

Northeastern Section of the American Urological Association, Inc.
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ARTICLE I
NORTHEASTERN SECTION

The Northeastern Section of the American Urological Association, Inc. is a geographic component of the American Urological Association, Inc. and has received a charter as such from the American Urological Association, Inc. (AUA).

The Northeastern Section, as delineated in Article 2, Section 2 of the AUA By-laws, comprises the State of New York except the southeastern portion, the western portion of the State of Pennsylvania, and the eastern section of Canada, including the Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. The eastern boundary of the Northeastern Section shall be the eastern state line of the State of New York, extending from the Province of Quebec in Canada on the North to the junction of the east-west state lines of Vermont and Massachusetts on the south. The south-eastern boundary shall be a line starting from the eastern state line of the State of New York where it joins the east-west state lines of the States of Vermont and Massachusetts, and extending across the State of New York in a southwest direction to a point at the intersection of 75 degrees West and 42 Degrees North near the New York-Pennsylvania state line. The line then continues into the State of Pennsylvania in a southwestern direction, south of Scranton, and north of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to a point just north and west of the city limits of the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This line then turns directly south to a point 77 degrees West on the Maryland-Pennsylvania state line to end the eastern border of this Section. The southern border shall extend along the southern Pennsylvania state line to a point 77 degrees West directly westward to the end of the southern state line of Pennsylvania. The western border shall extend along the western state line of the State of Pennsylvania up to the southern border of Lake Erie. From this point, the line shall cross Lake Erie westward to the junction of the western province line of the Province of Ontario and the southeastern state line of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Member Categories. The Membership of the Northeastern Section shall consist of the following categories:

- a. Active Members
- b. Senior Members
- c. Associate Members
- d. Honorary Members
- e. Candidate Members
- f. Affiliate Members
- g. International Members
- h. Advanced Practice Provider Members

Section 2. Dues. All members except Senior and Honorary members shall be assessed dues in an amount determined by the Board of Directors.

Any member who after appropriate notification does not pay membership dues shall have his or her name placed on the “Drop List” to be reviewed at least once per year by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Voting Status and Rights. Only Active and Senior members shall be eligible to vote. Active and Senior members who are elected to Honorary Membership shall retain their voting status. All members shall be entitled to receive the latest available copy of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and the Roster of Membership.

Section 4. Mandatory Section Membership. All voting members of the Northeastern Section shall be members of the AUA and vice-versa. Individuals who initially join the Section in which they practice, and then at a future date relocate to another Section, may retain membership in the original Section or join the new Section.

Section 5. Election/Approval of Membership. All membership applicants and membership category changes shall be approved by the Board of Directors periodically throughout the Association year. A report of newly elected members by category during the current Association year will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting for ratification. Associate Members who receive certification by the American Board of Urology who are approved as Active members of the AUA shall, upon verification of paid dues, simultaneously become Active Members of the Section.

Section 6. Active Members. Requirements for urologists are as follows:

1. The possession of an unlimited license to practice medicine and surgery in the State, Province or Country of his/her practice.
2. Residing within the geographic boundaries of the Section.
3. Possession of an M.D. or D.O. degree (or United States Medical Licensure equivalent) and completion of an ACGME accredited urology residency or equivalent by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the Quebec Board of Urology or the certifying Board for Urology in the country where practicing within the geographical boundaries of the Section.
4. Limitation of practice to the specialty of Urology.
5. Certification by the American Board of Urology (ABU), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (RCPSC) of Canada, the Quebec Board of Urology, American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS) or the certifying Board of Urology in the country where practicing within the geographic boundaries of the AUA.
6. Recommendation for membership by two (2) voting members of the Northeastern Section of the AUA, except if certified within the last 24 months (as per item 5 in this Section).
7. Letter of recommendation from the Chief of Urology, Medical Director, or Chair of the Credentials Committee at the hospital(s) where the applicant has privileges.

Section 7. Senior Members. Members are eligible for Senior Membership in both the Section and the AUA if they have been active members for 25 years in either the Section or AUA and have reached the age of 65 or 20 years of service and retired, or are permanently disabled.

Section 8. Associate Members. Requirements for Associate membership are the same as Active membership, except for Board Certification.

Section 8.1. Candidate Members Eligible for Fast Track Associate Status. Associate membership in the AUA and the Northeastern Section will be offered to all Candidate members who have passed the qualifying examination (Part I) of the American Board of Urology or equivalent American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS) examination.

Section 8.2 Maintenance of Certification. If an Active Member fails to become recertified as required by the American Board of Urology (or other certifying Body as outlined in Section 6(5) of this Article), the Section will transfer the individual to Associate Member Status.

If an Active Member becomes decertified by the American Board of Urology or other certifying Body as outlined in Section 6(5) of this Article, the member shall automatically be dropped for non-compliance with AUA and Section Bylaws, pursuant to Expulsion and Reinstatement policies.

Section 9. Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall be scientists who have achieved outstanding prominence in a field of medicine related to Urology, or who have been invited to the Section to present an exceptionally fine lecture; or outstanding Active or Senior Members of this Section who have retired from the practice of Urology. The Immediate Past President shall nominate Honorary Members upon recommendations by at least three Active or Senior Members. Approval of the Board of Directors shall be necessary before presenting these candidates to the Members. Election to Honorary Membership shall require a three-fourths majority of the votes of members present and voting at an Annual Meeting. Active or Senior Members who are elected to Honorary Membership shall retain their previous rights in the Section but other Honorary members shall have no right to vote or to hold office. They shall be exempt from the payment of all dues and assessments.

Section 10. Affiliate Members. Affiliate Membership is available to Non-Physician Scientists and is not usually available for physicians certified by medical boards. However, in exceptional instances, persons in related fields of medicine and science, who do not qualify for other categories of Membership, may be considered for Affiliate Membership provided they have contributed significantly to the specialty of Urology.

Section 11. International Members. International Membership is available to urologists who practice in countries beyond the geographic boundaries of the Section. The applicant shall be a member of the local or national urological organization in his country, and a letter of endorsement of that membership shall be submitted to the Northeastern Section and the AUA with the application form. If a national organization does not exist within the applicant's country, a waiver of this requirement may be considered by the Executive Committee. The applicant's practice must be limited entirely to the specialty of Urology. The applicant must be a graduate of an acceptable medical school who has received a Doctor of Medicine or equivalent degree. The applicant must be in practice for a minimum of two (2) years after completion of residency.

Section 12. Resident/Fellow Members. Resident/Fellow Membership extends educational and professional advantages to urological residents or fellows and research post-doctoral fellows in training. Resident/Fellow Members must be practicing and studying within the geographic boundaries of the Section. Resident/Fellow membership is available to:

1. Residents enrolled in an ACGME-accredited or AOA-approved urology residency training program (*or other certifying Body as outlined in Section 6(5) of this Article*).
2. Post-doctoral research fellows with a MD, PhD or equivalent degree actively engaged in biomedical research under a qualified mentor.
3. Clinical Fellows enrolled in an accredited fellowship or post residency training program.

Section 12.1. ACGME. Medical Doctors (MD) or Doctors of Osteopathy (DO) enrolled in a urology residency program approved by the Residency Review Committee and ACGME (*or other certifying Body as outlined in Section 6(5) of this Article*) are eligible for Resident/Fellow Membership; and after completing training and passing part 1 of the ABU qualifying examination are eligible for Associate Member status (Fast Track), Section 8.1. Those who successfully pass all parts of the ABU qualifying examination are eligible for Active Member status, Section 6.

Section 12.2. AOA. Doctors of Osteopathy enrolled in an AOA-approved urology residency training program are eligible for Resident/Fellow Member status. DOs completing their training and passing the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery certifying examination are eligible for Associate Member status, Section 8.2.

Section 13. Advanced Practice Providers. Advanced Practice Provider Membership is available to physician assistants, or advanced practice registered nurses (e.g., NP, CNS, CRNA, CNM) specializing or concentrating in urology.

Section 14. Transfer of Section Membership. Active members of other sections of the AUA who have established residence within the Northeastern Section shall request the Secretary of their Section to forward their dossier and appropriate endorsement to the Secretary of the Northeastern Section, for presentation to the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Section. Approval shall be by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 15. Notification. Each newly elected Member of the Section shall be officially notified by the Secretary, indicating the category to which elected, and shall receive welcome information about the Section, its bylaws and membership, as well as information about the Section's research and education programs.. The Secretary shall also provide the name and membership classification of each newly elected Member of the Section to the AUA.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Officers of the Section. The Officers of the Section shall be:

- President – 1 year term
- President-Elect – 1 year term
- Immediate Past President – 1 year term
- Secretary-Elect – 1 year term, then 4 years as Secretary
- Treasurer-Elect – 1 year term, then 4 years as Treasurer
- Historian – 4 year term, renewable

All Officers shall serve without financial remuneration, from the termination of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected until the termination of the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified. The President-Elect will automatically ascend to the one year term of President, and following one year term as Immediate Past President. The Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-Elect will automatically ascend to the four-year term of each of those positions.

Section 2. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Section, and shall fulfill the following responsibilities:

- a. Shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at the scientific and business sessions of the Section.
- b. May call special meetings of the Board of Directors.
- c. Shall appoint Active or Senior Members to the vacancies on all standing committees and the chairmen when indicated. The appointments shall include:
 - Two members of the By-Laws Committee
 - Three members of the Program Committee, designating one to be Chairman
 - One member of the Health Policy Committee, designating one member of the Health Policy Committee to be chairman
 - One member of the Development Committee, designating one member of the Development Committee to be chairman. A local host city advisor for helping plan the annual meeting.
- d. Shall appoint special committees authorized by the Board of Directors or the membership
- e. Shall direct the attention of the Board of Directors to any violation of the By-laws and to all disciplinary matters pertaining to members.
- f. Shall work in concert with the Program Committee to select the annual George Slotkin Lecturer.

Section 3. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall be elevated to the office of President without again standing for election, and shall fulfill the following responsibilities:

- a. Shall serve for the President and preside in the absence of the President, performing any duties concerned with the Section which are assigned by the President.
- b. Shall be a Member of the Board of Directors.
- c. Shall be present at the Annual Meeting occurring at the time of his/her installation.

Section 4. Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He/She shall seek out worthy candidates for Honorary Membership and together with three other Active or Senior Members, submit such names, with appropriate curricula vitae, to the Board of Directors with recommendations.

Section 5. Secretary. The Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and shall:

- a. Keep an accurate record of all the business and activities of the Section and promptly attend to all correspondence.
- b. Review and approve applications for all relevant membership categories and present them, when completed, to the Board of Directors.
- c. Keep accurate records of all members, all data pertaining to their applications, elections or rejections, transfer or change in classification and dates thereof.
- d. Notify each new member of his/her election or advancement as a Section member.
- e. Notify members by registered letter with returned receipt of any reprimand, suspension or expulsion ordered by the Board of Directors.
- f. Maintain Minutes of all of the various Committee Meetings so that a complete record of all Section activities shall be in his/her possession.
- g. Ensure that official notice of the place, date and hour of any special meeting to all members fifteen (15) days before the day selected for such a meeting if that meeting is not to be held during the period set for the regular Annual Meeting. Notice of any special meeting must contain a statement of the purpose for which the meeting is called.
- h. Accurately record all of the activities and meetings of the Section, i.e., Scientific, Annual, Special and Board of Directors.
- i. Make available a roster of the Membership.
- j. Notify the AUA of the suspension, censor or expulsion of any Section member.
- k. Coordinate with the AUA the names of candidates for election to the Association who have been endorsed by the Section and, following the Annual Meeting of the Section, and forward the names of members and their alternates who have been elected or appointed to represent the Section on all designated AUA Councils/Committees.
- l. Present an interim report to the Board of Directors at each of its meetings, and report to the Membership at the Annual Meeting.
- m. Serve as a member of the program committee ex-officio.
- n. Represent the Section on the AUA's Section Secretaries/Membership Council and the AUA Bylaws Committee.

Section 6. Secretary-Elect. A Secretary-Elect shall be elected to serve with the Secretary during his/her final year in office, and shall be elevated to the office of Secretary without again standing for election. He/She shall be a non-voting Member of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the assets of the Section and of any property owned by the Section and shall:

- a. Be a member of the Board of Directors.
- b. Keep or cause to be kept true and accurate accounts of all transactions of the Section.
- c. Oversee financial management and accounting operations of the Section.

- d. Approve disbursements of monies of the Section.
- e. Monitor dues collection for all dues paying members.
- f. Receive financial statements including financial position and statement of activities including annual meeting revenues and expenses.
- g. Ensure that the books of the Section are audited each year by a certified public accountant and shall present the report of this audit to the Board of Directors and to the Membership at the Annual Meeting.
- h. Serve as Chairman of the Investment Committee.

Section 8. Treasurer-Elect. A Treasurer-Elect shall be elected to serve with the Treasurer during his/her final year in office, and shall be elevated to the office of Treasurer without again standing for election. He/She shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Historian. The Historian, as official biographer of the Section, shall prepare an accurate history of the Section and portraits of Presidents and shall keep records of changes in the Section pertinent to its history. He/She shall present an annual report to the Board of Directors and to the Section at the Annual Business Meeting, when requested by the Board of Directors. He/She shall prepare for publication any historical issue relative to the Section and present it to the Board of Directors. Funds required for these purposes shall be approved by the Treasurer and/or the Board of Directors. He/She shall be elected to serve a term of four years and may be re-elected.

Section 10. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of twelve (14) voting members - the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, a representative from Canada, a representative from New York, a representative from Pennsylvania, two representatives at large, and two young urologists within 10 years of completing residency training (1 from the US and 1 from Canada) and two community practice urologists (1 from the US and 1 from Canada). The Section representative to the AUA Board of Directors or his Alternate and the Historian shall serve ex-officio without vote. The Secretary-Elect and the Treasurer-Elect, after serving one year in this office, shall be elevated to the office of Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, automatically without again standing election. The Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-Elect also serve ex-officio without vote.

The Board of Directors shall:

1. Constitute the governing Board of the Corporation and shall be responsible for the administration and management of the Association.
2. Select the time and place for the Annual Meeting.
3. Receive and examine the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, the Standing and Special Committees, and act for the Section.
4. Scrutinize the applications for all Membership categories and may recommend them for election to the membership.
5. Act on all problems of membership, including resignations and reinstatements.
6. Consider all matters of discipline.
7. Receive nominations from the Immediate Past President for election to Honorary Membership and make recommendations to the Section.
8. Make recommendations for amendments to the By-laws when indicated.

The Board of Directors shall meet annually immediately before the Annual Meeting of the Section, semi-annually and upon the special call of the President. Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 11. Nomination of AUA President-Elect. (In March of the year prior to the Section's turn to nominate an individual to serve as President-Elect of the AUA, the Nominating Committee shall poll the membership of the Section requesting nominees. Nominees will be requested to verify their willingness to

accept the position and to provide a Statement of Interest for the position. The Nominating Committee shall pare down the list of nominees to no more than five individuals and submit their names and credentials to the Board of Directors for approval. The list of approved nominees shall be promulgated to all voting Section members and an election (by mail or electronic means) conducted. The official vote of each Section member will be recorded/documented and the results of the election verified. The results shall be placed before the Board of Directors for final approval.

Section 12. Vacancy. Vacancies that occur, for any reason, in the various Offices, Board of Directors or Section Representatives on any Committee of the AUA may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. All Standing Committees, except the Nominating Committee, shall report all activities and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors at least annually and as requested shall present an annual report to the Membership at the Annual Meeting.

The Standing Committees of the Section Shall be:

1. Bylaws Committee
2. Development Committee
3. Health Policy Committee
4. Investment Committee
5. Judicial Committee
6. Nominating Committee
7. Program Committee
8. Scholarship Research Committee

Section 2. By-Laws Committee. The By-laws Committee shall become familiar with the activities of the Section and the efficacy of the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws. It shall make a yearly report to the Board of Directors which shall include any indicated amendments.

The committee shall consist of the Secretary, who shall serve as Chairman, and two Active or Senior Members appointed by the President to serve staggered two year terms. The Chairman shall serve as the Section Representative to the By-laws Committee of the AUA.

Section 3. Development Committee. The Development committee shall solicit financial support from industry and other potential contributors for the annual meeting, the Research and Education Fund and other section agendas. The committee shall consist of up to six members appointed annually by the President, with consideration of equal representation among Canada, New York and Pennsylvania.

Section 4. Health Policy Committee. The Health Policy Committee shall concern itself with professional and socio-economic issues affecting the delivery of urologic care. The Committee shall consist of three members appointed for a three-year term by the President, one member each year. The President shall designate the Chairman. The Chairman shall be the Section representative on the AUA Public Policy Council.

Section 5. Investment Committee. The committee shall maintain Board approved investment guidelines including growth and income objectives, risk parameters and general asset allocation. The committee shall recommend the Section's investment advisor, shall monitor the organization's portfolio at least quarterly for adherence to established guidelines and performance vs. objectives, and shall report to the Board of Directors.

The committee shall consist of the Treasurer as Chair, the Past Treasurer who shall serve a four-year term, and two members selected by the Nominating Committee who shall serve four-year staggered terms. The Treasurer Elect shall serve ex officio.

Section 6. Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall investigate any:

- a. Controversies arising under the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Section;
- b. Questions which involve the Principles of Medical Ethics;
- c. Questions which involve the Membership in the Section or the rights of members whether in relation to other members, the Section or the American Urological Association, Inc.;
- d. Questions regarding disciplinary proceedings.

The committee shall report to the Board of Directors as needed. The Committee report may be approved, rejected or referred back to the Committee with recommendations. The Committee shall consist of three Active or Senior Members who have served the Section as Officers. One Member shall be appointed each year for a three (3) year term by the President who shall designate the Chairman each year.

Section 7. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of eight members: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and the past three living presidents, with the Immediate Past President serving as chair. The Nominating Committee shall meet in advance to compose a slate of Active or Senior Members for presentation to the Board of Directors and the Section Membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

Nominations for Section positions include:

- a. One nominee for President-Elect.
- b. One nominee for Secretary and Secretary-Elect in applicable year.
- c. One nominee for Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect in applicable year. Every effort should be made to ensure that in nominating the Secretary and Treasurer positions, one should be Canadian and the other a U.S. member.
- d. One nominee for Historian.
- e. In odd years, four nominees for the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term, one of whom shall reside in Canada, one in the State of New York and one in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (terms for these positions being renewable once) and one young urologist within 10 years of completing residency training (either from the US or Canada).
- f. In even years, two nominees from the Members at Large (terms for these two positions being renewable once), and one young urologist within 10 years of completing residency training (either from the US or Canada). Canada, New York and Pennsylvania shall always be represented on the Board of Directors.
- g. One nominee for the Section Nominating Committee.
- h. Two (2) nominees for the Investment Committee.

The committee shall also nominate representatives to the AUA for the following Committees:

- a. AUA Board of Directors - one member and an alternate, for a two (2) year, renewable term. The nominees shall be presented at the Annual Business Meeting of the Section on the even year to assume office beginning the next year at the close of the Annual Meeting of the American Urological Association, Inc. The representative to the Board of Directors will be limited to serving a maximum of four (4) years;
- b. Bylaws Committee
- c. Public Policy Council
- d. History Committee
- e. Judicial & Ethics Committee
- f. JU Editorial Board

- g. Research Council
- h. Section Secretaries/Membership Council

The committee shall also submit to the Board of Directors nominations for AUA Awards.

Section 8. Program Committee. The committee, headed by the Chairman, is responsible for developing the Annual Meeting program, in accordance with the Job Description. The committee shall:

- a. Develop the format for guest speakers, podium and poster moderators and panelists.
- b. Develop needs assessments and learning objectives and required documentation for all CME planning.
- c. Review and score abstracts and placement of all presentations.
- d. Suggest new innovative meeting components.
- e. All members of the committee are expected to serve as program moderators for assigned sessions.

Program Committee Chair shall:

- a. Working within the approved budget, may determine honoraria and other stipend amounts.
- b. Prepare and send appropriate thank you and recognition for meeting participants.
- c. Writes articles for Section news.
- d. In concert with the President, determine the George Slotkin Lecturer.
- e. Attend the meetings of the Board of Directors.

The committee shall consist of the Chair, the immediate past year's chair, incoming (next year's chair) if known, and approximately six other members who are experts in urology topic areas.

Section 9. Scholarship Research Committee. The Scholarship Research Committee shall oversee the Section's Research Grants and presentation Programs, as well as essays and special scientific contests of the Section. In accordance with the Job Description, the committee shall:

- a. Maintain and develop current program requirements and promote programs widely among the Section using various print and electronic means. The committee should promulgate these programs also to member segments (residents, young urologists) and also among urology program directors.
- b. Select the Section's research scholar award recipients, monitor the progress of award recipients and ensure their reporting and accountability back to the Section.
- c. Select the winners of the Resident Prize Essay Competition.
- d. Evaluate and recommend the structure of new initiatives such as those relating to Post Residency Fellowship Training or other categories of awards which are based on scientific merit.

The Committee shall consist of four Active members who serve a four year term. The President shall appoint one member each year who shall ascend to eventually serve as Chair in the fourth and final year. The new member shall be chosen with geographic consideration (U.S. and Canada) and with consideration of those who have been past Section research scholars.

Section 10. Special Committees. Special Committees may be authorized by the Board of Directors or the membership to perform specific duties or carry out assigned functions. They shall report periodically and upon the completion of their assignments to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Section shall be held at such time and place as designated by the Board of Directors. The Section's annual meeting dates and location shall be communicated to the membership at least one year prior to the event taking place.

Section 2. Annual Business Meeting. Only voting Association Members shall have the right to speak and participate at the Annual Business Meeting held in conjunction with the Association's Annual Meeting. Non-voting members may attend as observers at the meeting.

Official notice of the time, place and agenda of the Annual Business Meeting shall be provided at least thirty (30) days before the Meeting. Assuming that adequate notice of the Annual Business Meeting has been given to the voting members pursuant to these Bylaws, there shall be no quorum requirement at that Meeting.

The Order of Business at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association shall be: reports of officers, report of the Bylaws, Nominating and other standing committees as requested. The Officers of the Association and representatives of the Association shall be installed at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors; or upon the written and signed request of twenty-five (25) Active or Senior Members of the Section with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors. If a special meeting is to be held at some time other than during the Annual Convention, a notice of the place, date, hour and reason for the meeting must be sent by the Secretary to all members so as to be received at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting. No other business shall be transacted except that which was stated in the call for the meeting.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

Elections shall be held at the Annual Business Meeting. Only Active and Senior Members in good standing shall be eligible for nomination or election to office or as a representative of the Section and shall have the right to vote. Newly elected officers and representatives shall take office at the end of the meeting at which they have been elected and shall serve until the end of the following Annual Meeting or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VII DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

The fiscal year of the Section shall date from January 1 to December 31. Annual membership dues shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

- a. Active, Associate, Candidate, Affiliate and International Members are required to pay dues; while Senior and Honorary Members are not required to pay dues.
- b. By a two-thirds vote of the Active and Senior Members present and voting at a regular meeting, the Section may levy on each Active Member an assessment recommended by the Board of Directors. This shall be due and payable in 30 days.
- c. Any member who after appropriate notification does not pay membership dues shall have his or her name placed on the "Drop List" to be reviewed at least once per year by the Board of Directors, with benefits for that member's appropriate member category being discontinued at that time.

ARTICLE VIII RESIGNATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS

Member resignations, transfers into the Section or other reinstatements will be approved by the Board of Directors. The Section will follow AUA's protocols for member reinstatements whenever reciprocal membership between AUA and the Section is required.

**ARTICLE IX
DISCIPLINE**

Matters of discipline, suspension and reinstatement shall rest in the hands of the Board of Directors, after receiving the recommendations of the Judicial Committee. The Board of Directors and the Judicial Committee shall be guided in their actions by these By-laws and by the AUA's Code of Ethics and the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association.

**ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS**

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Active and Senior Members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting. The proposed amendment(s) shall be provided to the members so as to be received at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

**ARTICLE XII
RULES OF ORDER**

Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern the proceedings of this Section unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws.