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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME
The name of this Organization shall be the American Academy of Periodontology and Dental Implantology, hereinafter called "the Academy" or "this Academy."

ARTICLE II - OBJECT
It shall be the object of this Academy to advance the art and science of periodontology and, by its application, maintain and improve the health of the public.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION AND DISSOLUTION
This Academy is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

If this corporation is dissolved at any time, no part of its funds or property may be distributed to, or among, its members. After payment of all indebtedness of this corporation, the remaining funds or properties shall be used to foster the art and science of periodontology in a manner to be determined by the then-governing body of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP
The membership of this Academy shall consist of dentists and other persons whose qualifications and classifications shall be as established in Chapter I of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V - DUES AND FEES
The dues and fees of the Academy shall be established in Chapter IX of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNMENT
Section 1. LEGISLATIVE BODY:
The legislative body of this Academy shall be the General Assembly as provided in Chapter II of the Bylaws.

Section 2. EXECUTIVE BODY:
The executive body of this Academy shall be the Board of Trustees as provided in Chapter IV of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS
Section 1. ELECTED OFFICERS:
The elected officers of this Academy shall be a President, a President Elect, a Vice President, an Immediate Past President and a Secretary/Treasurer. All of these officers shall be elected under the provisions of Chapter II, Section 7 of the Bylaws.

Section 2. APPOINTIVE OFFICERS:
The appointive officers of the Academy shall be an Executive Director, and Editor or Editors as shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees as provided in Chapter VIII of the Bylaws.
ARTICLE VIII - ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual Meeting of this Academy shall be composed of the annual session of the General Assembly as provided in Chapter II of the Bylaws and an annual scientific program.

ARTICLE IX - THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PERIODONTOLOGY
This Academy shall recognize the American Board of Periodontology as provided in Chapter X of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY FOUNDATION
This Academy shall recognize the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation as provided in Chapter XIII of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - JOURNAL
There shall be a journal of the American Academy of Periodontology and Dental Implantology as its official publication as provided in Chapter XI of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - ENDOWMENT FUNDS
This Academy may sponsor and receive endowment funds as memorials, for the support of its official publication, student loans and scholarships, and for other projects designed to promote the objective of the Academy.

ARTICLE XIII - PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS
The Code of Conduct for Academy Members and Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association and shall govern the professional conduct of the members of this Academy.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS
This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting on recommendation of the Board of Trustees and three-fourths vote of the members of the General Assembly present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to all voting members at least sixty (60) days prior to the date on which the vote is taken.

This Constitution also may be amended at any Annual Meeting on recommendation of the Board of Trustees and on unanimous vote of the members of the General Assembly present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at a previous meeting of said session.
CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION:
The members of this Academy shall be classified as follows:
(a) Active Members
(b) Associate Members
(c) Student Members
(d) International Student Members
(e) International Members
(f) Life Active Members
(g) Retired Members
(h) Honorary Members

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS:
The qualifications for the various classifications of membership shall be as follows:

A. **Active Members.** Any dentist shall be eligible to be an Active member who is licensed to practice in the United States and its territories, is a member in good standing of the American Dental Association and who meets at least one of the following qualifications:
1. is ethically qualified to announce as a specialist in periodontology according to the requirements of the American Dental Association and limits practice to periodontology;
2. is ethically qualified to announce as a specialist in periodontology and also as a specialist in one or more of the other recognized specialties according to the requirements of the American Dental Association and limits practice to periodontology and the other announced specialty or specialties;
3. has continually been an Active member of this Academy (or the American Society of Periodontists) since June 6, 1967; or
4. is engaged primarily in teaching and research in periodontology (or is a full time academic who has transferred from a teaching to an administrative position) with supplemental practice, if any, limited to periodontology.
5. has successfully completed periodontal training in an accredited periodontal program in the United States.

A foreign-trained dentist residing in the United States or its territories who has completed advanced training in periodontics in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association shall be eligible to be an Active member even if the dentist is not licensed to practice in one of those countries, provided the other criteria set forth above are met.
Any Canadian dentist who was an Active member of the Academy on September 26, 2002 may retain Active membership status by electing such status prior to the next date for payment of the member’s dues.

B. **Associate Members.** Any dentist shall be eligible to be an Associate member who is a resident of the United States and its territories, is a member in good standing of the American Dental Association and is interested in the art and science of periodontology. However, no dentist who meets the qualifications to be an Active member under subsection A(1)-(4) shall be eligible to be an Associate member.

C. **Student Members.** Any person shall be eligible to be a Student member who is continuously enrolled in a training program in periodontology accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Student members may remain such for up to two years after graduation, during which period their practices, if any, must be limited to periodontology. An extension of the two-year limitation may only be obtained by application to the Board of Trustees.

Student members may remain in, or return to, this category if they choose to continue in other full-time accredited educational programs after completing their periodontal program.

D. **International Student Members.** Any dentist who is enrolled in an advanced specialty education program in periodontics as defined by their country of residence shall be eligible to be an International Student member.

E. **International Members.** Any dentist residing outside of the United States and its territories shall be eligible to be an International member who is interested in the art and science of periodontology and who is either a member of a recognized national dental association or a recognized Canadian provincial dental association if the dentist resides in Canada.

F. **Life Active Members.** Any person shall be eligible for Life Active membership: (a) who has been an Active member in good standing in the Academy for at least 25 consecutive years, has attained age 65, and derives income from the practice of dentistry, or (b) was a Life Voting member prior to September 26, 2002.

G. **Retired Members.** Any person who has been a dues paying member of the Academy for ten years or who is disabled, shall be eligible to be a Retired member upon complete retirement from the practice of dentistry. Members in the Retired category as of November 14, 2011 are grandfathered in the category without having paid dues for 10 years. Members who were Life Non-Active members prior to November 14, 2011, are grandfathered into this category.

H. **Honorary Members.** Honorary members shall be chosen from those persons who have made outstanding contributions to the art and science of periodontology. Recipients of Honorary membership must be persons who are ineligible for Active membership. Current staff and paid consultants are ineligible for Honorary membership.

Any person who is in default with any financial obligations to the Academy or who is in violation of the Code of Conduct for Academy Members or Principles of Ethics and Code of
Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association (or of analogous principles applicable to non-residents of the United States) may be denied membership in the Academy.

SECTION 3. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP:
Members in good standing of the various classifications of membership shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges:

A. **Active and Life Active Members.** Active and Life Active members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Academy including the right to vote, to make nominations, to hold office and to serve on all committees.

B. **Associate, Student, International Student, International and Retired Members.** Associate, Student, International Student, International and Retired members shall be entitled to all the privileges of Active members except the right to vote, to make nominations, to hold office or to serve on committees whose membership is limited to Active members.

C. **Honorary Members.** Honorary members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an Active member except the right to vote, to make nominations, to hold office or to serve on committees whose membership is reserved for Active members. Honorary members shall, in addition, enjoy any greater rights and privileges attached to the classification of membership, if any, to which they belonged immediately prior to becoming Honorary members.

SECTION 8. RECLASSIFICATION

A. **Life Active Membership.** Active members of the Academy meeting the applicable eligibility requirements may petition the Secretary/Treasurer for reclassification as a Life Active member. After verifying the petitioner's eligibility, the Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the Board of Trustees that the petitioner has been reclassified.

B. **Retired Membership.** Associate members, International members or Active members who do not meet the eligibility requirements for Life Active membership may petition the Secretary/Treasurer for reclassification as Retired members. Such petitions shall be referred by the Secretary/Treasurer to the Board of Trustees, which shall make a determination of the petitioner's eligibility.

C. **Other Classifications.** Members who become eligible for reclassification into other classifications of membership may complete an appropriate application for submission to the Secretary/Treasurer. Such applications will be treated as applications for new membership in the classification in question, except that supporting endorsements from Active members will not be required if such endorsements were submitted in connection with a previous membership application. Upon reclassification the member will become entitled to all of the privileges and responsibilities of the new membership classification upon payment of any differential in initiation fees between the new and the old membership classifications, except Student and International Student.
members, who do not pay an initiation fee upon reclassification into another membership category.

If a member loses eligibility for the member's present classification of membership, the Secretary/Treasurer may initiate a reclassification of the member into another membership classification for which the individual is eligible. The member shall be given notice of such proposed action and may voluntarily withdraw from membership in the Academy rather than accept the reclassification, or, if the member desires to contest the proposed action, request a hearing by the Secretary/Treasurer, to be held during the Annual Meeting.