

BYLAWS of the American Society for Pain Management Nursing

ARTICLE I

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be the American Society for Pain Management Nursing.

Section 2.

The Society may also be known as ASPMN.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND GOALS

Section 1. CORE PURPOSE

To promote optimal pain management.

Section 2. MISSION

To advance and promote optimal nursing care for people affected by pain by promoting best nursing practice.

Section 3. GOALS

The goals of ASPMN, are outcome-oriented statements that represent what will constitute the organization's future success; and are as follows:

ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE:

All people will have access to healthcare services that provide quality pain management care as defined in core values.

PUBLIC AWARENESS:

The public will demonstrate self-advocacy skills essential to their pain care needs.

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES:

Members will have instant, easy and affordable access to current best practices & evidence-based resources.

All healthcare professionals and their patients will benefit from pain management education.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION:

Nurses certified in pain management will be respected, valued and compensated for their expertise as an integrated and indispensable member of the healthcare team.

BIG AUDACIOUS GOAL

The overarching goal of ASPMN representing the organization's vision for future success is: to be the leader whose preeminent voice and unparalleled resources catalyze the integration of pain management nursing in all aspects of healthcare.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. CLASSIFICATION

There shall be seven classifications of membership which are: Active, International, Associate, Student, Honorary, Lifetime, and Corporate.

Section 1.1 Active member

Any Registered Nurse that is licensed to practice in North America shall be eligible for active membership. An active member may vote, hold office, and serve on committees.

Section 1.2 International member

Any registered nurse licensed to practice outside North America, and not licensed in the United States, Mexico or Canada shall be eligible for international membership. International members shall be excluded from holding office and voting, but may be appointed by the Board to serve as a non-voting committee member.

Section 1.3 Associate member

Includes LPN/LVNs, and other healthcare professionals who are interested in ASPMN's goals (pharmacists, social workers, etc.). Associate members shall be excluded from holding office, voting or chairing a committee or task force. An Associate Member may be a member of a committee.

Section 1.4 Student member

Any individual enrolled in an education program is eligible for student membership. This includes students enrolled in nursing education programs leading to eligibility for registered nurse licensure, BSN degree completion programs, and advanced nursing degree programs. Student members shall be excluded from voting, holding office, and serving as committee members.

Section 1.5 Retired member

Retired RN memberships are only available to retired nurses over 62 years of age who are not currently employed in nursing, and have been ASPMN members for 3 continuous years prior to status change from full member to retired member. Membership dues shall be 50% of full membership dues.

Section 1.6 Honorary member

Any individual who has made distinguished contributions to pain management nursing or has furthered the objectives of the Society shall be eligible for honorary membership. Individuals shall be elected to honorary membership by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Honorary members shall be excluded from voting, holding elected office, and serving as committee members. Honorary members who were eligible voting members upon election to honorary membership status shall retain their rights and privileges in the Society.

Section 1.7 Lifetime member

Any active member in good standing shall be eligible for lifetime membership. All Past Presidents of ASPMN shall be lifetime members. At the discretion of the Board of Directors and upon recommendation of the Membership Committee, lifetime membership may be conferred in special circumstances. A lifetime member shall have all rights and privileges of an active member, including one vote, but shall be exempted from paying dues.

Section 1.8 Corporate member

Corporate members shall be organizations, corporations or individuals who have financially supported ASPMN. Corporate members shall be excluded from voting, chapter membership, holding elected office, and serving as committee members.

Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND PRIVILEGES

A non-voting member of any classification may not nominate members of the Society for elected offices/positions.

Section 3. DUES

The Board of Directors shall determine dues.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. ELECTED OFFICERS

The five (5) elected officers of the Society shall be the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 1.1 President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and shall: 1) preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors and at the annual business meeting, 2) serve as ex-officio member of committees of the Society except as otherwise provided by these bylaws, and 3) perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 1.2 President-Elect

The President-Elect shall: 1) assist the President the performance of his/her duties as requested, 2) substitute for the President when required, and 3) automatically assume the office of President for a term of one year at the end of the President's term.

Section 1.3 Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall: 1) assist and advise the President and the President-Elect in the performance of their duties, 2) substitute for the President or President-Elect when requested, and 3) serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Section 1.4 Secretary

The Secretary shall: 1) record the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, 2) perform other such duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 1.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall: 1) assume responsibility for the financial affairs of the Society, 2) present written reports of the financial status of the Society at meetings of the Board for Directors and at the Annual Business Meeting, and 3) perform other such duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a President-elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. No person may hold more than one of these offices simultaneously. The Executive Officers shall conduct the business of the Society between meetings of the Board.

Section 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers plus six (6) At-Large Directors elected by the membership. The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Society.

Section 4. MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall meet at such times they or the President shall determine, but shall hold the annual board meeting at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society.

Section 5. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Society in the year of election.

Section 5.1

The President-Elect shall be elected annually. The President-elect serves in that office for a period of one year; assumes the office of President for one year and subsequently serves as Immediate Past President for one year or until respective successors have been duly elected.

Section 5.2

The Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors shall be elected to serve a term of two (2) years.

Section 5.3

Three at large directors shall be elected each year to serve a term of two (2) years.

Section 6. VACANCIES

The President-Elect shall fill a vacancy in the office of the President. A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by an interim appointment by the Board of Directors.

Section 7: TERM LIMITS

The Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors will have term limits of two successive terms of office, or until respective successors have been duly elected.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING

An Annual Meeting of the membership shall be held at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the membership provided notification is given to all members at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. QUORUM

For meetings, a simple majority of members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of five (5) voting members. The Chair shall be the Immediate Past President. The other four members shall be elected by the membership.

Section 1.1 A member of the Nominating Committee shall not be a candidate for any elected position during his/her term on the Committee.

Section 1.2 A vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors

Section 1.3 Members of the Nominating Committee shall serve a two-year term with two members elected in even years and two members elected in odd years.

Section 1.4 Term Limit for Nominating Committee
Nominating Committee members may not serve more than two consecutive terms of office, or until respective successors have been duly elected.

Section 2 NOMINATIONS

Candidates for office shall meet the established qualifications and shall consent to serve if elected.

Section 3. ELECTIONS

Elections shall take place by electronic mailing or mail ballot. A plurality vote for any office shall constitute an election. In case of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot.

ARTICLE VII

CHAPTERS

Section 1. CHARTER

The Board of Directors shall approve, grant, and monitor chapter charters.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP

Members of local chapters must also be members of the national Society.