



District 1 Bylaws

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Article I. Name

This Society shall be known as “District One of The New York State Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. (NYSSA)”

Article II. Purpose

This society shall be a non-profit organization whose purpose shall be to disseminate and advance the knowledge of the medical specialty of anesthesiology, and to act in accordance with the goals of our parent Society, the NYSSA.

Article III. Membership

1. Membership shall be restricted to members of the NYSSA who primarily practice anesthesiology in Kings and Queens County.
2. Categories of membership shall correspond to those of the NYSSA, i.e. active, resident, affiliate, and retired.

Article IV. Officers

1. The District’s officers consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Director and Alternate Director. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall serve for two-year terms, ending in even numbered years. No one may serve more than three terms in a particular office, except for the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.
2. The Director and Alternate Director shall serve according to the bylaws of the NYSSA. The terms of office and term limits of the Director and Alternate Director shall be in accordance with the Bylaws of the NYSSA.
3. Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the NYSSA House of Delegates shall be elected for two-year terms, ending in odd-numbered years, in accordance with

the Bylaws of the NYSSA. The number of positions available for the House of Delegates will be determined by the Bylaws of the NYSSA and adjusted accordingly, based on overall membership within the District. The District Director ex-officio serves as a voting member of the House of Delegates and shall not be considered in the total number of Delegates representing the District.

4. Any vacancies in the roster of Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be filled by the District Director.
5. Officers, Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected from active members in good standing. Nominations for any office may be received from a nominating committee and from any member in good standing.
6. Should the office of President be vacated during the term of office, the Vice President shall assume his duties. The residual of the vacated term shall not count as a term of presidential office.
7. Should the office of District Director be vacated during the term of office, the Alternate Director shall assume his duties. The residual of the vacated term shall not count as a term of office.
8. If vacancies occur in any of the other offices, the District Director shall appoint a temporary replacement for the unexpired term of office. The residual of the vacated term shall not count as a term of office.
9. Election of officers will occur at the annual business meeting of the District, which will be held between the ASA Annual Meeting and the Postgraduate Assembly of the NYSSA. A quorum shall consist of at least 20 active members. If there is any contested election, then voting shall be by secret ballot. Terms of office will begin immediately following the business meeting.

Article V. Duties of Officers

1. The administrative authority of District I shall be vested in the President. He shall preside at all meetings, call special meetings and in consultation with the District Director appoint any committees as deemed necessary or as requested by a majority of members in good standing at any general business meeting.
2. The Vice President shall assist the President as necessary.

3. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall perform duties consistent with these offices. The Secretary is responsible for notifying members of the date, time, and location of District Meetings, communicating the results of District One elections to NYSSA Headquarters, and notifying Delegates and Alternate Delegates of the date, time and location of the House of Delegates. The Treasurer will make an annual report of the finances of the District at the annual business meeting and supply other financial information as deemed necessary by the President or District Director.
4. The District Director, Alternate Director, Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall function as prescribed in the bylaws of the NYSSA, representing the interests of the membership of District 1 to the best of their ability. Members functioning as delegates to the NYSSA House of Delegates, when instructed by the majority members of the District at the Annual Business Meeting, will be obligated to vote as instructed on the first ballot. The District Director and Delegates will have the obligation of keeping the membership informed of developments of importance to the District.

Article VI. Committees

1. The Executive Committee consists of the Officers of the District. It shall meet at the call of the President or District Director and shall have the authority to act in the interim between District meetings upon all matters which would ordinarily require approval of the membership and which have not been delegated elsewhere by the constitution and laws.
2. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the District Director and shall consist of at least three members in good standing, at least one of whom works primarily in Queens County and at least one of whom works primarily in Kings County. The Committee will propose at least one nominee for all vacant offices.
3. Special committees shall be composed of not less than two members in good standing. They shall be appointed by the District Director and their terms of office shall be at the discretion of the District Director.

Article VII. Dues and Assessments

1. With the approval of the majority of members in good standing present at an annual or special meeting, an assessment may be levied on the active members of District 1 to defray expenses of the District.

2. Any change in the annual dues assessed by the District and collected by the NYSSA must be approved by majority vote of the members in good standing attending the Annual Business Meeting.
3. Upon failure to pay a properly authorized dues or assessment within six months of the end of the NYSSA annual meeting, upon proper notification, the member shall be removed from the category of member in good standing.
4. Upon payment of all past dues, a member may be reinstated as per the direction of the president.

Article VIII. Amendments to the Bylaws

These Bylaws can be amended by a majority vote of the members in good standing attending the Annual Business Meeting.