

Constitution
and
Bylaws

Alabama Society
Of
Addiction Medicine

A Chapter of the American Society of
Addiction Medicine

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Article I. Name, Purposes and Organization

Section 1. Name

The name and title of this organization shall be the Alabama Society of Addiction Medicine, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Society, and it shall be a chapter of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. Its abbreviation shall be ALA-ASAM.

Section 2. Mission, Purposes, and Goals

The **Mission** of the Society is:

To provide a medium for physicians and medical trainees with special interests in Addiction Medicine to meet and address issues of mutual interest.

The **Purposes** of the Society are:

- to enable networking with colleagues in Addiction Medicine,
- to provide closer liaison between members and the national activities of ASAM,
- to provide liaison to other physicians and physician societies regarding Addiction Medicine issues,
- to increase public awareness in about the existence and vitality of the physician specialty of Addiction Medicine,
- to increase public awareness in about problems related to addiction,
- to promote professionalism in the delivery of services to patients with problems which result from addiction, and
- to be a physician resource for state and national public policy issues that affect Addiction Medicine services and patients with addiction.

The **Goals** of the Society are to provide:

- a forum for sharing of ideas between addictionists, especially regarding clinical management strategies and strategies for interfacing with managed care organizations;
- a vehicle for increased professionalism and higher quality information, prevention, training, and treatment regarding addiction problems;
- an enhancement of knowledge and attitudes among citizens and institutions about the primary nature of the disease of addiction;
- a channel for Alabama input into national standards of care in Addiction Medicine; and
- a channel for Alabama input into health care reform initiatives.

Section 3. Organization

The Society is an organization of individual members, and is comprised of a Board of Directors, Officers, and Committees as defined elsewhere in this Constitution and in the Society's Bylaws.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Classes of Membership

The membership of the Society shall be divided into classes, as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Membership Qualifications, Rights, Privileges, Duties and Obligations

The qualifications, rights, privileges, duties and obligations of the several classes of membership are as stated in the Bylaws.

Article III. Regions

Section 1. Non-Regionalization

For simplicity, Officers will be elected by statewide vote of the membership.

Section 2. Possibility of Regions

For more balanced representation, members may vote for regionalization and a regionally elected Board of Directors, by amending the Constitution and Bylaws.

Article IV. Government of the Society

Section 1. Board of Directors

Part A. Composition

The Board of Directors shall consist of elected Officers of the Society as defined in Article V of this Constitution and as further defined in the Bylaws.

Part B. Powers and Duties

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall be vested with full and complete power and authority to manage, control, use, invest, reinvest, lease, make contracts in respect of and concerning, convey, give, grant, transfer or otherwise dispose of all property and assets of whatever kind and nature owned by the Society, and shall also be vested with full and complete power and authority to do and perform all acts and to transact all business for and on behalf of the Society and to manage and conduct all the work and activities of the Society in carrying out the purposes thereof. The Board of Directors shall have such additional duties, powers, and functions as are prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Executive Committee

There shall be no Executive Committee, unless later specified by the members as prescribed in the Bylaws, to facilitate the business of the Society.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. Composition

The voting officers of the Society shall consist of President, Immediate Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and one member elected at large.

Section 2. Term of Office

Officers of the Society shall be elected for a term of two (2) years apart from President- Elect and Immediate Past President who shall serve in these rolls for a term of one year. Upon completion of the President's term of office, the President-Elect shall assume the office of President and the President shall assume the office of Immediate Past-President. In the case of incapacity of The President to continue in office during the first year of presidency The Immediate Past-President shall succeed to the office of The President for the remainder of that term of office. In the case of incapacity of The President to continue in office during the second year of presidency The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of The President.

Should any Officer's position become vacant prior to the end of the prescribed term of office, the vacant position shall be filled as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Powers and Duties

The power and duties of the Officers of the Society shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. Annual meeting

In each year, there shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership as provided in the Bylaws. Special meetings of the membership may be called and held as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Article VII. Hearing and Petition

Procedures for hearing and petition shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VIII. Financial Provisions

Section 1. Annual Dues

Dues for various classes of members shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Other Sources of Revenue

Funds may be raised by any means approved by the Board of Directors and as set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Annual Budget of Expenditures

The Finance Committee shall submit to the Board an itemized budget stating the proposed expenditures of the Society for the ensuing year.

Section 4. Funds of the Society

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the security of all funds and monies received by the Society. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the handling, depositing and investing of Society funds as directed by the Board of Directors and defined by the Bylaws. The Treasurer shall cause funds to be dispensed only as authorized by the Board of Directors. An accurate account of all transactions of the Treasury shall be reported at the annual meeting of the Society and at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Dispensation of Assets at Dissolution

In the event that this Society should dissolve its corporate status, any and all of its liquid assets shall be remitted to the Ruth Fox Memorial Fund of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Article IX. Seal

The Society shall have a seal appropriate to the name of the Society, consisting of such emblems, figures or words as the Board of Directors shall prescribe. The power to change the seal shall rest with the Board of Directors.

Article X. Amendments

The constitution and bylaws of this society may be amended at any regular meeting of the society by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that not less than thirty (30) or not more than ninety (90) days' notice shall have been given to the membership: or that such notice shall have been published in like manner.