BYLAWS
OF
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR AESTHETIC PLASTIC SURGERY, INC.

INCLUDING AMENDMENTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Society Purposes

1.1 To bring into close association those members of the medical profession who are actively engaged, wholly or partly, in the practice of aesthetic surgery or any of its phases including cosmetic medicine;
1.2 To advance the medical profession in general, and specifically, that area of the medical profession dealing with aesthetic surgery;
1.3 To promote and encourage the highest standard of ethical conduct and responsible patient care among aesthetic plastic surgeons;
1.4 To provide, through scientific meetings and other recognized means of communications for the interchange of ideas and knowledge among qualified aesthetic surgeons;
1.5 To gather and disseminate information concerning the development and application of modern aesthetic surgical techniques;
1.6 To promulgate the importance of training in aesthetic plastic surgery among younger surgeons and trainees; and
1.7 To promote and advance the name and purpose of this Society before the scientific body of medicine; and
1.8 To promote and advance the subspecialty of aesthetic surgery so that it may maintain its proper place within the field of plastic surgery.

Membership

2.1 General Qualifications and Categories. The membership of the Society will consist of licensed physicians limiting their professional endeavors to the practice of plastic surgery and certain other physicians who have made outstanding contributions to aesthetic surgery who fulfill the requirements of these Bylaws and agree to comply with the Society's Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy. Categories of membership will consist of the following categories: Founding, Life, Active, International Active, and Honorary.

2.2 Specific Qualifications for Admission.

2.2.1 Founding. Founding members are those individuals who, because of their outstanding qualifications and achievements, were elected to Founding membership during the first official meeting of the Society held in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 27, 1968. No additional Founding members will be added. Founding members will enjoy all the rights and privileges of Active or Life Membership.

2.2.2 Life. Requests for Life membership must be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Founding, Active, and International Active members who have completely and permanently retired from the practice of plastic surgery may apply for Life membership. Life members will receive all Society publications and mailings by payment of appropriate fees. They may serve on committees, excluding the Nominating Committee, by appointment and may sponsor applicants for membership. Life members will not pay dues, vote or hold office. They will

have the right, by payment of appropriate fees, to attend any and all functions of the Society. The granting of Life membership requires the approval of the Board of Directors. Application for Life membership may be made at any time. If a Life member re-enters the active practice of plastic surgery, the Life member is obligated to request reinstatement to Active membership in the Society.

2.2.3 Active. Active members will be plastic surgeons of high moral standing and professional qualifications who are citizens of the United States of America, or its territories, or Canada, who have been certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc., American Osteopathic Association Board of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as a specialist in Plastic Surgery. They must be actively involved in the practice of plastic surgery and must devote a significant part of their professional effort to aesthetic surgery. Active members will enjoy all privileges of membership including the right to vote and hold office.

Citizens of other nations, who have actively engaged in the practice of plastic surgery in the United States or Canada for at least two (2) years, who indicate their intention to reside permanently in the United States or Canada and who meet all of the other requirements, may be admitted to Active membership.

Active members who cease to reside and practice in the United States or Canada may retain their Active membership. Upon recommendation of the Application Review Committee and approval of the Board of Directors, they may become International Active members or by invitation, Honorary members of the Society.

To be considered for election to Active membership, a surgeon must be sponsored by two Active or Life members who will have personal knowledge of the applicant's competence and ethical standards. No sponsor may be a professional associate of the applicant. Only Active/Life members may sponsor applicants for Active membership.

The applicant's application and supporting documents will be reviewed by the Application Review Committee. The Application Review Committee will forward all names of applicants to the Board of Directors, which will consider and vote whether each applicant will be rejected, tabled, or voted into membership.

2.2.3.1 Accredited Surgical Facilities. All Active Members who perform surgery in the United States or Canada under anesthesia, other than local anesthesia and/or minimal oral or intramuscular tranquilization, must perform surgery in a surgical facility that meets at least one of the following criteria: a) accredited by National or State recognized accrediting agencies or organizations; or b) certified to participate in the Medicare program under Title XVIII and/or licensed by the state where the facility is located. Compliance is a requirement of membership and each member will annually sign and return to The Aesthetic Society a statement attesting to compliance. Upon request, compliance will be waived for Active Members serving in the military. Failure to comply with The Aesthetic Society's accredited surgical facility requirement will lead to sanctions up to and including expulsion from membership. After expulsion for one (1) year, a previous member may apply to the Trustees for reinstatement as a member.

2.2.3.2 Breast Implant Device Registration. All Active Members who perform breast implant

surgery must register the implant devices through any one of the manufacturers approved methods. Compliance is a requirement of membership, and each member will annually sign and return to The Aesthetic Society a statement attesting to compliance. Failure to comply with The Aesthetic Society's breast implant device registration requirement will lead to sanctions up to and including expulsion from membership. After expulsion for one (1) year, a previous member may apply to the Trustees for reinstatement as a member.

2.2.4 International Active. International Active members will be surgeons of high moral, professional and ethical standing engaged in the practice of plastic surgery who have evidenced special interests and attainment in the field of aesthetic surgery. Applicants must be a member of a national plastic surgery society acceptable to the Board of Directors, or a member of the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ISAPS). Individuals under consideration for International Active membership must sign a pledge to adhere to the Society's Bylaws, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Code of Ethics.

To be considered for election to International Active membership a surgeon must be sponsored by an Active, International Active or Life member of The Aesthetic Society. Qualifications must be reviewed and approved by the Application Review Committee and the Board of Directors, respectively. International Active members will enjoy all privileges of the Society except the right to vote and hold office. International Active members will pay dues to be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

Should the applicant be a member of an organization with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place with The Aesthetic Society, the applicant will only be required to provide proof of membership in that organization and pledge to adhere to The Society's Bylaws, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Code of Ethics to be considered for election to International Active membership. The details of each MOU will dictate other changes to the application process, if any.

2.2.4.1 Breast Implant Device Registration. All International Active Members who perform breast implant surgery must register the implant devices through any one of the manufacturers approved methods. Compliance is a requirement of membership, and each member will annually sign and return to The Aesthetic Society a statement attesting to compliance. Failure to comply with The Aesthetic Society's breast implant device registration requirement will lead to sanctions up to and including expulsion from membership. After expulsion for one (1) year, a previous member may apply to the Trustees for reinstatement as a member.

2.2.5 Honorary. This category of membership will be by invitation only and reserved for persons that the Society wishes to honor for their outstanding contributions, directly or indirectly, to the field of aesthetic plastic surgery in its widest sense. Honorary members will be physicians of high moral, professional, and ethical standing who do not qualify for Active or International Active Membership.

To be considered for election to Honorary membership the individual must be sponsored by two Active members and their qualifications must be reviewed and approved by the Application Review Committee and the Board of Directors, respectively. Honorary members will enjoy such privileges of the Society as determined by the Board of Directors except for

the right to vote and hold office. Honorary members will pay dues to be determined annually by the Board of Directors. Only Active members may sponsor applicants for Honorary membership, and an Active member may sponsor only one (1) applicant for Honorary membership each year.

2.2.6 Affiliated Specialty. Affiliated Specialty members will be physicians of high moral, professional and ethical standing who have evidenced attainment in the field of aesthetic surgery or medicine. Applicants must be board-certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties, American Osteopathic Association, or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in a specialty approved by the Society's Board of Directors and practice within the scope of that specialty.

To be considered for election to Affiliated Specialty membership, a physician must be sponsored by two Active or Life members of The Aesthetic Society. Qualifications must be reviewed and approved by the Application Review Committee and the Board of Directors, respectively. Affiliated Specialty members will enjoy all privileges of the Society except the right to vote and hold office. Affiliated Specialty members will pay dues to be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

2.2.6.1 Affiliated Specialty By Invitation. Affiliated Specialty By Invitation members will be physicians of high moral, professional and ethical standing who have evidenced attainment in the field of aesthetic surgery or medicine.

To be considered for election to Affiliated Specialty By Invitation membership, a physician must be explicitly invited, in writing, by The Aesthetic Society Board of Directors. Qualifications must be reviewed and approved by the Application Review Committee and the Board of Directors, respectively. Affiliated Specialty by Invitation members will not have the right to vote and hold office. Affiliated Specialty by Invitation members will pay dues to be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

2.3 Approval Procedures. The names of the applicants will be submitted to the membership for their review and comment at least 30 days in advance of the vote of the Board of Directors. The Application Review Committee will review all comments received from the membership and will then forward all names of applicants to the Board of Directors and will signify which applicants are recommended to be tabled for six (6) months or one (1) year, which applicants are recommended for rejection for two (2) years, and which applicants are recommended for membership. Applicants receiving approval of four-fifths (4/5) of the members of the Board of Directors will be admitted to membership. An applicant rejected for membership may reapply two (2) years thereafter. The Secretary will inform all applicants and each member of the Society of the action taken. New members must sign a pledge to adhere to the Society's Bylaws, Conflict of Interest Policy, Code of Ethics, Breast Implant Device Registration requirement, and for Active members, to operate only in accredited surgical facilities.

Board Officers

3.1 Officers. The Society will have the following officers: President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

3.2 Election and Term of Office. The President-Elect, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer

will be Active members elected at the annual meeting of the membership by a majority vote of the incoming Board of Directors. The President-Elect will automatically succeed to the Office of President and will become President at a special ceremony held at a time specified by the Board of Directors. All officers will serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors have been duly elected or appointed. All officers will be members of the Board of Directors with the power to vote on any and all matters before the Board.

3.3 Duties.

3.3.1 President. The President is the principal executive officer of the Society and will serve as Chair of the Board of Directors and will also serve as a member, ex-officio with the right to vote, on all committees of the Society except the Nominating Committee. The President will preside at all meetings of the membership of the Society and will perform such other duties as are incident to the office of President or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

3.3.2 President-Elect. The President-Elect will perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. The President-Elect will organize and chair strategic planning meetings and will succeed to the Presidency upon the expiration of the President's term or in the event of the President's death, resignation, absence, or inability to act. At the written request of the President and notification of the Board of Directors, the President-Elect will perform the duties of the President until such request is rescinded or the President-Elect is elevated to President.

3.3.3 Vice President. The Vice President will generally assist the President in the performance of the President's duties and will perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or the President may from time-to-time assign.

3.3.4 Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer will oversee the official recordings, documentation, notifications, communications, and correspondences of the Society and the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer will also oversee the collection and receipt of all dues and funds due the Society, for the proper deposit, investment, and dispersal of all funds held by the Society, and for document preparation and payment of all taxes related to the Society and its activities, and shall serve as the Board Liaison to the Finance and Investment Committee and shall be responsible to ensure that an audit by an independent certified public accountant be performed, analyzed, and reported to the Board of Directors not less than annually and to the membership at the annual business meeting.

Executive Committee

4.0 Executive Committee. The President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Immediate Past President will constitute the Executive Committee, with the Chief Executive Officer to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member. It will be the duty of the Executive Committee, upon call of the President, to consider and act upon such matters that may arise and require a decision between meetings of the Board of Directors. Any action considered and taken by the Executive Committee will be recorded in minutes presented to the Board of Directors at its next meeting that will indicate the members of the Committee present, the nature of the urgent business, and action taken by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is also charged with strategic planning in order to develop long-range goals, objectives, and programs for the Society.

Board of Directors

5.1 Powers. The governing body of the Society will be the Board of Directors which will supervise, control and manage the affairs of the Society, including its committees and officers. It will receive reports at such times as may be required from each Commissioner, from the Chair of each standing committee, each officer, and from the Chief Executive Officer.

5.2 Number and Qualifications of Directors. The Board of Directors will consist of between eleven (11) and thirteen (13) voting members:

5.2.1 All five (5) officers of the Society.

5.2.2 The President of the Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation.

5.2.3 Up to Seven (7) members-at-large. Members-at-large will be elected by the Active Membership at the annual meeting and will serve for three (3) year terms and a maximum of two consecutive terms. The election of members-at-large will be staggered such that three members-at-large are to be elected at each annual meeting.

5.2.4 The Chief Executive Officer of the Society, who shall serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.

5.3 Meetings. A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the membership. Additional meetings may be called by the President or upon the written request of any three (3) voting members of the Board. Notice of meetings will be given not less than five (5) days before the meeting. All meetings of the Board of Directors may be held by any means which permits all participants to hear each other.

5.4 Quorum and Voting. More than fifty percent (50%) of the voting Board members will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the action of a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum was initially present will constitute a valid action of the Board.

5.5 Consent Calendar. The consent calendar procedure will be an acceptable method for presenting relatively non-controversial or informational reports as a group for vote by the Board of Directors. Any items placed on the consent calendar will have been circulated in full text at least fifteen (15) days in advance, with any summary and recommendations as indicated. Any voting member of the Board of Directors may request removal of any item from the consent calendar for separate discussion and action.

5.6 Vacancies. Vacancies in any elected or appointed office, other than the office of the President may be filled for the balance of the term by the Board of Directors at any meeting after consultation with the Nominating Committee. The office of President will be filled by the then incumbent President-Elect.

Trustees

6.1 Composition. The Trustees will consist of six (6) members of the Society, each of whom

must be a past elected officer or director of the Society. The three (3) most immediate Past Presidents willing and able to serve will automatically be Trustees. The other three (3) will be elected by the Active Members. The most immediate Past President serving as a Trustee will be the Chair. Trustees will not serve on either the Ethics Committee or the Judicial Council during their term of office.

6.2 Election, Term, and Re-election. At each annual meeting of the Society, one (1) Trustee will be selected to serve a three (3) year term. In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Directors will appoint a replacement, whose term will expire at the next Annual Meeting when the position will be filled by a vote of the membership, except as provided by automatic appointment of a Past President. Any Trustee who has served a full three (3) year term will be ineligible to serve as a Trustee until at least one (1) year has elapsed between terms.

6.3 Duties. The Trustees will act as advisors to the officers of the Society and will determine or approve any awards or citations which the Society may make. The Trustees also will act as the appellate body for any appeals of adverse disciplinary decisions by the Judicial Council.

Commissions and Committees

7.1 Commissions. The Society will have the following Commissions, which will report to the Board of Directors: Administrative, Communications, Education, and Membership. The charge of each commission is to develop, organize, oversee and coordinate the directives and activities of the committees and ad hoc bodies within their charge. Each Commission will function under the direction of the Board of Directors. Each Commission will be headed by a Commissioner and a Vice-Commissioner who will be designated by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The terms of the Commissioner and the Vice-Commissioner will not exceed three (3) years unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors to address unusual or specific circumstances. Each Commissioner will be an *ex-officio* member of the Finance and Investment Committee, with vote.

7.1.1 Administrative Commission. The Administrative Commission is charged with the management of society finances, policies, procedures, industry relations, and technology investments. The Administrative Commission will consist of those committees assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

7.1.2 Communications Commission. The Communications Commission will study the Society's communications needs and make recommendations to the Board of Directors, with appropriate fiscal notes. The Communications Commission will develop, coordinate, and evaluate all communications activities under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Communications Commission will consist of those committees assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

7.1.3 Education Commission. The Education Commission will evaluate and coordinate all educational activities of the Society under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Commission will also study the Society's educational needs and make recommendations to the Board of Directors with appropriate fiscal notes. The Commission will perpetuate the Society's accreditation status with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, to sponsor continuing medical education. The Education Commission will consist of those committees assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

7.1.4 Membership Commission. The Membership Commission is charged with the promotion, facilitation, and development of membership at all levels, to identify and promote leadership within the Society, and to create a membership environment that is fair, open, diverse, and inclusive. The Membership Commission will consist of those committees assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

7.2 Committees and Ad Hoc Task Forces or Workgroups. In addition to those committees outlined in Section 7.3, the Board of Directors may create, dissolve, and appoint members to such other committees and ad hoc task forces or workgroups as they shall deem appropriate. Such committees and ad hoc task forces or workgroups shall have the power and duties designated by the Board of Directors and shall give advice and make non-binding recommendations to the Board.

7.3 Standing Committees. The Society shall also have the following committees, each of which reports to the Board of Directors.

7.3.1 Finance and Investment. The Finance and Investment Committee will consist of the President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, commissioners, and up to eight (8) Active members appointed by the President for a term of one (1) year. The Committee will consider all matters concerning the financial affairs of the Society and make recommendations based on its considerations to the Board of Directors.

7.3.2 Judicial Council. The Judicial Council will consist of five (5) Active members, one of whom will be elected Chair by vote of the Council members at their first organizational meeting after the annual business meeting.

7.3.2.1 Judicial Council Election and Term. At each annual meeting of the Society, consenting members will be elected to fill any expiring terms or vacancies, including those filled by interim appointments made by the Board of Directors. Each full term will be three (3) years. Any member of the Judicial Council who has served a full term will be ineligible to election or re-election to the Council until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

7.3.2.2 Judicial Council Nomination. The Nominating Committee will select and list candidates for election in such manner as to ensure equitable geographic representation on the Council. Nominations from the floor must respect this geographic qualification.

7.3.2.3 Judicial Council Duties. The Judicial Council will conduct hearings and render decisions with respect to charges received from the Ethics Committee alleging violations of the Society's Bylaws, Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy, Rules and Regulations, or any conduct detrimental to the reputation or best interest of the Society or inconsistent with its Purposes. Such hearings will be conducted according to Rules and Regulations established by the Society.

7.3.2.4 Judicial Council Resignations and Vacancies. Any member of the Judicial Council may resign by giving written notice, with an effective date, to the President or Secretary. Vacancies occurring between annual meetings will be filled by the Board of Directors, with regard for geographic representation.

7.3.3 Nominating. The Nominating Committee will select applicants for the various elective

offices and other elected positions on the Board of Directors for submission to the Membership not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual Business Meeting. As of March 22, 2025, the Nominating Committee will consist of Nine (9) Active Aesthetic Society members: one (1) member will be The Aesthetic Society Immediate Past Past President, who will serve as Chair; the Aesthetic Society Immediate Past President, the two most recent Past Presidents of The Aesthetic Foundation, and five (5) members elected by The Society Membership at the Annual Business Meeting or by electronic voting within sixty (60) days of the Annual Business Meeting. Members of the Committee will serve staggered (2) year terms, except for the members who are the most recent Society and Foundation Past Presidents. Voting members of the current Aesthetic Society or Foundation Boards of Directors, other than the respective Immediate Past Presidents, will not serve on this committee, nor may members of Committee be nominated for any position. In the event that a member-at-large resigns or is permanently unable to fulfill their obligation, then the Board will appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term, with full power to vote and contribute toward a quorum. For the Nominating Committee, a quorum is defined as seven (7) voting members present.

7.4 Standing Committee Resignation and Vacancies. Committee members may resign by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary. Unless otherwise provided by these Bylaws, vacancies occurring between annual meetings will be filled by the officer making the original appointment, or by the Board of Directors if originally elected by either the Board of Directors or the Membership.

Membership Meetings

8.1 Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the membership of the Society will be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors will determine. The purpose of each annual meeting will be to provide a superior educational forum to advance the scientific purposes of this Society, to enhance the camaraderie and collegiality of the participants and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

8.2 Attendance at Educational Sessions During The Aesthetic Meeting. Attendance at the scientific sessions and optional courses of the annual meeting will be limited to members of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Inc.; members of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Inc.; residents and fellows in approved plastic surgery training programs who submit an affidavit from their chief of service or program director; Associate and International Associate Members; medical students enrolled as a full-time student in medical school in the United States or Canada and interested in plastic surgery who submit proof of medical school enrollment; members of ISAPS; members of ISPAN; Allied Professional Members; Allied Professionals who submit a letter of verification of employment by a board certified plastic surgeon, dermatologist, facial plastic surgeon, or oculoplastic surgeon; plastic surgeons certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS); and plastic surgeons, dermatologists, facial plastic surgeons, and oculoplastic surgeons who are recognized members of a national society acceptable to the Board of Directors. Other individuals may attend the meeting by special invitation of the Executive Committee or the Chair of the Program Committee, subject to consultation with the CEO.

8.3 Annual Business Meeting. An annual Business Meeting of the Society will be convened during the course of the annual meeting, and at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors and communicated to the membership not less than fifteen (15) days prior.

8.3.1 Attendance at the Business Meeting. The Business Meeting may be attended by all members of the Society, but only the Founding Members and Active Members will have the right to vote.

8.3.2 Order of Procedure.

i. Approval of the minutes of the last annual business meeting;
ii. Annual reports of the officers and standing committees;
iii. Matters requiring a vote of the membership;
iv. Unfinished and new business.

8.4 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the membership of the Society will be called by the President upon the written request of (five) 5% of the Society's Active membership, or upon request of seven (7) voting members of the Board of Directors. The request for a special meeting will specify the particular business for which said meeting is to be called. Notice of all special meetings, together with a statement of the business to be transacted at such meeting, will be distributed not less than fifteen (15) days before the appointed time of such meeting. Issues submitted via electronic vote to the membership will be open for voting for a minimum of fifteen (15) days.

8.5 Quorum. A quorum will consist of the total number of Active members of the Society participating, whether in person and/or virtually, which will be sufficient for the transaction of business at all annual and special meetings.

8.6 Voting. Voting, whether during in-person, virtual or electronic membership meetings, may be by any means designed to ensure an accurate tally, according to procedures set by the Board of Directors. Matters voted upon will be decided by a majority of the members who vote.

Finance and Dues

9.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Society will be from July 1 to June 30.

9.2 Dues and Assessments. Dues, application fees, and assessments, if any for all classes of membership will be established by the Board of Directors. Amounts will be reviewed annually by the Board and changes may be made at the Board of Director's discretion.

9.3 Payment of Dues and Assessments. The Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee will send to each member a statement of dues and assessments for the ensuing year. Any member delinquent for more than thirty (30) days will be subject to being dropped from the rolls of the Society and forfeit all privileges of membership in the Society.

9.4 Suspension of Dues and Assessments. Fees and dues may be suspended for members on temporary active duty with the Armed Forces and for members disabled by prolonged illness, or unusual and reasonable circumstances, as determined by the Board of Directors. Requests for such suspensions will be forwarded to the Treasurer in writing, accompanied by an estimate of duration. All requests for suspension of dues and fees may be renewed by a written request for an extension, approved by the Board of Directors. Copies of any and all publications of the Society will be sent to the members without charge during their period of approved dues suspension.

9.5 Budget. Within ninety (90) days following the end of each fiscal period, the Finance and Investment Committee will submit a financial report of the previous fiscal period to the Board of Directors, along with recommendations, so as to permit the Board of Directors to adopt an operating budget for the next fiscal period.

9.6 Audit. The accounts of the Society will be audited at least annually by an independent Certified Public Accountant who is selected by, and reports to, the Board of Directors. The time of the audit(s) will be set by the Board of Directors.

Resignations and Discipline of Members

10.1 Resignations. Any member may resign from the Society after fulfilling all obligations and after giving written notice of such intention to the Secretary of the Society. The resignation will be effective upon receipt of such notice. In the case of members who have voluntarily resigned from membership in the Society, in order to be reinstated to Active membership the individual must follow the same procedures required of a de novo applicant.

10.2 Disciplinary Procedures. A member may be censured, suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined by the Society for violation of its Code of Ethics, Bylaws, Conflict of Interest Policy, rules and regulations or for any conduct detrimental to the reputation and best interests of the Society, or inconsistent with its purposes. Should an International Active member be censured or in any way subjected to disciplinary action by their national plastic surgery society, or its equivalent, such member's name will be automatically placed before the Ethics Committee for appropriate action according to the policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors. In the event any International Active Member loses their national plastic surgery society membership, or ceases to be actively engaged in the practice of plastic surgery, such member will be automatically dropped from membership. Upon reinstatement of the member's national plastic surgery society membership, the former International Active member may reapply anew for membership.

Amendments to the Bylaws

11.1 Initiation. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be initiated by any 25 Active voting members, or by the Bylaws Committee, or by any member of the Board of Directors. All proposed amendments will be submitted, in written or electronic form, to the Chair of the Bylaws Committee for that Committee's review and recommendation to the Board of Directors.

11.2 Amendments Requiring Membership Vote. If the proposed amendment restricts the rights or privileges of members of the Society, increases the quorum for membership meetings, or alters the procedures for amendment of the Bylaws, such proposed amendments must be placed before the membership for a vote.

11.3 Amendments Requiring Board Vote Only. When the proposed amendment does not meet the requirements of Section 2 above, following thirty (30) day prior written notice to the members of the Society accompanied by a copy of the proposed amendment, at any meeting of the Board of Directors thereafter held, the Board of Directors, by two-thirds vote of the quorum present, may adopt or reject such proposed amendment or may amend the proposal and adopt or reject it as amended.

11.4 Appeal of Board Rejection of Amendment. In the event the Board rejects the proposed amendment or fails to accept it within three (3) months, any twenty-five (25) Active members may make a written request that the matter be placed before the membership for a vote, which the Board of Directors will do within sixty (60) days. Proponents and opponents of the Bylaws proposal will provide statements to the membership of no more than 500 words each. The proposed amendment may be adopted only by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the Active members voting.

Indemnification

12.0 Indemnification and Insurance. The Society will indemnify its trustees, officers and employees, and may indemnify other persons described in Section 7237(a) of the California Corporations Code, including persons formerly occupying any such position, against all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any proceeding, as that term is used in that Section, providing such person had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. The Society may purchase insurance to protect itself against liabilities and expenses, but the Society doing so will not invalidate any policy conditions otherwise limiting coverage.

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