties of the Regent, prepare themselves for assuming the duties of such office if called upon to do so, and shall serve in place of the Regent at any meeting of the Board of Regents the Regent is unable to attend. A Vice Regent's term of office shall be the same as the Regent's.
- b. The Vice Regent of each district shall serve as the designated district officer responsible for the promotion of the purposes, objectives, projects and funding of the International College of Dentists, U.S.A. Section Foundation within that district.
- c. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice Regent, the President, in consultation with the District's Regent and with the approval of the Board of Regents, may appoint a new Vice Regent to fill the unexpired term. If the term of the vacated Vice Regent position has less than fifty percent (50%) of a full four-year term remaining at the time the successor Vice Regent is appointed, the successor Vice Regent shall be eligible for election to a new, consecutive four-year term. If fifty percent (50%) or more of the vacated term remains to be served at the time of the appointment, the successor Vice Regent shall not be eligible for another term.

##### **Section 2. DEPUTY REGENTS**

There shall be a Deputy Regent for each Constituent Chapter of the Section. The Deputy Regent shall be appointed by the Regent of the District.

###### **a. Appointment and Term**

The Deputy Regents shall be appointed annually, their terms to begin 12:01 a.m. on the morning after the Annual Dinner Dance.

###### **b. Duties.**

The Deputy Regent shall assist the Regent in the conduct of the affairs of their Constituent or Component Chapters and, with the approval of the Regent, to name one or more Counselors.

- c. In states which are heavily populated, or are of such large geographical size with various heavily populated areas, it shall be the prerogative of the Board to determine if the affairs and business of the District or the component could be more efficiently and adequately carried on by having more than one Deputy Regent. When such a determination has been made, the following procedure shall be used: The Executive Committee (as defined in Article XII Sec 3) in consultation with representatives of such a constituent shall recommend the number of Deputy Regents needed and establish the boundaries of the areas to be the jurisdiction of each Deputy Regent. Such recommendation shall then be presented to the Board for its action. After the Board has acted and approved such a recommendation, the Regent of the District will appoint the designated number of Deputy Regents and they will be responsible to the Regent as outlined under paragraph (b) of this Article. Because of the need to have someone responsible for arranging functions, etc. on the State level, the Regent shall designate one as the Presiding Deputy Regent, and he/she will assume such additional responsibilities and preside when necessary.

##### **Section 3. COUNSELORS**

Counselors shall be appointed by the Deputy Regent with the approval of the Regent to assist in carrying out the activities of The U.S.A. Section in their State or other recognized unit. There shall be a sufficient number of Counselors to efficiently and adequately serve the State or other recognized unit. They shall be appointed annually, their terms to begin 12:01 a.m. on the morning after the Annual Dinner Dance. If appropriate one Counselor should act as Secretary/Treasurer of the State or other recognized unit.

##### **Section 4. CONSTITUENT CHAPTER EDITORS**

Editors may be appointed for two (2) year terms by the Deputy Regents with the approval of the District Regent to accumulate all news of meetings and other activities and forward such information to the Editor of the U.S.A. Section for publication. A constituent chapter may appoint more than one Editor to meet the needs of the constituent.

##### **Section 5. DEPUTY REGENTS, COUNSELORS, and CONSTITUENT EDITORS FOR THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGENCIES**

Deputy Regents, Counselors, and Constituent Editors for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Veterans Administration and Other Governmental Services Agencies must be actively participating in the Service for which appointed.

#### **ARTICLE XI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

##### **Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The President, President-Elect and three (3) most Immediate Past Presidents of the Section, able and willing to serve, shall constitute the Nominating Committee. The most recent Past President shall be the chairman.

##### **Section 2. DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- a. To prepare a slate naming at least one (1) nominee for the office of President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer (every other year) and Editor and the number of Councilmen as described in Article VII, also one (1) nominee for the office of regent for each district where the regent's term is due to expire at the next annual meeting.
- b. To nominate a vice regent for each regency where the vice regent's term is due to expire at the next annual meeting.
  1. It shall be the duty of each retiring regent to submit in writing to the nominating committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting, the names and qualifications of two (2) members from their district recommended for consideration.
- c. Regents and vice regents should be elected from different constituent component chapters whenever possible.

##### **Section 3. NOTICE TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Registrar, at least three (3) months prior to the Annual Meeting, shall mail a copy of this Article of the Bylaws to each member of the Nominating Committee and to each Regent.

##### **Section 4. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The report of the Nominating Committee shall be distributed to the members of the Board of Regents fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board, and shall be presented for elections according to the order of business specified in Article VIII, Sec 8.

##### **Section 5. ELECTIONS**

The election of officers, councilmen, Regents, and Vice Regents shall be by secret ballot by the Board of Regents at its Annual Meeting. Election shall be by a majority of votes polled. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, their terms of office shall begin 12:01 a.m. on the morning after the Annual Dinner Dance following their election to office.

#### **ARTICLE XII. COMMITTEES**

##### **Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following shall be standing committees of the U.S.A. Section: Executive, Finance, Awards, Annual Convocation and District Meetings, Membership Evaluation, Bylaws, Projects, History, Rules, Communications, and Public Relations.

##### **Section 2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN**

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, Standing Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Regents.

**Section 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, Editor, Registrar, and Deputy Registrar. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the properties and expenditure of funds for the Section, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. It shall decide all matters of expedience that may arise from time to time, making a complete report to the Board of Regents in writing or at the Annual Meeting, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by these Bylaws and the Board of Regents.

**Section 4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee shall be in charge of all finances of the Section, making a complete report thereof to the Board of Regents at their Annual Meeting. It shall be the further duty of the Committee, in counsel with the Executive Committee, to budget the expenditures of the Section for the ensuing fiscal year and present them for action by the Board. No funds of the U.S.A. Section of the College shall be expended unless approved by a majority vote of the Board. The Treasurer is to serve as chairman.

**Section 5. AWARDS COMMITTEE**

- a. The Awards Committee shall consist of Active or Life Members who shall receive and evaluate biographical sketches of candidates for Honorary and Master status. The committee shall approve not more than two (2) names annually for Honorary Membership, exercising as nearly as possible a geographical distribution for good public relations. It shall approve not more than two (2) names annually for Master status. The Committee shall report its recommendations to the Registrar at least ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Regents in session or by written ballot shall be required for election.
- b. Other awards may be conferred by majority action of the Executive Committee or the Board of Regents.

**Section 6. ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- a. There shall be a local arrangements committee appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Regent of the District in which the Annual Convocation or other national or international College function is to be held.
- b. District Meeting Committees shall be appointed by the Regents of the Districts in which their meetings shall be held.
- c. These committees, in addition to the members of the Convocation Committee, shall assist the appropriate officers and staff in programming and arranging convocations and meetings.

**Section 7. MEMBERSHIP EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The Membership Evaluation Committee shall consist of members representative of the Section who shall study and keep an analysis of the membership of the Section and make recommendations to the Board of Regents or individual Regents to assure good balance of representation in the membership with respect to age, professional qualifications, geographical distribution and other appropriate factors.

**Section 8. BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

The Bylaws Committee shall present for consideration of the Board of Regents revisions or amendments to the Bylaws of the Section as the Committee shall deem advisable or necessary, or as directed by the Executive Committee or Board of Regents.

**Section 9. PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

The Projects Committee shall develop and recommend, as the Board of Regents may direct, projects and programs to carry out the purposes of the Section.

**Section 10. HISTORY COMMITTEE**

The History Committee shall prepare an annual account of the Section's activities which, when formally adopted by the Board of Regents, shall become a permanent part of the Section's official history. This committee shall maintain the archives of the U. S. A. Section. The chairman of this Committee shall be titled Historian. The Registrar shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

**Section 11. RULES COMMITTEE**

The Rules Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board of Regents such Standing Rules that will increase the administrative effectiveness of the Section. The President-Elect is to serve as chairman,

the Vice President will be a member.

**Section 12. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Communications Committee shall consist of at least five (5) members who shall provide oversight of all communications of the Section.

**Section 13. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Public Relations Committee shall oversee the public relations of the USA Section and work with the Communications Committee to enhance visibility to the USA Section.

**Section 14. AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Special Committees as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to carry out the purpose and policies of the Section may be established by the President and/or the Board of Regents.

**Section 15. COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMITMENTS & EXPENDITURES**

The Chairmen of all committees shall make an annual report of the activities of their committees. Committee reports must be placed in the hands of the Registrar sixty (60) days before the Spring Meeting. None of the duties of committees here-to-fore described shall be construed as authority to make any final arrangements or agreements with any outside agency that may in any manner commit the Section without the approval of the Board of Regents. No committee shall have the authority to expend funds of the Section unless such expenditure has the approval of the Finance Committee and the consent of the Board of Regents.

**ARTICLE XIII. FISCAL YEAR AND AUDIT**

**Section 1. FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Section shall begin on 1 January of each year and end on the following December 31.

**Section 2. AUDIT**

- a. At the fall meeting of the Board of Regents, the Executive Committee shall be directed to determine the type of audit required for the year.
- b. At the close of each fiscal year, the Executive Committee shall cause the books of the Treasurer to be examined by a professional accountant.
- c. The auditors written report shall be furnished to the Executive and Finance Committees no later than April 1 of each year.

**ARTICLE XIV. COLLEGE KEYS, CERTIFICATES, COLORS**

**Section 1. COLORS**

The colors of the College shall be gold and dark green.

**Section 2. KEYS, CERTIFICATES, AND COLLEGE EMBLEM**

- a. Members of the College shall receive the official Certificate of Membership, College Key and College Emblem. The Certificate of Membership shall be suitably framed and, with the College Key and College Emblem shall be presented during the Induction Ceremony conducted at the time and place of the Annual Convocation Ceremony of the U.S.A. Section of the College. Presentation exceptions may be made by action of the Board of Regents. Master and Honorary Members shall receive a framed certificate which shall be presented at a time and place designated by the Board of Regents.
- b. The use of the Certificate of Membership, College Key and College Emblem may not be transferred, assigned, pledged, or otherwise disposed of. In the event of delinquency or expulsion for disciplinary reasons, the Certificate of Membership, College Key, and other College property shall be returned to the Registrar. The wearing of the College Key or College Emblem by a non-member of the College is strictly forbidden.
- c. Each constituent may award one or more Certificates of Appreciation within their Constituent Chapter. Criteria for selection of candidates for this recognition should be developed by each Constituent or Component Chapter. Such recognition shall be reported to the Registrar of the Section.

**ARTICLE XV. ON THE DEATH OF FELLOWS**

The death of a Member of the Section shall be recorded forthwith on the Register of Membership, and the name thus recorded shall be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Section.

**ARTICLE XVI. GRIEVANCES AND DISCIPLINE**

**Section 1. PROCEDURE**

The Board of Regents shall have the duty, with or without formal complaint, to investigate in a summary and informal manner any professional misconduct on the part of any member of the Section. If after such investigation, a majority of the Board finds there is probable cause to believe such member is guilty of professional misconduct, or conduct discreditable to the dignity and honor of the College, or seditious of the statutes thereof, or of these Bylaws, or has acted to the damage or detriment of the College, the Board shall cause a formal hearing to be held.

- a. The formal hearing shall be held after notice as to the time and place thereof has been served on such member either personally or by 'Registered Mail' with 'Return Receipt Requested' to the last known business or residence address. Such notice of hearing shall set forth in brief form the specific act, or acts, of misconduct with which such member is charged.
- b. The Board of Regents shall have the power to summon witnesses, and if members of the Section neglect or refuse to appear such neglect or refusal may be treated as misconduct. The witnesses shall vouch on their honor to testify truthfully.
- c. The Board of Regents shall thereupon proceed to hear and determine the matter, and if a majority of the Board finds that such member is guilty of misconduct, it may adjudge that such member be censured or suspended or expelled from the College, and the judgment, in writing, shall be presented and announced by the President at the next Annual Meeting.
- d. A copy of the finding and decision of the Board of Regents shall be served upon such member personally or sent by Registered Mail with 'Return Receipt Requested' to the last known business or residence address.
- e. The final action of the Board of Regents shall be entered upon the records of the College and be in file in the Central Office.

**Section 2. DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY**

- a. The Code of Ethics of the American Dental Association and its advisory opinion may be the basic document in judging the misconduct of the accused member.
- b. The Board of Regents shall have the power to execute appropriately the method of discipline determined upon.

**ARTICLE XVII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The current edition of "Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure" governs this organization and all parliamentary procedures not provided for in the Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws or Standing Resolutions.

**ARTICLE XVIII. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Regents present at a Meeting thereof, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member of the Board of Regents at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Meeting.

- a. All proposals for amendments shall be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for its consideration. Amendment to the Bylaws may be presented by the Bylaws Committee or upon the petition of any member of the Board of Regents. The Registrar shall be responsible for mailing of the notices of proposal to amend the Bylaws.
- b. The Bylaws may be amended without previous notice if three-fourths of the Board present votes to consider the proposed amendment at a Meeting of the Board of Regents.
- c. From the date of the ratification of this revision of these Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee in consultation with the Registrar should peruse the Document, and either recommends that no printed revision is necessary or that a printed revision should be made. Their recommendation must be in writing to the Board for its action.

**APPENDIX A  
INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Being admitted into the fellowship of a professional organization of distinction is one of the most significant experiences of a person's vocational career. In the profession of dentistry, such reception signifies that through devoted service and high ethical standards he/she has brought honor to the profession and that, in return, is being honored by that profession. In 1928, the International College of Dentists was created for these purposes: To recognize ability, to promote ethical practice, and to honor meritorious service.

In order that you may have a deeper appreciation of the honor now being conferred upon you, and in order that we all may grasp more fully the aims, objectives and purpose of the International College of Dentists, I direct your attention to Article II of its Bylaws which clearly sets forth that the organization's specific purpose is recognition of conspicuous and meritorious service within the profession of dentistry; the promotion of cordial relations among the practitioners of the healing arts including medicine and collateral branches; cooperation with members of various organizations interested in the progress of dentistry; endeavoring to unite all recognized and well-qualified members of the dental profession of the United States and the world by promoting the growth and diffusion of dental knowledge; recognizing established impressive competency and character; to uphold, assist and maintain a high standard in dental education and practice regulation; foster and aid the clinical practice of dentistry in hospitals as well as in private practice; foster measures of the prevention of disease attributable to dental disorders; and to maintain the dignity of the profession in instructions to laymen in oral hygiene, and to better understanding of the aims of the profession.

Then may I remind you of the Fellowship Pledge by which you are pledged to live in strict accordance with the ideals, rules and regulations of the College; and at all times adhere to the principles of the "Golden Rule" in your relations with your patients and colleagues.

This occasion marks the arrival of a time in your life when recognition of your work and accomplishments is due. Your qualifications have been examined by the Credentials Committee, the Board of Regents, the Counselors and Deputy Regents. You have met or exceeded all requirements for membership.

And may I admonish you that this occasion does not mark you as having fulfilled your professional achievements. As in all other associations, you will receive in proportion to what you give.

Now, by authority of the Board of Regents and the power vested in me as President of the United States of America Section of the International College of Dentists, it gives me great pleasure and distinct honor to confer upon you Fellowship in the College. I extend to you the right hand of Fellowship which is an ancient and honorable sign of friendship and thus extend to you the rights and privileges of this College, wishing you continued health and success in your professional career. Under the guidance of God we shall work together for the common purpose of alleviating human suffering.

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