

# SOCIETY OF BLACK PATHOLOGISTS

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I

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The name of the corporation shall be Society of Black Pathologists.

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

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**SECTION 1.** Not for Profit. The corporation is organized under and shall operate as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and shall have such powers as are now or as may hereafter be granted by the General Not for Profit Corporation Act, as amended.

**SECTION 2.** Purposes. The purposes of the corporation are charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including but not limited to addressing barriers to diversity and inclusivity, working to increase the number of Black pathologists within the field of Pathology and, promoting its members to leadership positions in academic medicine.

**SECTION 3.** Rules. The following rules shall conclusively bind the corporation and all persons acting for or on behalf of it:

- a. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the corporation shall 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- b. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine.
- c. The corporation shall not adopt any practice, policy or procedure which would result in discrimination on the basis of race, religion, or creed.

## **ARTICLE III: REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

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The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Illinois a registered office and a registered agent whose office shall be identical with such registered office, and may have such other offices within or without the State of Illinois and such other registered agents as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS**

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**SECTION 1.** Classes of Members. The corporation shall have four classes of members, attending pathologist (voting), resident pathologist (voting), medical student (non-voting) affiliate (non-voting) (collectively, the "Members").

- a. Attending Pathologist Members shall be individuals who have completed residency training in anatomic pathology, clinical pathology, or both and are either in practice as attending pathologists or have retired from practice as an attending pathologist.
  - i. Each Attending Pathologist Member shall be entitled to one vote.
- b. Resident Pathologist Members shall be individuals who are in the process of training in anatomic pathology, clinical pathology, or both or those in the process of training in a pathology subspecialty fellowship.
  - ii. Each Pathologist Resident Member shall be entitled to one vote.
- c. Medical Student Members shall be individuals enrolled in Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredited medical schools.
  - iii. Each Medical Student Member shall not be entitled to vote.
- d. Affiliate Members shall be laboratory professionals who routinely work with pathologists.
  - iv. Each Affiliate Member shall not be entitled to vote.

**SECTION 2.** Dues. The annual dues for the various classes of Members shall be determined by the Board of Directors and published via print or electronic media. All dues are payable annually upon the anniversary of the membership acceptance date. Failure to pay dues shall terminate membership or suspend membership until the updated balance is paid.

**SECTION 3.** Election of Members. Members shall be elected at the first meeting of the board of directors by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board of directors. Thereafter, members shall be elected from time to time by an affirmative vote of two-third of the members.

**SECTION 4.** Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the secretary.

**SECTION 5.** Termination of Membership. The members by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all of the members may expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing.

## ARTICLE V: MEETING OF MEMBERS

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**SECTION 1. Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of the members shall be held in conjunction with the American Society of Clinical Pathology annual meeting in each year or at such other time as the board of directors may determine, at a time and place selected by the board of directors for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

**SECTION 2. Special Meeting.** Special meetings of the members may be called either by the president, the board of directors, or by not less than one-half of the members having voting rights.

**SECTION 3. Place of Meeting.** The board of directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of Illinois, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the board of directors. If no designation is made or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of meeting shall be the registered office of the corporation in the State of Illinois, provided, however, that if all the members shall meet at any time and place, either within or without the State of Illinois, and consent to the holding of a meeting, such meeting shall be valid without call or notice, and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.

**SECTION 4. Notice of Meetings.** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered by postal mail, electronic mail or posted on an appropriate website to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than five nor more than forty days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the president, or the secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

In the case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these by-laws, the purpose for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid. Any member may waive notice of any meeting.

**SECTION 5. Informal Action by Members.** Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the members of the corporation, or any other action which may be taken at a meeting of members, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

**SECTION 6. Quorum.** The members holding at least a majority of the votes which may be cast at any meeting shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of members, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

**SECTION 7. Proxies.** At any meeting of members, a member entitled to vote may vote either in person or by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

## ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

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**SECTION 1. Officers.** The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as may be determined by the board of directors. The board of directors may elect or appoint such other officers as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority to perform the duties prescribed from time to time by board of directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person. Officers need not be residents of Illinois.

**SECTION 2. Election and Term of Office.** The officers shall be elected by the board of directors for an annual term. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the board of directors nearest the expiration of their term of office and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and have qualified. Vacancies may be filled or new offices created and filled at any meeting of the board of directors.

**SECTION 3. Removal.** Any officer may be removed by the board of directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby.

**SECTION 4. Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the board of directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

**SECTION 5. President.** The president shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall in general supervise and control all of the affairs of the corporation. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and shall be the Chairman of the Board. He or she may sign, with the secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the board of directors, any deeds, mortgages, contracts, or other instruments which the board of directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the board of directors or by these by-laws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors from time to time.

**SECTION 6. Vice President.** In the absence of the president or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the vice president (or in the event there be more than one vice president, the vice presidents, in the order designated, or in the absence of any designation, then in the order of their election) shall perform the duties of the president, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president. Any vice president shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president or by the board of directors.

**SECTION 7. Secretary.** The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president or by the board of directors.

**SECTION 8. Treasurer.** If required by the board of directors, the treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the board of directors shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any sources whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president or by the board of directors.

## ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SECTION 1.** General Powers. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its board of directors.

**SECTION 2.** Composition, Tenure and Qualifications. The number of directors shall be between four (4) and seven (7). Each director shall be elected by the membership for one year years. Each director shall hold office until his or her successor has qualified. Directors need not be residents of Illinois.

**SECTION 3.** Regular Meetings. A regular annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held at such times and places as may be designated by resolution by the board of directors. The board of directors may provide by resolution the time and place, either within or without the State of Illinois, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolution.

**SECTION 4.** Special Meetings. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by or at the request of the president or any two directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place, either within or without the State of Illinois, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them.

**SECTION 5.** Notice. Notice of any special meeting of the board of directors shall be given at least three days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail, electronic means, or other means permitted by applicable law and to each director deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by mail, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered on the day following the day such notice is deposited in the United States mail. Any director may waive notice of any meeting.

**SECTION 6.** Quorum. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board, provided, that if less than a majority of the directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

**SECTION 7.** Manner of Acting. The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the board of directors, except where otherwise provided by law or by these by-laws.

**SECTION 8.** Informal Action by Directors. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors or any action which may be taken at a meeting of directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

**SECTION 9.** Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors or any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled by the board of directors. A director selected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

**SECTION 10.** Compensation. Directors as such shall not receive any salaries for their services, but by resolution of the board of directors, a fixed sum and expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

## **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

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**SECTION 1.** Committees of Directors. The board of directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors in office, may designate one or more committees, each of which shall consist of one or more directors, which committees, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the board of directors in management of the corporation; but the designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the board of directors, or any individual director, of any responsibility imposed upon them by law.

**SECTION 2.** Other Committees. Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the board of directors in the management of the corporation may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, members of each such committee shall be directors of the corporation, and the president of the corporation shall appoint the members thereof. Any member thereof may be removed by the Board whenever in their judgment the best interests of the corporation shall be served by such removal.

**SECTION 3.** Term of Office. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the board of directors of the corporation and until his successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

**SECTION 4.** Chairman. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman.

**SECTION 5.** Vacancies. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

**SECTION 6.** Quorum. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the board of directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

**SECTION 7.** Rules. Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these by-laws or with rules adopted by the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE IX: CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

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**SECTION 1.** Contracts. The board of directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these by-laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**SECTION 2.** Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the board of directors. In the absence of such determination by the board of directors, such instruments shall be signed by the treasurer or an assistant treasurer and countersigned by the president or a vice president of the corporation.

**SECTION 3.** Deposits. All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the board of directors may select.

**SECTION 4.** Gifts. The board of directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE X: BOOKS AND RECORDS**

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The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its board of directors and committees having any of the authority of the board of directors. Minutes of the prior meeting must be distributed to the board of directors and approved prior to conducting current business.

## **ARTICLE XI: FISCAL YEAR**

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The fiscal year of the corporation shall be determined by the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE XII: WAIVER OF NOTICE**

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Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under the provisions of the Illinois law, as amended, or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the by-laws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## **ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

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These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a majority of the directors present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, provided that at least fifteen days' written notice is given of intention to alter, amend or repeal and to adopt new by-laws at such meeting.