



District 5 Bylaws

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Chapter I. Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this society to associate and affiliate all physicians practicing the specialty of anesthesiology in the geographic area of District V of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. (hereinafter abbreviated NYSSA) in order to carry on the purposes of NYSSA as they pertain to District V.

Chapter II. Membership

Section 2.01

The members of District V shall be those members of the NYSSA whose primary practice is in the area “west of District IV and east of a north-south line passing through Sodus Center and East Corning”.

Section 2.02

The members shall be designated honorary, active, affiliate, retired or resident, corresponding to their designation in the NYSSA.

Chapter III. Officers and Delegates

Section 3.01

The officers of the District shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

Section 3.02

The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a two-year term. They may be elected to more than one term.

Section 3.03

If the office of President is vacated during his/her term of office his/her duties will be assumed by the Vice President.

Section 3.04

If the Vice President is unable to assume the duties of the President as provided above, a special election shall be held to elect a new President for the unexpired term.

Section 3.05

The Director, Delegates, Alternate Director and Alternate Delegates shall be elected at the annual meeting for terms as prescribed in the NYSSA bylaws.

Section 3.06

Election of officers and delegates shall be by ballot. In case of any contested election then secret ballots will be used. The person receiving the highest vote by the active members in good standing present at the annual meeting will fill the office (a majority is not required).

Chapter IV. Duties and Officers

Section 4.01

- a. The administrative authority of District V shall be vested in the President.
- b. He/she shall preside at all meetings.
- c. He/she shall call special meetings as required.

He/she shall appoint such committees as he/she shall deem necessary or as shall be requested by a majority of the active members at a meeting.

Section 4.02

The Vice President shall assist, substitute for or assume such obligations as are necessary at the discretion of or in the absence of the President.

Section 4.03

The Secretary shall, in addition to the supervision and handling of secretarial material, perform such other duties as are required by this constitution and bylaws of the NYSSA.

Section 4.04

The Treasurer shall assume such duties as are consistent with this office.

Chapter V. Duties of Director, Delegates And Alternates to NYSSA

Section 5.01

The district director and alternate director to the NYSSA shall function as prescribed in the bylaws of the NYSSA representing the interests of the membership of District V to the best of their ability.

Section 5.02

The delegates and alternate delegates to the NYSSA shall function as prescribed in the bylaws of the NYSSA representing the interests of the membership of District V to the best of their ability except that when instructed by a majority vote at the annual meeting of the District on a given issue they must vote in the House of Delegates as instructed.

Chapter VI. Meetings

Section 6.01

The annual meeting shall be the last meeting of the calendar year in November or early December and held at the discretion of the President.

Section 6.02

Regular meetings, approximately four in number, shall be held annually. Such meetings shall consist of business and scientific sessions as indicated by the President.

Section 6.03

In addition to the regular meetings, additional meetings may be called by the President at his/her discretion or as provided below.

Section 6.04

A special meeting shall be called by the President within one month of a petition requesting said meeting signed by at least fifteen active members in good standing.

Section 6.05

Notification of any special meeting shall be sent in writing and e-mail to all members of District V at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

Chapter VII. Assessments

Section 7.01

With approval of a majority vote of the active members in good standing present at an annual or special meeting an assessment may be levied on all members of District V, except honorary and retired members, to defray expenses of the District.

Section 7.02

Upon failure to pay a duly levied assessment within a one-year period, a member will be suspended by order of the President.

Chapter VIII. Amendmen

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of District V or at a special session called for that purpose by a majority vote of the membership present as follows:

Section 8.01

First Reading. Proposed amendments may be introduced for a first reading by any voting member of District V or by any committee of the Society by way of its report.

Section 8.02

Alterations. The membership may alter the proposed amendment in any manner by a majority vote of those present and voting and the final form shall constitute the amendment approved.

Section 8.03

Publication. Amendments approved for a first reading shall be published at least fourteen days prior to the next regular session or prior to a special session called for that purpose.

Section 8.04

Action. The proposed amendment shall be introduced for final action at the first regular session following the first reading or at a special session called for that purpose.

Section 8.05

Additional Alterations. The membership may alter the form of the first reading in any manner not exceeding the original intent by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Section 8.06

Vote. A two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to amend these bylaws.

[Chapter IX. Standing Committee](#)

Section 9.01

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the District. This committee shall meet at the call of the President 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 bylaws.

Section 9.02

The purpose of the Government and Legal Affairs Committee will be similar to the NYSSA committee but will function on a local level. It shall study and recommend ways in which the District can be most effective in legislative matters, develop ways of making the entire District membership more aware of legislative affairs and their significance, and to help in organizing a legislative action system in District V.

Chapter X. Rules of Order

The deliberations of District V shall be governed by parliamentary usage as contained in the latest edition of Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and Procedure when not in conflict with this constitution and bylaws.