

THE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
[Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont]

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Northern New England Neurological Society, Incorporated. The Northern New England Neurological Society, Incorporated shall hereafter be referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this society shall be to advance the science of clinical neurology in Northern New England [Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont], to educate neurologists in the latest aspects of clinical neurosciences and to foster and appraise the application of a high standard of neurological care to community needs.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The following categories of membership are recognized by the Society and are defined as:

Active Members: physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, and other allied health professionals working in direct care with patients with neurological diseases, as well as non-physician neuroscientists.

Associate Members: Interested parties who are involved in neuroscience research or industry but not in direct patient care. This includes industry and pharmaceutical partners.

Honorary Members: Members of the society who have made outstanding contributions to the neurosciences in the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Junior Members:

Neurology residents or fellows in training in New England, as well as interested medical students.

Only active members will have voting privileges and will be permitted to hold office.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section I - Duties

Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

The duties of the officers shall be such as are usually associated with respective offices and may be prescribed by the By-Laws of the Society.

President – The President will serve for a two year term, will be responsible for the general operation of the Society, will chair the Program Committee, will conduct the business at the annual meetings and will be the spokesperson for the Society.

President-Elect – The President-Elect will serve as a member of the Board and Program Committee and will assume the President’s responsibilities prior to the scheduled transition of leadership if needed immediately following the President’s term of office.

Past-President – The Past-President will remain as a member of the Board for the two years immediately following the President’s term of office.

Secretary – The Secretary will serve for two (2) years, and may serve successive terms without limit at the discretion of the Board. The Secretary will be responsible for recording the minutes of the annual meetings and meetings of the Board.

Treasurer – The Treasurer will be the “Chairs” of Neurology at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. The respective Chairs will rotate the responsibility every two years.

Section II - Election

The President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual meeting. Nominations will occur on even years and new officers will take office on odd-numbered years for terms of two (2) years and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. The President-Elect shall serve for two (2) years as President-Elect, then two (2) years as President of the Society, and shall remain on the Executive Board for two (2) further years as Past President. Neither the President or President-Elect shall be eligible for immediate re-election to the same office on the Board following expiration of their term of duty. The Secretary and Treasurer may be elected for successive two (2) year terms without limit and can be filled by the same person. The Treasurer position shall be shared between the Chair of Neurology and Neurological Sciences at Dartmouth and University of Vermont respectively.

Nominations for officers may be submitted by any active member at the Annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by a simple plurality vote of those Active Members present.

ARTICLE V - THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SOCIETY

Section I - Executive Board Members

The Executive Board of the Society shall consist of the Past-President, the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Chairman of the Executive Board shall be the President of the Society and the Vice-Chairman shall be the President-Elect of the Society. The Executive Board shall hereafter be referred to as the Board.

Section II - Duties of the Executive Board

The Board shall manage and exercise general executive supervision over the affairs of the Society. It shall have the power to initiate such rules, as it may deem expedient touching the Government, Property and Objectives of the Society.

Section III - Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy occurring in any office other than that of the President, this vacancy shall be filled by the Board at its discretion until the next Annual Meeting. Should the position of President become vacant, the President-Elect shall assume the office of the President for the remainder of the unexpired term as well as for the succeeding term.

Section IV - Dues and Assessments

If dues are charged, the Board shall set the dues and any special assessments according to the needs of the Society. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds collected as dues or assessments for conduct of the business of the Society at the direction of the Board. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this Society will be turned over to another organization described in Section 501 (c), (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to a federal, state, or local government. A yearly treasurer's report will be made at the Annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section I – Standing Committees

Membership Committee – The Board shall serve as the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall receive applications, review individuals for membership and make recommendations for new members.

Program Committee – The President shall appoint one or more additional members of the Society to serve as the Program Committee. The President shall be the Chair of the Committee. The Committee will be responsible for the format of the Annual Meeting, including scientific, business and social activities.

Section II – Special Committees

The President may appoint committees to assist in conducting the affairs of the Society as deemed necessary and as defined by the membership.

ARTICLE VII: FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

Section II – Duration of Membership

Any member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Society.

Section III – Ethics

Unethical and unbecoming conduct of the member of the Society in all categories of membership may be considered as a cause for forfeiture of membership. Any charge of unethical conduct shall be sent in writing to the Secretary who will present it to the Board before any action is taken. The member whose conduct is under consideration shall be allowed to be present at these proceedings and may have counsel. The Board shall carefully consider the evidence and make recommendations to the Society as to whether the member shall be dropped from the Society.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Bylaws may be amended by the Board of the Society. Written notice of the substance of the proposed amendment shall be sent to all members by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken.

ARTICLE IV: MEETING

The meeting of the Society shall be annual. Time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the Board of the Society. Special meetings may be called by the President upon approval of the Board or at the written request of one-third of the current active membership.

Section II - Quorum

A quorum shall consist of at least 25% of the Active membership.

ARTICLE X: NATURE OF THE CORPORATION

The Northern New England Neurological Society, Inc. shall be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation according to the laws of the State of Vermont.

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