

**CONSTITUTION
OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS, INC.**

Revised and Accepted by the Membership at the June 2015 Annual Meeting

Revised with approval of the Executive Council and Membership on May 3rd, 2021 via electronic vote

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this society shall be "The American Association of Neuropathologists, Incorporated."

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

Section 2.1:

The purpose of the Association shall be to advance the science, research, practice and teaching of neuropathology.

Section 2.2:

The science of neuropathology is understood to include the study of diverse aspects of diseases of the nervous system and associated structures, including, but not limited to, peripheral and central nervous system, sensory organs and muscle, to include changes at the organ, tissue, cellular, subcellular and molecular levels, with a consideration of the etiology and pathophysiology, genetics, epidemiology, and clinical manifestations of such diseases. The practice of neuropathology is understood to include diagnosis of diseases of the nervous system, and teaching and training in the science, research, and practice of neuropathology.

ARTICLE 3: GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS:

The Association shall be governed by two primary documents:

Section 3.1:

The constitution defining the key elements of the Association as approved by the membership.

Section 3.2:

The Bylaws defining details and additional requirements requiring an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the active members present at the annual business meeting or two-thirds of the member votes that are received electronically.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.1:

Membership will be broadly based on the current practice and research status of the individual and will be divided into the following categories:

- A: Active members
- B: Junior members
- C: Associate members
- D: Honorary members
- E: Senior members

Section 4.2:

Nomination and election of members including qualifications and procedures shall be proposed by the Membership Committee and described in the Bylaws. Details of membership categories, including privileges, benefits and voting rights of each membership category are defined in the bylaws.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS

Section 5.1:

The officers of the Association shall be as follows:

- F: President,
- G: President-Elect,
- H: Vice-President,
- I: Vice-President-Elect,
- J: Vice-President for Professional Affairs,
- K: Secretary-Treasurer,
- L: Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

The qualifications, election, terms of office, and responsibilities of officers and councilors shall be defined in the bylaws.

Section 5.2:

The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of the officers, the three preceding presidents of the Association, two members-at-large, the Diagnostic Slide Session Moderator and the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology* (the official scientific journal of the association).

Section 5.3:

As a member society, the Association is represented in the International Society of Neuropathology by a designated number of councilors. Councilors will represent the interest of the American Association of Neuropathologists, Inc.

ARTICLE 6: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 6.1:

The President shall annually appoint a Nominating Committee under the leadership of the immediate past president. The committee shall be composed of the four preceding presidents. This committee shall be responsible for procedures to identify and nominate a slate of candidates for the positions of officers of the Association and Councilors of the International Society of Neuropathology to be filled by election at the annual business meeting.

Section 6.2:

A majority of the votes cast by the active members present at the annual business meeting shall be necessary for election of officers, following procedures defined by the Nominating committee in the bylaws.

ARTICLE 7: COMMITTEES

Section 7.1:

There will be the following standing committees:

- A. Awards,
- B. Constitution and Bylaws,
- C. Education,
- D. Finance and Investment,
- E. Membership,
- F. Nominating,
- G. Professional Affairs, and
- H. Program

Section 7.2:

The President, President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

Section 7.3:

The President shall appoint an Archivist.

Section 7.4:

In order to facilitate the business of the Association, additional standing or ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Council as necessary. Committees so chosen may be formed and begin work immediately, and the recommendations of such committee shall be presented for approval to the Executive council and the membership at its next meeting.

Section 7.5:

The recommendations of all committees are subject to review by the Membership at the time of the report of the Chair at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS

Section 8.1:

There shall be an annual business meeting of the Association which shall be held at the time and place designated by the President and Executive Council.

Section 8.2:

The annual business meeting will consist of two major components:

- a) The scientific session where members of the Association and invited guests shall present communications related to their work in neuropathology.
- b) The annual business meeting of the Association.

Section 8.3:

The Diagnostic Slide Session is recognized and conducted as a part of the annual business meeting, and a time for such presentation shall be designated and published in the program. The financial report of the Diagnostic Slide Session shall be incorporated into the financial report of the Association.

ARTICLE 9: DUES AND EXPENSES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 9.1:

Active and Junior members shall pay such dues as proposed by the Executive Council and approved by majority vote of the active members present at the annual business meeting.

Section 9.2:

No officer or councilor of the Association shall receive compensation for his services. The President may authorize the payment to any officer or committee member of reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

ARTICLE 10: Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology

Section 10.1:

The association shall publish the *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology*, which shall be the official journal of the Association to which all Association members shall automatically subscribe, with the exception of senior and honorary members.

Section 10.2:

The Executive Council and members of the Association shall appoint an Editor-in-Chief of the Journal.

Section 10.3:

The Association through its Executive Council shall have full authority and responsibility for the

financial management of the Journal and shall provide the funds needed for the publication of the Journal, as determined by the Editor-in-Chief.

ARTICLE 11: DIAGNOSTIC SLIDE SESSION

Section 11.1:

The Diagnostic Slide Session (DSS) shall be a regular component of the AANP annual meeting program. It shall provide a forum for Neuropathologists and trainees to present and discuss educational, interesting, rare, or otherwise noteworthy cases of human or animal diagnostic material whether obtained at surgery or autopsy, fostering debate regarding important interpretative elements in diagnostic neuropathology.

Section 11.2:

The DSS shall function as a section within the AANP with operational aspects managed by the Moderator and the Manager, and Charter Members of the DSS, subject to oversight and approval by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENTS

Section 12.1:

A motion to amend the Constitution may be made by the Constitution Committee or by five other active members. If initiated by the latter, they should sign such a motion and present it to the Secretary-Treasurer, who in turn will submit it to the Constitution Committee for consideration and comments.

Section 12.2:

Motions to amend Article 11: Diagnostic Slide Session must be approved by the DSS Moderator and the Manager, in collaboration with the DSS Charter Members.

Section 12.3:

Any motion to amend the Constitution must then be communicated to the members of the Association at least four weeks prior to soliciting a vote, either at the annual business meeting or electronically. For such amendments to be adopted, it shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the active members present at the annual business meeting or two-thirds of the member votes that are received electronically.