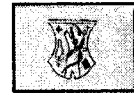




WESTCHESTER OB/GYN SOCIETY



Mission Statement

The Westchester ObGyn Society is a proactive organization dedicated to the common interests of our members and our patients. Our goals are to provide for educational opportunities for ObGyn practitioners, keep updated in our understanding of how the current healthcare crisis affects our ability to provide for our patients' needs, and advocate for those changes in medicine that best serve both our members and our patients.

Strategic Goals 2008-2009

To conduct regular Society meetings, that includes a CME curriculum in the both the business of medicine and advances in medical care as they pertain to ObGyn.

To increase the Society membership by retaining a high percentage of current members while recruiting newly graduated ObGyn practitioners.

To encourage the Directors of Service in ObGyn at all Westchester hospitals to both become active members and regularly attend the monthly Society meetings.

To reach out to other area ObGyn Societies to develop joint educational and advocacy activities that address our common goal to better meet the needs of our patients.

To facilitate Society members to become more intimately involved in both MSSNY and ACOG at all levels.



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BYLAWS

Article 1

The Society

The name of the society is The Westchester County ObGyn Society. The office of the Society will be in Westchester County, New York.

The Society does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and it is organized for nonprofit purposes. The Society is organized exclusively for charitable and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) (the "Code").

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Society will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Article 2

Membership

Qualification for membership

Membership is available to physicians (MD or DO) or other allied health professionals (such as RN, LPN, PA NP, PT) licensed in the State of New York and practicing in the field of ObGyn in Westchester County, or above described practitioners who reside in Westchester County.

Commercial representatives besides medical practitioners are not eligible for membership.

Voting Membership

All board-certified physician members in good standing are eligible to vote on Society matters and to hold elected office. All members are eligible to volunteer to serve on committees,.

Applications for Membership

All applicants for membership must complete and sign the application form provided by the Society and submit it to the President of the Society.

Voluntary termination

Any member may voluntarily terminate their membership in the Society by submitting written notice to the President of the Society. Voluntary termination does not obviate the member's current monetary obligations to the Society.

Expulsion

Any member may be expelled for cause by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Failure to pay dues after 90 days, or failure to meet other membership criteria, is presumed cause for expulsion. Written notice of expulsion will be given to the member at least 15 days prior to proposed termination date. Appeals of expulsion will be directed to the Executive Committee.

Article 3

Liability of Members

A member of the Society is not, as such, personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Society.

Article 4

Membership Dues

Dues shall be set by the Executive Committee. Payment of dues is required to maintain membership in good standing. Any member whose dues are delinquent more than 90 days shall be treated pursuant to expulsion clause above. No refund of dues will be applied under any circumstances.

Article 5

Membership Meetings and Voting

The members shall meet at least monthly from September through June, with either written or electronic notice given at least 7 days in advance of each meeting date. 1/3 of members in attendance shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority of votes is required to carry a voting matter where a quorum exists. Only board-certified physician members can vote, with one vote each.

Member voting without a meeting can also take place, by either regular or electronic mail. The same rules of a quorum apply to voting without a meeting.

Article 6

Society Officers

The officers of the Society will be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers must be Board-Certified Physician Members in good standing of the Society. Officers serve their position from July 1st to June 30th. No person may hold more than one office at the same time.

The Voting Members shall elect individuals to serve as Vice President and Treasurer. Such elections shall be conducted by

ballot prior to the June meeting of the Society preceding the elected term. Ballots shall be distributed to all voting members via regular or electronic mail at least 15 days prior to the June meeting. Results will be announced at the June meeting.

The individual serving as Treasurer can serve no more than three consecutive terms.

The positions of Vice-President, President, and Immediate Past President shall be filled automatically by the following progression:

(A) Upon completion of a one-year term, the individual serving as Secretary shall ascend to the position of Vice-President

(B) Upon completion of a one-year term, the individual serving as Vice-President shall ascend to the position of President

(C) Upon completion of a one-year term, the individual serving as President shall ascend to the position Immediate Past President.

(D) Upon completion of a one-year term, the individual serving as Immediate Past President shall no longer serve as an officer of the Society.

(E) Each Officer shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Members in good standing are eligible to serve as an officer more than once after going through the ascension sequence described above.

Article 7

Committees

Executive Committee – Chaired by President

The Executive Committee will be responsible for oversight of all Society functions, including meeting the goals of the Society's Mission Statement and its annual strategic objectives. They will notify members of voting matters, conduct balloting on voting issues, and oversee the annual election of Society officers.

The Executive Committee will be comprised of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

CME Committee – Chaired by President

The CME Committee will be responsible for arranging the educational lectures for the monthly meetings, and duly notifying members of same. CME credit will be applied for each meeting through the New York Academy of Science, and records kept.

Advocacy Committee – Chaired by Vice-President

The Advocacy Committee will be responsible for promoting the interests on Society members in areas of healthcare reform as they apply to New York State, using venues such as MSSNY and ACOG, at the regional, state and national level.

Membership Committee – Chaired by Secretary

The Membership Committee will be responsible for collecting membership dues, maintaining a listing of members in good standing, and efforts to recruit new members to enhance the current membership.

Advisory Committee – Chaired by Immediate Past President

The Advisory Committee will provide advice to the Executive Committee on Society business, strategic planning and other matters as needed.

The Advisory Committee will be comprised of the three most recent Past Presidents.

Article 8

Financial Oversight

An annual reporting of the Society's financial holdings and expenditures shall be given to the membership each June by the Treasurer.

The Executive Committee will be responsible for the financial dealings of the Society. The expenditure of funds will require the co-signature of both the President and Treasurer. All expenditures, outside of those required to maintain regular Society functions such as conducting monthly meetings, website maintenance, and voting matters, will first require a 2/3 majority vote of a quorum the voting membership. Prior notice of these voting issues will follow the bylaws as set forth above.
