MSMA Constitution *(Adopted 1903, Revised April 2020)*

Article I. Name of the Association
The name and title of this organization shall be the Missouri State Medical Association.

Article II. Mission
The Mission of the Missouri State Medical Association is to serve its members through promotion of the science and art of medicine, protection of the health of the public, and betterment of the medical profession in Missouri.

Article III. Membership
Membership in this Association shall be those individuals who are legally qualified physicians practicing in Missouri, except as otherwise provided.

Article IV. House of Delegates
The House of Delegates shall be the legislative body of this Association and shall consist of Delegates elected by the component societies, Medical Student Section, Resident and Fellow Section, Organized Medical Staff Section, International Medical Graduate Section, Young Physicians Section, Women Physicians Section, all Past Presidents of the Association, the Speaker and Vice Speaker. Also, the Deans of each medical school located in Missouri who are members of the Missouri State Medical Association shall serve as Delegates-at-Large. Its Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Missouri State Medical Association.

Article V. Council
The Council shall be the executive body of this Association when the House of Delegates is not in session. It shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, First Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, the duly elected Councilors from each Councilor District and the duly elected Councilors from the Medical Student Section, the Resident and Fellow Section, the Young Physician Section, the Organized Medical Staff Section, the Women Physicians Section, and the International Medical Graduate Section. A majority of voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs
The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs shall be the judicial body of the Association. It shall consist of five active members nominated by the President and elected by the House of Delegates.

Article VII. Sessions and Meetings
Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual Spring Convention of the House of Delegates, at places fixed by the House of Delegates, the time of which shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Association or the House of Delegates may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Council and shall be called upon a petition signed by members equal in number to one-third of the total number of Delegates certified from the last Annual Convention.

Article VIII. Officers
Section 1. The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a 1st Vice President, and two additional Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Speaker and a Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates, and Councilors selected as provided for.

Section 2. The Officers shall be elected annually. The term of Councilors and Vice Councilors shall be two years, except for the duly elected medical student Councilor, resident physician Councilor and organized medical staff Councilor, who shall each be elected for a one-year term. Half of the membership of the Council shall be elected each year. The Delegates from each Councilor District shall meet prior to the last day of the Annual Convention and elect the Councilor(s) and Vice-Councilor from that district. The Delegates from the Medical Student Section, the Resident and Fellow Section, the Organized Medical Staff Section, the International Medical Graduate Section, the Young Physician Section, and the Women Physicians Section shall meet prior to the last day of the Annual Convention and elect their respective Councilor. In the event of death, resignation or removal of any Councilor, the Vice Councilor shall automatically fill the vacancy. The Officers shall serve until their successors are elected and installed.

Article IX. Funds, Expenses and Budget
The Council shall submit an annual budget to the House of Delegates. All resolutions providing for appropriations shall be referred to the Council and all appropriations approved by the Council shall be included in the annual budget.

Article X. Referendum
At any General Meeting of the Association, it may, by a two-thirds vote, order a general referendum upon any question pending before the House of Delegates. The House of Delegates may, by a vote of its members, submit any question to the membership of the Association for its vote. A majority vote of all members of the Association shall determine the question. Petitions signed by 10 percent of the active members of the Association, including petitioners representing at least one-half of the component medical societies, will initiate a referendum regarding changes in the Constitution and Bylaws or questions before the House of Delegates. A two-thirds vote of all active members of the Association responding will determine the question.

Article XI. Seal
The Association shall have a common seal. The power to change or renew the seal shall rest with the House of Delegates.

Article XII. Amendments
The House of Delegates may amend any article of the constitution by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present and voting in any Annual Convention, provided that such amendment shall have been published twice during the year in the Journal of the Association or sent officially to each component society at least two months prior to the meeting at which final action is to be taken.