

CONSTITUTION OF THE  
WESTERN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH

Adopted November 20, 1954; revised October 1957, January 1970 and January 1971

ARTICLE I Name. The name of this organization shall be THE WESTERN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH

ARTICLE II Purpose. The purpose shall be to foster pediatric teaching and investigation.

ARTICLE III Membership. Membership shall be of three types: active, inactive, and emeritus.

- (1) Active members shall be limited to those individuals actively engaged in clinical or laboratory investigation in pediatrics.
- (2) Inactive members are those who are inactive by virtue of illness or geographic location.
- (3) Emeritus status will be conferred upon members who have served pediatrics with exceptional distinction or upon members who have been active in the Society for 15 years or who have reached the age of 60, and request Emeritus status. Emeritus members may introduce papers, may attend meetings without paying dues, but may not vote or hold office or deliver papers.

ARTICLE IV Officers. There shall be thirteen officers:

- (1) President
- (2) Vice-President
- (3) Secretary-Treasurer
- (4) Immediate Past President
- (5 thru 13) Council Members

The term of office of the President and Vice-President shall be one year and of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be three years. That of the other nine members of the Executive Committee shall be three years, three members of this Committee being elected each year. The President is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

These thirteen officers shall constitute an Executive Committee whose functions shall be to pass on nominations for membership, to select the place of meetings and to determine the conduct of the meetings.

The President and Secretary-Treasurer are to select the program.

The Officers of the Society shall be nominated by a committee of three (exclusive of the members of the Executive Committee) appointed by the new President. Nominations from the entire Society must be requested at the annual meeting.

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1. Meetings of the Society, with the exception of the executive sessions, shall be open to non-members.
2. Non-members may present communications at the invitations of the Executive Committee.
3. Changes in the Constitution shall be submitted to the membership but not voted on until the following meeting. Changes may be made by a two-thirds vote of the active members present. Changes in the Bylaws may be made at any annual meeting by a vote of the majority of the active members present and voting at the business session.
4. Members shall submit brief summaries of the papers presented, which shall be mimeographed or otherwise prepared and sent to all members of the Society.
5. The annual assessment to meet the expenses of the Society shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
6. Short statement of the scope of the work must accompany an application for space on the program. Titles must be submitted eight weeks before the date of the meeting.
7. Members whose nominees are not elected to membership at the meeting following their nomination shall be informed of this action and shall be invited to renominate the candidate.
8. Individuals who have not paid their dues for three consecutive years shall, after proper notification, be dropped automatically from membership in the Society.
9. In the event that an Active Member fails to attend two consecutive annual meetings his absence shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee, which will have the authority to inquire into the absences and to drop the member from the roll of the Society, if the evidence indicates a loss of interest on his part in the affairs of the Society.
10. The President of the Society shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of all committees of the Society.

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ARTICLE I Name. The name of the organization shall be THE WESTERN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH.

Article II Purpose. The purpose of this organization shall be to foster pediatric teaching and investigation, to encourage young investigators, and to provide a platform for the presentation of original research.

Article III Membership. Membership shall be of two types: active and emeritus.

- (1) Active members shall be limited to those individuals actively engaged in clinical or laboratory investigations in pediatrics. Nominations of individuals for membership must be signed by the nominee and be in the hands of the secretary at a date determined by the Executive Committee of this Society. Nominations must be accompanied by a statement of the qualifications of the nominee together with a list of publications and unpublished work in progress. The nominee shall be a principal author of at least one piece of original research (more than a routine case report) published in an established scientific journal with a peer review process. In general, the nomination of persons in the resident or fellowship categories is inappropriate. Nominees must be passed by the Executive Committee of the Society who will report on them at a plenary session at the annual meeting. An affirmative vote of 3/4 of the active members present shall be necessary for election.
- (2) Emeritus status may be conferred upon members who have reached the age of 60 and who request Emeritus status. Emeritus members may introduce papers and may attend meetings without paying dues, but may not vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IV Officers. There shall be 13 officers:

- (1) President
- (2) Vice President (President-elect)
- (3) Secretary-Treasurer
- (4) Past President
- (5 through 13) Council Members

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The term of office of the President and Vice President shall be one year. After serving one year the President-elect will automatically become President; this means that every President will serve 3 years on the Council. The term of Secretary-Treasurer shall be 4 years. The term of office of the members of the Council shall be 3 years, 3 Council members being elected each year.

The 9 Council members and the 4 Officers comprise the Executive Committee. The President is Chair of the Executive Committee. The function of the Executive Committee shall be to pass on nominations for membership, to determine the conduct of the meetings, and to conduct such other business as necessary to achieve the stated purpose of the Society.

The President and his delegates are to select the program for the plenary sessions and meet with the other Intersociety Presidents to select the program for the subspecialty sessions.

The Officers of the Society shall be nominated by a committee of 3 (exclusive of the members of the Executive Committee) appointed by the President. If a member of the Executive Committee is unable to complete his/her term, the Committee will nominate an individual to complete the term. Nominations from the entire Society must be requested at the annual meeting.

The President will appoint a committee to review the candidates nominated for awards and to select awardees.

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1. Meetings of the Society, with the exception of the executive sessions, shall be open to non-members.
2. Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted to the membership by mail at least one month prior to the annual meeting and must be approved by at least 2/3 of the active members present and voting at the meeting.
3. Individuals who have not paid their dues for 3 consecutive years shall, after proper notification, be suspended automatically from membership in the Society. All privileges of their membership shall remain in suspension until dues are paid in full.
4. Guidelines for the submission and selection of abstracts for the annual meeting are the responsibility of the Executive Committee.
5. The process for the nomination and selection of new members is the responsibility of the Executive Committee.
6. The annual budget, the abstract fee, and the recommendation for dues are the responsibility of the Executive Committee. A change in dues requires a majority vote of the active members in attendance at the annual business meeting.