

Constitution and By-Laws
of the
Atlantic Society of Obstetricians and Gynæcologists

Article 1 Title

This society shall be known as the Atlantic Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (the Society, ASOG).

This Society shall make application to become an affiliate of the Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Societies (Atlantic Provinces) so that it may speak with authority on matters pertaining to the specialty in the Atlantic Region.

Article 2 Aims and Objectives

- a) The advancement of medical science in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- b) The maintenance of high scientific and ethical status of its members.
- c) The close co-operation of its members in the protection of their just rights.
- d) The consideration of all matters scientific and economic pertaining to the Society.

Article 3 Membership

- a) The members of the Society shall consist of those members of the medical profession in the Atlantic Provinces whose names appear in the “Medical Register” of the respective province and who are certificated in Obstetrics and/or Gynecology, or who have equivalent qualifications, and/or have been deemed to have the necessary experience and training by the Council, and who shall have been elected by members of the Society as hereinafter provided.
- b) There shall be five classes of members:
 - i) Active Members
 - ii) Associate Members
 - iii) Honorary Members
 - iv) Life Members
 - v) Resident Members

- c) The qualifications for the various classes of members shall be as follows:
- i) Active members shall be members of the profession in any of the Atlantic Provinces who have qualified for membership.
 - ii) Associate members shall be interested members of the profession who are temporarily resident in the Atlantic Provinces or those in allied professions in the Atlantic Provinces, and who are not eligible for active membership. Associate Members will not have voting rights and cannot hold office. They shall not pay Membership fees, but shall pay registration fees to attend the Annual Meeting.
 - iii) Honorary members shall be members of the profession, or others who have distinguished themselves by their attainments in medical or allied sciences, or who have rendered signal services to the Society. Recommendation for election to Honorary Membership shall come solely from the Council as hereinafter provided. Honorary Members shall not hold office, shall not have voting privileges and are not subject to Membership fees.
 - iv) Life Members are those members of the ASOG who have reached the age of 65 years, or who have retired from active practice. They shall not hold office and are not subject to Membership fees. They shall pay registration fees to attend the Annual Meeting.
 - v) The following shall be the method of election of members:
The application of any new member must be proposed and seconded by a member of the Society and submitted to Council. Council shall recommend for membership such applicants as shall by it be considered eligible, whereupon the Society shall proceed to vote upon such application so recommended in open meeting. After election, such applicant, upon signing of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, shall be entitled to full privileges of Membership.

Article 4 Meetings

- a) There shall be at least one meeting per year. The place and time of the next meeting shall be decided at the Annual Meeting.
- b) Any other meeting may be held during the year at the discretion of Council, or at the request of at least five members of the Society in good standing.
- c) One third of the membership shall constitute a quorum, and this quorum shall include representatives of at least three of the four Atlantic Provinces.

- d) Only Active and Life Members are eligible to attend the Business Meeting of the Society.
- e) Non-members may attend the Annual Scientific Meeting subject to the appropriate Registration Fee. They are not permitted to join the Society. This registration fee will not include attendance at social functions, for which there will be an additional fee. They will receive accreditation for having attended the meeting. Medical Residents are not subject to the Registration fee.

Article 5 *Officers*

- a) The Council shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Scientific Program Director. The Secretary-Treasurer and Scientific Program Director shall be appointed for a period of three years. The other officers are to serve for a period of one year.
- b) The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. They shall be nominated at the Annual Meeting by the Nominating Committee as hereinafter provided for, and the election shall take place immediately after additional nominations have been called for from the meeting at large. The election shall be by ballot, and the person who receives the majority of the votes cast shall be elected to the office for which he/she has been nominated.
- c) All Officers of the Society shall assume the functions of their respective offices at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they have been elected.

Article 6 *Auditor*

An Audit shall be performed by two members-at-large appointed by Council at the Annual Meeting.

Article 7 *Duty of Officers*

- a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and perform all other duties that custom, parliamentary practice and usage may require.
- b) The Past President shall assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties.
- c) The Secretary-Treasurer, as secretary, shall keep records of the Society and perform all the duties usually pertaining to that office and such other duties as may be prescribed by Council as hereinafter provided. As Treasurer, he/she shall receive and disburse and duly account for all sums of money belonging to the

Society. He/she shall keep accounts and vouchers of all receipts and payments on behalf of the Society, and of all funds with the disposition thereof that may be placed in his/her keeping. These accounts with a financial report for the preceding year shall be submitted to the Society at the Annual Meeting.

- d) The Financial Report of the Secretary-Treasurer shall, with the vouchers, be referred to the Auditor who shall examine the same and report to the Annual Meeting.

Article 8 Committees

There shall be appointed by Council at the Annual Meeting, a Nominating Committee and such special committees as the business of the Society may from time to time require.

Article 9 Funds and Appropriations

- a) Active members shall pay to the Society Membership Dues, the amount of which will be determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting. All those attending the Annual Meeting shall pay the Registration Fee.
- b) No Member shall be elected to office or take part in the proceedings of the Society until he/she has properly registered his/her name and paid the required dues for the current year.
- c) Any Member of the Society may withdraw from it on signifying his/her desire to do so in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer. Any Member who shall fail for three successive years to pay dues after notice by the Secretary-Treasurer shall be regarded as having resigned membership, unless such dues shall have been exempted by Council for sufficient reason.
- d) Any Member who shall be considered unfit for membership shall be dismissed from membership if two-thirds of Members of Council and two-thirds of those present at the Annual Meeting so vote.
- e) Funds collected from membership dues shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Society.
- f) All Speakers shall be paid an honorarium consistent with the policy of the SOGC in this regard. This will cover one or more talks given during the meeting. The disbursement of this honorarium shall be contingent on the receipt of a summary of the presentation, either on paper or electronic. Reasonable reimbursement will also be made for travel and accommodation for Guest Speakers. Medical Residents shall be reimbursed for travel expenses and accommodation, but shall not receive an honorarium.
- g) The Financial Year of the Society shall end December 31.

Article 10 Order of Business

- a) Registration
- b) Call to order by President, or in his/her absence by the Vice-President, or in his/her absence by a Chairman chosen by Members present
- c) Reading of minutes of the preceding meeting
- d) Business arising from the minutes
- e) Reading of Communications
- f) Reports from Standing and Special Committees
- g) Report of Council
- h) Financial Report of Secretary-Treasurer
- i) Appointment of Nominating Committee
- j) New Business
- k) Presentation of papers and discussion

Article 11 Affiliation

Affiliation with other medical organizations may be made from time to time, upon such conditions as may be determined, provided that such affiliations be made on an equitable basis, and that notice of motion of such affiliation shall be given at the preceding Annual Meeting.

Article 12 Alterations and Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society shall not be repealed, added to or amended unless by a two-thirds vote of the Members present at the meeting at which such alteration shall be submitted, and unless notice of such resolution to alter shall have been given in writing at the preceding Annual Meeting, or at a special meeting of the Society, and incorporated by him/her in the notice calling the meeting.