

**BYLAWS**  
**American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-North Dakota**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

- A. The name of this corporation shall be the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, North Dakota, hereinafter referred to as the Society.
- B. American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science, North Dakota, is incorporated in the state of North Dakota as addressed in the Article of Incorporation and shall be the exclusive chartered state society of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) in the state of North Dakota.

**ARTICLE II**

**Purpose**

The purposes for the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, North Dakota, shall be to support in the state, the purpose and principles of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, and to promote the educational, economic, and social interests of its members. It shall be a non-profit organization in compliance with the Bylaws of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

**ARTICLE III**

**Membership**

- A. Membership in this Society is open to all persons who are members in good standing of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and shall consist of the membership classes as defined by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Bylaws.
- B. Rights and privileges: The rights and privileges of the Society shall be those accorded to the membership of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.
- C. Dues: The amount of the annual dues for the Society shall be established by the Society according to the specification of the Standard Operating Procedures of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. A member shall remit the dues of this Society along with those of ASCLS to ASCLS according to the procedure determined by the ASCLS Board of Directors.
- D. Expulsion of members: A member may be expelled following the procedure defined in the ASCLS Bylaws.
- E. Impeachment of officials: An elected or appointed official of this Society may be impeached for gross dereliction of duty, for conduct detrimental to this Society, or for malfeasance. Impeachment proceedings shall be defined by the ASCLS Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Meetings**

- A. This Society shall hold at least one Annual Meeting, which shall include one or more scientific sessions and not less than one business meeting.

- B. The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Annual Meeting.
- C. The Board of Directors or President may authorize interim meetings of the Board of Directors, committees, or special scientific meetings, as the best interests or conduct of affairs of the Society may render necessary or appropriate.
- D. A quorum at the business meetings shall be the members in good standing registered at the Annual or special meeting.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Representation to the House of Delegates of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science**

This Society is entitled to at least three delegates (two delegates-at-large and one student delegate) plus one delegate per each 50 professional and emeritus members or major fraction thereof, to be designated in accordance with established procedures in the Society Regulations.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Officers**

- A. The officers of the Society shall be President, President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer. The duties of the officers shall be defined in the Society Regulations.
- B. Any professional or emeritus member who is in good standing shall be eligible to hold office or serve on the Board of Directors.
- C. Nomination procedures for an office of this Society shall be defined in the Society Regulations. Nomination for office shall not be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.
- D. Officers of the Society shall be elected by the professional, emeritus, and student members at the Annual Meeting of this Society and/or by an absentee ballot mailed two weeks in advance of the meeting.
- E. The term of office for each officer of this Society shall be defined in the Society Regulations.
- F. A vacancy occurring in any office of the Society shall be filled in the manner defined in the Society Regulations.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Board of Directors**

- A. The Board of Directors shall represent the Society when not in business session. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary Treasurer, immediate Past-President, two Board members-at-large, the Nominations Chairperson, New Professional and one student representative who is in their final year of an accredited CLS or CLT program to be appointed by the ASCLS-ND Board of Directors.
- B. The Board Members-at-large and the Nominations chairperson shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as the Officers of this Society, as defined by Society Regulations.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Committees**

There shall be the following standing committees: Bylaws, Government Liaison, Membership Development, Professional and Public Relations, Awards, Nominations, and New Professional.

Any other special committees shall be authorized by the Board of Directors. These Committees shall be defined in the Society Regulations.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Official Publication**

The official publication of this Society shall be *THE CONNECTION*. It shall be made available to all professional and emeritus members of this Society. The editor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Affiliation**

This Society is a constituent Society of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and shall at no time in any manner adopt any policy contrary to the policies of that Society, except as may be required to abide by the laws of this state.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Procedures and Amendments**

- A. Parliamentary Authority: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (current edition), will govern the business proceeding of this Society, except when otherwise specified in these Bylaws.
- B. Society Regulations: Operating Procedures in accordance with these Bylaws are contained in the Society Regulations. Modification of the Society Regulations may be made in accordance with procedures defined in the Society Regulations.
- C. Bylaws of this Society may be amended as follows:
  1. A proposed amendment to these Bylaws may be submitted by a member or members of the Society. It shall be submitted in writing to the chairperson of the Bylaws committee, no less than seven months in advance of the next annual meeting.
  2. The Bylaws committee shall submit the amendments, in context, to the Board of Directors. If such amendments are approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, four copies shall be submitted to the chairperson of the Bylaws committee of ASCLS at least ninety days before the approval is desired.
  3. Following the approval of the aforementioned committee, the amendments shall be distributed to each member of this Society at least thirty days in advance of the Annual Meeting.
  4. Adoption of amendments to the Bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting.
- D. Within ninety days after adoption of an amendment to the Bylaws or Society Regulations of this Society, the Secretary-Treasurer shall send an official copy

of the amended codes to the Executive Office and to the chairperson of the ASCLS Bylaws committee.'

- E. The Bylaws committee of this Society shall have the responsibility and authority to amend the Bylaws and Society Regulations of this Society without adhering to the provisions of Sections B and C of this Article in order to conform and not be in conflict with the Bylaws and Standard Operation Procedures of ASCLS as amended at any Annual Session of the House of Delegates of that Society. Such amendments shall have the approval of the Board of Directors of this Society, and Bylaws Committee of ASCLS prior to enactment and distribution to the members of this Society.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year shall be defined in the Society Regulations.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Dissolution**

The Society may be dissolved as prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation.

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April 1999 (Leola Olson)

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