

Tennessee Pharmacists Association

Tennessee Pharmacists Association Constitution

As adopted at the 99th Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, June 10, 1986;
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February 9, 1999, and July 17, 2000.

Article I-Name

This Association shall be called the TENNESSEE PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION.

Article II-Purpose

The aim of the Association shall be to provide a forum for all persons interested in the profession of pharmacy in Tennessee to meet for the following purposes:

- (a) To aid in promoting and safeguarding the public health and welfare;
- (b) To support and encourage optimum standards of pharmacy education in order to attract the most qualified persons into the profession of pharmacy;
- (c) To establish and maintain relations with other allied health professions to promote the highest level of interdisciplinary cooperation in the delivery of health care to the public;
- (d) To develop and maintain relations with governmental bodies and agencies so they recognize fully the benefits of pharmacist involvement in the providing of health care;
- (e) To promote intraprofessional development through educational programs, research, standards of practice; and legislative proposals to enhance the social and economic standard of pharmacy practice;
- (f) To cooperate with all organizations having similar aims and purposes.

Article III-Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Association shall consist of seven types: Active, Retired, Affiliate, Associate, Student, Honorary, and Technician.

Section 2. **ACTIVE MEMBERS:** Active members shall consist of only those persons licensed to practice pharmacy who are in good professional standing with the Board of Pharmacy granting their licensure. Active members of the Association shall be eligible to vote for or hold office in the Association.

Section 3. **RETIRED MEMBERS:** Retired members shall consist of only those pharmacists seventy years of age or older. Retired members shall be eligible to vote for or hold office in the Association.

- Section 4. **AFFILIATE MEMBERS:** Affiliate members shall consist of those persons licensed to practice pharmacy who neither work nor live in Tennessee and choose not to be active members. Affiliate members shall not be entitled to vote for or hold office in the Association.
- Section 5. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Associate members shall consist of those persons interested in the goals of pharmacy practice in Tennessee, who submit applications for membership, and are approved for membership by the Executive Committee. Associate members shall not be entitled to vote for or hold office in the Association.
- Section 6. **STUDENT MEMBERS:** Student members shall consist of those persons who are currently enrolled and in good standing in a college or school of pharmacy, which is accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. Student members shall not be eligible to vote except in matters of the House of Delegates and shall not be eligible to hold office in the Association.
- Section 7. **HONORARY MEMBERS:** Persons nominated by at least two active Association members may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the House of Delegates in recognition of and appreciation for outstanding effort on behalf of the pharmacy profession. Separate and apart from the Association, a recognized Society may elect an honorary member into the Society, provided that the election is conducted in accordance with provisions set forth in the Society's Constitution and By-Laws. An honorary member properly elected by a recognized Society shall be considered an honorary member of the Association. Honorary members shall not be eligible to vote for or hold office in the Association and shall be exempt from paying dues.
- Section 8. **TECHNICIAN MEMBERS:** Technician members shall consist of pharmacy technicians interested in and supportive of the goals of pharmacy practice in Tennessee, who submit applications for membership. Pharmacy technician members shall not be eligible to vote for or hold office in the Association.

Article IV- Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Executive Director, Treasurer, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The officers, with the exception of the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Executive Director, shall be installed at the Annual Meeting.
- Section 2. **REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS:** In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the President-Elect shall serve as Acting President until the next Annual Meeting at which time he/she shall be installed as President in the prescribed manner. If both the office of President and President-Elect become vacant, the Treasurer will assume the office of Acting President to be followed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. In the event of vacancy (for any other reason than to serve as Acting President) in the office of President-Elect, or the office of Treasurer, the office shall be filled by an election on the floor of the House of Delegates at the first session of the House after the vacancy occurs. Nominations for such office shall be received from the floor and election will be by a majority vote of the Delegates present taken by roll call.
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- Section 3. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee and shall perform all other duties customarily incident to that office including the appointment of members to all Association standing and special committees.
- Section 4. **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** The President-Elect shall perform all duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to serve.
- Section 5. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall perform all duties customarily incident to the office of Treasurer and shall serve a term of two years. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount to be fixed by the Executive Committee and shall provide an annual report to the members on fiscal matters of the Association.
- Section 6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The Executive Director shall be the executive officer of the Association and shall conduct and administer the affairs of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws subject to the policies and directives of the Board of Directors and shall recommend and participate in the Board formulation of Association mission, goals, objectives, related policies, and budgeting. The Executive Director shall plan, organize, and coordinate the programs and activities of the Association. The Executive Director shall serve as the Secretary of the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates. The Executive Director shall submit monthly financial reports to the Treasurer and shall have all records available for the annual audit by a certified public accountant as authorized by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall be responsible for assuring representation for the Association at such meetings determined to be appropriate by the Executive Director or Board of Directors.
- Section 7. **QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS:** No person shall be elected to any office in the Association unless such person is an Association member in good standing.
- Section 8. **TERMS:** Only the Treasurer, Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Executive Director may serve successive terms. All other officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been installed.

Article V - Board of Directors

- Section 1. **MEMBERSHIP:** There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association of which the Association President shall be the Chair. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Association President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Executive Director, the Chair/President of each recognized Society, Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the five most immediate Past Presidents of the Association.
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- Section 2. **DUTIES:** The Board of Directors shall annually appoint the Executive Director, fix the salary and other terms of compensation and appointment; prescribe the duties and direct the activities where such duties and activities are not specifically provided for in this Constitution or in the By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the House of Delegates, conducting the business of the Association including the setting of dues for membership and making interim policy decisions subject to review and approval of the House of Delegates. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the appointment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the House of Delegates of the American Pharmaceutical Association. The Board of Directors shall decide when and if other subdivisions (districts or societies) should be established to best serve the needs of the Association.
- Section 3. **MEETINGS:** The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times annually. The meetings shall occur: one during the Annual Meeting, one during the Midyear Meeting, and two other meetings at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called at other times by the Chair or by petition of one-third of the members of the Board of Directors as the Association business may demand. A quorum of the Board of Directors (six full voting members) must be present to conduct business. Board of Directors meetings shall be open to all members of the Association.
- Section 4. **VOTING:** Only members of the Board of Directors, except the Pharmacy Technician member, shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Board. Any member of the Board of Directors eligible to vote may designate another member of the Board of Directors to cast his or her vote by proxy by certification in writing to the Executive Director prior to the beginning of the meeting. The President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Chair/President of each recognized Society, with the exception of the Technician Society, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the five most immediate Past Presidents shall each have one vote. The Executive Director and the Chair of the Technician Society shall serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee not to exceed five members from the Board of Directors, to conduct business on behalf of the Association. The Executive Committee will act on behalf of the Board of Directors in matters pertaining to Association business between scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors.

Article VI - Meetings

- Section 1. **REGULAR MEETINGS:** The Association shall conduct an Annual Meeting at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall direct. The said Annual Meeting shall include programming (educational, social, and business) of interest to all members.
- Section 2. **SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors when the business and interests of the Association require.
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Article VII - House of Delegates

There shall be a House of Delegates as defined in the By-Laws of the Association.

Article VIII - By-Laws

The Association may adopt By-Laws not in conflict with this Constitution to direct and control the affairs of the Association.

Article IX-Amendments

This Constitution and the By-Laws may be altered or amended provided that any proposition is submitted in writing to the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee by at least three active members of the Association ninety days prior to its consideration by the House of Delegates. Such amendments or alterations shall be communicated to the membership prior to the next meeting of the House of Delegates, where such amendments or alterations shall then be read, along with the written recommendation of the Committee. The amendments or alterations shall then be submitted to a vote before the House of Delegates. A two-thirds vote of Delegates present and voting is required for alteration or amendment of this Constitution or the By-Laws. Any alteration or amendment approved by the House of Delegates shall become effective immediately upon such approval.

Tennessee Pharmacists Association By-Laws

Article I - Name and Location

- Section 1. **NAME:** The name of the Association shall be the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, herein referred to as the Association.
- Section 2. **LOCATION:** Offices for the transaction of business of the Association shall be in Nashville, Tennessee.

Article II-Membership

- Section 1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Any person may be admitted to membership in the Association who qualifies pursuant to the Constitution and makes application to the Executive Director of the Association together with payment of the annual dues appropriate for the membership category.

Article III- Dues

- Section 1. **DUE DATE:** The annual membership fee shall be an amount established by the Board of Directors. The membership year, either January 1 through December 31 or July 1 through June 30, shall be as determined by the Board of Directors. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.
- Section 2. **SOCIETIES:** The Association shall organize in a manner which maximizes participation of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and persons interested in the goals of pharmacy practice in Tennessee. The Association shall be composed of societies which shall include but not be limited to: 1) Society of Student Pharmacists; 2) Society of Chain Pharmacists; 3) Society of Independent Pharmacists; 4) Society of Health-System Pharmacists; 5) Society of Pharmacists (practice site non-specific), 6) Society of Long Term Care Pharmacists; and 7) Society of Pharmacy Technicians. Members must declare a Society affiliation with the payment of Association membership dues.
- In the event a member elects to join more than one society, a principal society must be declared for purposes of apportionment of the House of Delegates. Members may petition the Board of Directors to form a new Society on the signature of thirty interested members. Each Society shall develop a Constitution and By-Laws to govern its activities which is consistent in principle with the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Societies may establish dues in addition to the Association dues to support their activities. Societies may conduct projects, meetings, programs, and other activities separate from the Association. Each Society shall annually elect from among its members the offices of Chair/President and Chair-Elect/President-Elect. Other offices may be elected at the discretion of each Society. The election shall take place at the Annual Meeting or at a time and manner specified by the Society's Constitution or By-Laws. The Executive Director of the Association shall be the administrative and fiscal officer for each Society and shall serve under the supervision of the Society's elected officers. The appropriate Societies shall appoint Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the House of Delegates of NCPA and ASHP. The Societies shall exist for the following purposes:
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- A. To identify specialized needs and develop services, programs, and activities to advance the interests of those members practicing in the respective specialized areas.
- B. To provide specialized continuing education activities.
- C. To provide a forum where the unique problems and interests of Society members can be discussed and where views of the members may be expressed as they relate to the formation of Association policy.

Article IV - House of Delegates

- Section 1. **COMPOSITION:** The House of Delegates shall be composed of 100 Delegates who are members of the Association in good standing. Identified seats shall be occupied by the three elected officers of the Association, the five immediate Past Presidents of the Association who serve on the Executive Committee, Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates, one Delegate from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy administration, and one Delegate from the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy. Each Society officially recognized by the Association, with the exception of the Technician Society, shall be entitled to a minimum of two seats in the House. The remaining seats shall be apportioned to each Society by percentage of membership within the Association on May 1 of each calendar year. Delegates for each eligible Society will be appointed by the Chair/President of the respective Society considering a geographical representation of the membership or in a manner prescribed by the Society's Constitution and By-Laws.
- Section 2. **SEATING AND TENURE:** The Chair/President of each eligible Society shall certify to the Executive Director of the Association at least thirty days prior to the meeting of the House of Delegates the names and addresses of each appointed Delegate. Each Delegate shall be appointed for a period of one year beginning with the first session of the House of Delegates following the Annual Meeting of the Association. Annually prior to the first session of the House of Delegates following the Annual Meeting of the Association, the name and practice address of each Delegate shall be published in an official media accessible to members of the Association.
- Section 3. **MEETINGS:** The House of Delegates shall meet during each Annual Meeting of the Association and shall hold at least one additional meeting each year to receive reports and resolutions, discuss issues, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The House may be called into special session at any time on the written request of one-third of the qualified Delegates or by the officers of the House. One-third of the appointed Delegates present at any regular or special session of the House shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
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- Section 4. **OFFICERS:** The officers of the House of Delegates shall be a Speaker, Vice Speaker, and Secretary. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as the Secretary of the House of Delegates. The Speaker and Vice-Speaker shall be elected by a majority vote annually by the House of Delegates from nominations received from the floor of the House during its meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Association, to assume office prior to adjournment. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall serve as the official representative of the House of Delegates to the Board of Directors. The Vice-Speaker shall serve in the absence of the Speaker.
- Section 5. **POWERS AND DUTIES:** It shall be the function of the House of Delegates to interpret the objectives of the Association as stated in the Constitution. The House shall serve as the legislative and policy-making body of the Association. The House shall give consideration to all proposals emanating from Delegates of the House, standing and special committees of the Association, and the Board of Directors. It shall adopt rules and regulations for its own governance that do not conflict with the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. In the absence of specific rules, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail at all meetings.
- Section 6. **PROCEEDINGS:** The activities of the House of Delegates shall be reported to the Association members.

Article V - Committees

- Section 1 **STANDING:** The Association shall recognize nine standing committees to study and report on the issues facing the profession. The standing committees shall be: Legislative, Continuing Education, Professional Relations, Tennessee Pharmacists Recovery Network Program, Awards, Resolutions, Nominations, Home Infusion Therapy, and Managed Care.
- Section 2. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** The Board of Directors may appoint special committees to review specific issues arising in the profession. Such committees shall serve a specified length of time.
- Section 3. **COMPOSITION.** Each standing or special committee shall be composed of the number of members deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors and shall represent the broad interests of the profession.

Article VI - Nominations for the Board of Pharmacy

- Section 1. **NOMINATION:** The Association shall nominate annually at the Annual Meeting five pharmacists for appointment to the Board of Pharmacy. In those years where the Consumer Member position is open, the Association will nominate five qualified consumer candidates. Each nomination shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least two active members of the Association in good standing. The qualifications of each nominee shall be listed on the instrument of nomination. The signatures shall serve as the nomination and second.
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- Section 2. **BALLOT:** In the event of more than five nominees for each position, a vote shall be taken of all Association members present. The five nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared the nominees.
- Section 3. **TRANSMITTAL:** Following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the Executive Director shall forward the list of five nominees to the Governor of Tennessee for review.

Article VII - Nomination and Election of Officers

- Section I. **COMPOSITION OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** The Nominations Committee shall be composed of one representative from each of the recognized Societies to be appointed by the President of the Association after receiving the recommendation from each Society Chair/President. The Chair of the Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from among the list of Association Past Presidents.
- Section 2. **VOTING:** No later than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting the Executive Director of the Association shall mail a ballot to every active member of the Association who, as defined by the Constitution, is qualified to vote.
- Section 3. **RETURN OF BALLOT:** Association members receiving a ballot shall mark, seal, and return the ballot which must be postmarked no later than ten (10) days prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting.
- Section 4. **BALLOTING COMMITTEE:** The President of the Association shall appoint a Balloting Committee which shall receive the ballots from the Executive Director during the Annual Meeting. A report to the Association membership shall be rendered by the Balloting Committee during the Annual Meeting. A candidate shall be declared elected to an office if he/she receives a majority of the votes cast.
- Section 5. **INCONCLUSIVE VOTE:** In the event of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by the House of Delegates at its first session following the announcement of the results by the Balloting Committee. In the event no single candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the two candidates receiving the most votes will be resubmitted to the membership by mail ballot within fifteen (15) days after the Annual Meeting at which the election results were announced. The ballot shall be marked, sealed, and returned within twenty (20) days of the date printed on the ballot. The Board of Directors will be responsible for the counting of the ballots. The candidates will be notified of the results which will also be published in an official media accessible to members of the Association.
- Section 6. **ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE:** All newly elected officers shall take the oath of office during the Annual Meeting. In the event of a run-off election, the elected candidates shall take the oath of office at the next meeting of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, whichever is meeting first.

(In accordance with Article VII, Amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, the new Constitution and By-Laws was presented to the general membership on Monday, June 9, 1986 and read. On Tuesday, June 10, 1986 upon proper motion by Crouch, second by Corley, the new Constitution and By-Laws were adopted.) Revised Tuesday, February 9, 1999. Revised Monday, July 17, 2000.