

THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARTHROPLASTY SOCIETY

1. The name of the association shall be the "SOUTH AFRICAN ARTHROPLASTY SOCIETY" (SAAS). In this Constitution unless the context indicates the contrary: "Society" shall mean the South African Arthroplasty Society: "Meeting" shall mean the General Meeting of the Society.

2. OBJECTS:

The objects of the Society shall be:

- a) The advancement of the science and art of replacement and reconstruction of the major joints;
- b) The protection of the interests of its members.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership may be granted to an Orthopaedic surgeon whom is qualified and registered with the Health Profession Council of South Africa. To become a member of the SAAS, it is obligatory to be member of the South African Orthopaedic Association.
- b) Emeritus Membership shall be granted to a member whom has been a member of SAAS for at least ten (10) years, prior to reaching the age of sixty five (65) years. If a member qualifies for both categories, as stated above, he/she shall be granted Emeritus Membership with full voting rights, but shall not be liable for payment of any subscription whatsoever.
- c) Honorary membership may be conferred upon persons eminent in the science and art of arthroplasty surgery. Candidates for Honorary membership, having been duly proposed and seconded in writing by any two-thirds majority of those members shall have such privileges as may be conferred on them by the Committee, but shall not have a vote.

4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Every member shall remain a member until his membership is terminated by either:

- a) his resignation in writing addressed to the Society,

- b) or a majority decision of the Committee. Provided that any member whose resignation is requested by the Committee, shall have the right, after making written application to the Secretary/Treasurer within fourteen (14) days of receiving such request, to appeal to the next Meeting of the members of the Society.

5. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member may have his membership suspended if his subscription becomes twelve (12) months overdue, but may be reinstated on payment of arrears subscription. Such suspension and/or reinstatement shall be within the discretion of the Committee. During the period of suspension, however, the member shall lose all the rights and privileges of membership of the Society.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The amount of the annual subscription of members shall be determined by a majority vote taken at a Meeting by the Society. It shall also be competent for the amount of the subscriptions to be varied by a majority vote at any subsequent Meeting, provided that any proposal to vary the subscription shall be communicated by the Secretary to all members of the Society at least three (3) months prior to the date of such Meeting. The first subscription of a member shall be due on election and subsequent subscription shall become due on the 1st January of each year.

A special levy, the amount of which shall be determined by a majority vote taken at a Meeting, may be imposed by the Society on its members to provide funds for the specific purpose.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Meeting shall be held at such time (being not less than nine (9) months and not more than twenty four (24) months after the holding of the Meeting) and place as may be fixed by the Committee. (Usually at the time of the biennial SAAS Congress)
- b) The President shall preside as chairman at the opening of every Meeting. In the absence of the President, a Chairman shall be appointed by the Meeting.

No business shall be transacted at any Meeting unless there be present a quorum of not less than ten (10) members. If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, such quorum be not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the following day at the same time and place, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum not be present, those present shall be deemed to be a quorum

8. COMPOSITION, METHOD OF ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE OF THE *EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*

- a) The Committee shall consist of three members, all of whom shall be members of the SA Orthopaedic Association. It shall consist of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer and either the Immediate Past President or the President-Elect.
- b) The President will appoint a Secretary/Treasurer, who has to be a legitimate member of SAAS and the SAOA.
- c) The President shall hold office for four (4) years.
- d) The immediate Past President shall serve as such on the Committee for the two (2) years, immediately following his /her Presidency.
- e) The President-Elect shall be chosen by ballot and serve on the committee for two (2) years, replacing the immediate Past President, before assuming the office of President. This election will take place biennially.
- f) The Secretary shall be the electoral officer and shall advise members of vacancies on the Committee. He will call for nominations duly proposed, seconded by candidates, a minimum of six (6) weeks before the Meeting. Postal or electronic votes shall be called for at a minimum of four (4) weeks before the Meeting. Voting for the President-Elect shall be by postal or electronic ballot. Postal or electronic votes shall be in the hands of the Secretary of the SAAS –at the official address of the SAAS by twelve (12) midday seven (7) days before the date of the Meeting. Scrutinisers shall be appointed by the Committee.

9. ORANISATION AND CONTROL

- a) The policy of the Society shall be determined by its members.
- b) Any amendment of the affairs of the Society (within the policy as determined by its members) shall be vested in the Committee.
- c) The general control of the affairs of the Society (within the policy as determined by its members) shall be vested in the Committee.
- d) Any member of the Committee who, for good reasons, finds himself unable to attend any meeting of the committee shall have the right to nominate an alternate to represent him/her at such a meeting.

- e) In addition to any powers specified elsewhere in the Constitution, the committee shall also have power –
 - (i) to co-opt additional members as required;
 - (ii) to appoint and dissolve sub-committees as required.

10. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary of the Society shall keep records of all meetings of the Society and of its committee and shall conduct all correspondence in connection with the affairs of the Society.

He/she shall also submit an Annual Report to the Meeting of the Society and shall forward a copy this Report, a complete list of all members of the Society, and a list of the members of the Committee of the Society and a copy of the Annual Financial Statement, to the Secretary of the South African Orthopaedic Association not more than thirty (30) days after each Meeting.

The Secretary of the SAOA shall receive all monies due to the Society and deposit it to the SAAS account.

It would be the function of the Secretary/Treasurer of SAAS to submit an Annual Financial Statement to the Meeting of the Society and of the current Membership. The Financial Statement of SAAS shall be audited by the auditor of the SAOA.

11. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Alterations to the Constitution shall be effected only if passed by two-thirds majority of the legitimate members of SAAS.

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Signed: President of the SAAS : J N de Vos