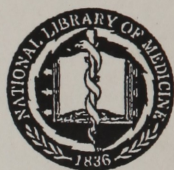


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WHEREAS, by an act of the general assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, entitled, "An Act, to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this commonwealth, the powers and immunities of corporations, or bodies politic in law," it is enacted, "That when any number of persons, citizens of this commonwealth are associated, or mean to associate, for any literary, charitable, or for any religious purpose; and shall be desirous to acquire and enjoy the immunities of a corporation or a body politic in law, it shall, and may be lawful for such persons to prepare an instrument in writing, therein specifying the objects, articles, conditions, name, style, or title, under which they have associated, or mean to associate, and the same to exhibit and present to the Attorney-General of the commonwealth for the time being, for his perusal and approbation, and afterwards to the Supreme Court of said commonwealth, for the perusal and approbation of said court, which, if finally approved, shall be sent with certificates of such approbation to the governor of the commonwealth, in order to be

by him transmitted to the master of the rolls, to be enrolled, and thence the persons so associating shall become, and be a corporation or body politic in law and in fact."

Now, in pursuance, and by virtue of the said recited act of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, the subscribers constituting an association under the title of "The Philadelphia Medical Society," being desirous to acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of a corporation or body politic in law, for the literary purposes of their society, do present this instrument in writing, containing, as is hereafter set forth, the objects, articles, and conditions, style, or title, under which they have associated, to the said Attorney and Supreme Court respectively, for their perusal and approbation to the intent that they may become, and be, a corporation or body politic in law and in fact, agreeably to the provisions in the said recited act.— That is to say,

*Article 1.*—The corporation shall be styled, "The Philadelphia Medical Society," and shall consist of all the members of the association under that name, and such other members as shall hereafter be duly chosen, agreeably to the by-laws of said corporation, for the purpose of the mutual improvement in the science of medicine, and for the promoting of medical knowledge.

*Article 2.*—The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, three secretaries, one treasurer, and two curators, which officers shall be chosen at such times in such manner, and for such periods, respectively, as the by-laws of the society shall ordain. But all the officers now in office, shall so remain, until the next stated period of election. The duties of the officers respectively shall be such as the by-laws of the society do or shall prescribe or ordain.



*Article 3.*—The corporation shall convene every year at six o'clock, P. M. of the first Saturday of November, and from that time shall continue to meet, at the same hour, and on the same day in each week, until the last Saturday of the ensuing February, in every year inclusive. But there shall be moreover two extraordinary meetings in each session, one on the first Wednesday of December, and the other on the first Wednesday of February, at six o'clock in the evening of those days respectively, for the sole and exclusive purposes of making, or altering, and amending the by-laws of the society, and of electing the officers thereof.

*Article 4.*—That the said corporation and their successors, by the name, style, and title aforesaid, shall forever hereafter be able and capable, in law and in fact, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge or judges, justice or justices, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands whatsoever, they shall have power to make, have, and use one common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall deem proper, and the same to break, alter, and renew, at their pleasure; they shall have power and authority to make rules, by-laws and ordinances; and to do every other act and thing needful for the good government and support of the affairs of the said corporation: Provided always, That the said by-laws, rules or ordinances, or any of them, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, and laws of this commonwealth, or to this instrument.

*Article 5.*—The said corporation and their successors, by the name, style, and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, according to the terms and conditions of this instrument, to take, receive, and hold, all grants, gifts, devises, and bequests, of real,

personal, or mixed, estates, and to dispose thereof in any lawful manner for the use of the corporation: Provided always, that the clear yearly value of the estate, real, personal, or mixed, of the said corporation, and the interest of money by them lent, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds.

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I have perused and examined the preceding instrument, and hereby certify, that I am of opinion, that the objects, articles, and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

JARED INGERSOLL, Attorney-General.

*April 6th, 1792.*

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We the justices of the Supreme Court of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby certify, that at a supreme court, held at Philadelphia, for the said commonwealth, on the thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, an act or instrument of incorporation of the Philadelphia Medical Society, by the name and title of "The Philadelphia Medical Society," signed by a number of persons, citizens of this commonwealth, together with the opinion of Jared Ingersoll, Esquire, attorney-general of this commonwealth, thereon, was exhibited to the said Supreme Court, who having perused and examined the same, concur with him in opinion, that the objects, articles, and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

THOMAS M'KEAN,  
EDWARD SHIPPEN,  
JASPER YEATES,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD.

*In the name, and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

**THOMAS MIFFLIN,**

GOVERNOR OF THE SAID COMMONWEALTH,

To MATTHEW IRVIN, Esq.

*Master of the Rolls in and for the said Commonwealth,*

SENDS GREETING:

WHEREAS it has been duly certified to me, by Jared Ingersoll, Esquire, attorney-general of the said commonwealth, and by Thomas M'Kean, Esquire, chief-justice, and Edward Shippen, Jasper Yeates, and William Bradford, Esquires, justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, that they have respectively perused and examined the foregoing act or instrument, for the incorporation of "The Philadelphia Medical Society;" and that they concur in opinion, that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful. NOW KNOW YOU, that in pursuance of the act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, I have transmitted the said act, or instrument of incorporation unto you, the said Matthew Irvin, master of the rolls aforesaid, hereby requiring you to enrol the same, at the expense of the applicants, to the intent that according to the objects, articles, and conditions therein set forth and contained, the parties may become, and be, a corporation, or body politic in law, and in fact, to have continuance by name, style, and title, in the said instrument provided and declared.

Given under my hand, and the great seal of the state, at Philadelphia, this second day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and of the commonwealth the sixteenth.

By the Governor,

A. J. DALLAS, Secretary.

Inrolled in the rolls office for the state of Pennsylvania, in law book No. 4, page 465, &c. Witness my hand and seal of office, the second day of June, 1792.

[L. s.]

MATTHEW IRVIN.

# BY-LAWS

OF THE

## PHILADELPHIA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

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### 1. OF MEETINGS.

A majority of the members present, at any meeting, shall have power to call a special meeting at any time.

#### *i. Of Ordinary Meetings.*

##### 1—ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND OTHER REGULATIONS.

I. The society shall be constituted at half past six o'clock, P. M.

II. The minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, and, if necessary, corrected.

III. Candidates shall be introduced.

IV. Committees shall report.

V. Motions shall be in order.

VI. The recording secretary shall announce the subject of the lecture for the next sitting, and the name of the lecturer.

VII. At seven o'clock, the lecture for the evening shall be read, unless the private business cannot, in the judgment of the presiding officer, be conveniently postponed.

VIII. Observations on the essay shall be in order.

IX. After discussion, the subject shall, on motion, be dismissed.

X. The minutes shall be read.

XI. On motion, the society shall be adjourned.

## 2—OF MOTIONS, AT ORDINARY MEETINGS.

Any member may make whatever motion he thinks will tend to the benefit of the society. The proposal or motion must, if requested, be given to the presiding officer in writing, and, if seconded, shall, being in order, be immediately acted on, unless a majority of the members present wish it to lie over for a week's consideration. In either case, it shall be recorded on the minutes of the society.

At any period of the evening, any member shall be entitled to move the adjournment of the society, and, if seconded, his motion shall be put to the vote, and a majority of the members present shall have power in such case to put an end to all other proceedings, and, the minutes having been previously read, to cause an adjournment of the society.

Every motion shall be carried by a majority of the members present, except such as relate to subjects provided for by the other by-laws of the society.

## 3—MODE OF APPOINTING COMMITTEES.

The presiding officer shall nominate one gentleman, who shall be the chairman of the committee, and who shall name the second, the second the third, and so on, until the number agreed on shall be completed. But the standing committees shall be appointed in the manner directed in Article II, Section ix. At any time the society may, on motion, appoint committees by ballot.

## 4—INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES.

The recording secretary shall introduce such candidates for junior membership, as have been approved of by the examining committee, to the presiding officer of the society, who shall deliver to them the following address:

*Sir, (or Gentlemen)*—Having acquitted yourself (yourselves) in a satisfactory manner, before the examining committee of the Philadelphia Medical Socie-

ty, you are judged worthy of a seat (seats) in this institution. Do you publicly declare, that so long as you shall continue a member (members) of the same, you will comply with all its laws, and use your best endeavours to promote its prosperity?

Should the candidate answer in the affirmative, he shall be requested to take his seat among the members of the society.

Junior members, who have not been before the examining committee, shall be addressed in the following manner:

*Sir, (or Gentlemen)*—Having been, in due form, elected a junior member of the Philadelphia Medical Society, do you publicly declare, that so long as you shall continue a member of the same, you will comply with all its laws, and use your best endeavours to promote its prosperity?

The member, having answered in the affirmative, shall be requested, by the presiding officer, to take his seat among the members.

#### 5—OF DECORUM.

No member shall interrupt the presiding officer, or any other member, while speaking.

No member or visitor shall be permitted to leave the hall, while any member is speaking or reading. In the intervals of the discussion, time shall be allowed for the departure of those who may desire it. But any person may, by obtaining permission from the presiding officer, retire at any time.

No member shall resist the orders of the presiding officer, but he may appeal from his decision to the society. To reverse a decision from the chair, the votes of two-thirds of the members present shall be required.

#### 6—OF DISSERTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS.

At each ordinary meeting of the society, there shall be *read* a dissertation on some subject relating

to the science of medicine. After the dissertation has been read, the members shall be permitted to express their respective opinions on the essay, and on the subject of which it may treat. The essayist shall not introduce into his dissertation any sentiment or language derogatory to the dignity of the society, or offensive to morality or decorum, nor shall he be permitted to indulge in any kind of personal abuse, as it is very desirable that the *argumentum ad rem* should alone find an asylum in a society dedicated to the promotion of the noblest of the sciences. During the subsequent discussion, it shall be the duty of those who discuss, to observe the restrictive rules laid down for the government of the reader of the essay.

No member shall be at liberty to speak *more than twice* on the subject under discussion without having obtained special permission, *by a vote of the society*, nor more than *once* until all who may choose to speak shall have spoken, and the reader of the dissertation shall have been requested by the chairman to reply, if he please, to the observations of the speakers. At nine o'clock, provided an opportunity does not occur earlier, the essayist shall have the privilege of the floor, unless some one be then speaking, in which case he must wait until that speaker shall have concluded his observations.

In no instance shall the debate on any dissertation be adjourned to another evening, but the subject shall, in all cases, be dismissed before the termination of the sitting.

## ii. *Of Extraordinary Meetings.*

### 1—ORDER OF BUSINESS AT EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS.

I. The society shall be constituted at half past six o'clock.

II. The minutes of the preceding ordinary and extraordinary meetings, shall be read and, if necessary, corrected.



III. Motions for making, altering, amending or repealing by-laws shall be in order.

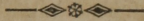
IV. In this place, at the extraordinary meeting in February, it shall be in order, to proceed to the election of officers.

V. The minutes shall be read, and on motion, the society shall be adjourned.

#### 2—REGULATIONS CONCERNING EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS.

Every motion for making, altering, amending, or repealing by-laws, shall be made in writing, seconded, and laid before the society, at the ordinary meeting, *immediately* preceding the extraordinary meeting at which it is to be considered.

To carry any motion on the subject of by-laws, a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present shall be required.



## II. OF OFFICERS.

No one shall be eligible to any office in the society who is not a graduate in medicine, and also a member of the society, excepting the recording secretary, who shall be a junior member of the society.

The officers of the society shall be chosen by ballot, and no one shall be considered duly elected who has not a majority of the votes given in.

The vice-presidents and corresponding secretaries shall be designated on the tickets of members, as 1st and 2d, not to establish any precedence but to prevent confusion.

At any time the society shall have power to fill vacancies caused by the death, resignation or expulsion of officers.

### i. *Of the President.*

It shall be the duty of the President to sign all diplomas granted by the society, to preside, if pre-

sent, at all meetings, to regulate debates, state and put questions agreeably to the sense and intention of the movers, &c.

## ii. *Of Vice-Presidents.*

In the absence of the President the Vice-Presidents shall perform his duties, and they shall also sign all the diplomas of the society.

## iii. *Of the Chairman.*

When the Vice-Presidents and President are absent from the chair, it shall be occupied by one of the chairmen of the society, or by a chairman, appointed, if necessary, pro tempore. The presiding chairman shall be invested with all the authority of the president. It shall be the duty of the presiding chairman to attend at the opening of each meeting during his month.—In his absence the chairman of the succeeding month shall preside.

## iv. *Of Corresponding Secretaries.*

The corresponding secretaries shall give notice to honorary members of their election, write and answer letters in behalf of the society and manage all matters of correspondence.

## v. *Of the Recording Secretary.*

The Recording Secretary shall attend each meeting of the society, take down the minutes, and when corrected, copy them into a book kept for that purpose. He shall insert the reports of committees at full length, together with all motions, having the name of the proposer and the person who seconds them attached; he shall likewise read all letters and papers that may be communicated to the society, and transcribe into a proper book, such of them as the society may think worthy of being preserved; he is also to deliver a correct statement to the treasurer of all the fines incurred

at each meeting. He is required to deliver to one of the members of the examining committee, at each meeting, a list of the candidates for junior membership proposed at that meeting. He shall introduce by name, to the presiding officer of the society, the members elect, on the night of their admission, and shall, before such introduction, deliver to each a printed copy of these laws, and a certificate of membership, and shall receive in return the fee of initiation, and pay it immediately into the hands of the treasurer.

He shall enter in proper place, and in a book kept exclusively for the purpose, the names, titles and residence of honorary members and the date of their election. He shall insert in the same book the name, titles, and residence of those who have become honorary members by receiving a degree in Medicine. He shall keep a separate record of all resolutions, having the force of by-laws, and shall have them published as a supplement to the printed code, at the end of each session. He shall cause to be published weekly, during the session, the name of the lecturer and subject for the next stated meeting. The minutes shall be regularly signed by the recording secretary, as also all the acts and diplomas of the society, and the minute book, book of honorary membership, and other papers connected with his department, shall be confided to his care, and he shall be required to deliver them in good order to his successor.

He shall deliver to the treasurer, weekly, a list of the junior members introduced into the society.

If he shall be absent at the time for constituting the society, he shall be fined one dollar, unless in case of sickness, when he shall give due notice thereof, and transmit a correct statement of the minutes of the preceding meeting.

#### vi. *Of the Treasurer.*

The treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the society, and shall pay the same, on the lawful

requisitions of the proper officers, certified by the presiding officer of the society. He shall keep a regular account of all monies received, and paid by him for the society, and on the third Saturday of January in each year, or oftener, if required by the society, shall render a statement to them of the stock in his hands, and of the disbursements made by their order, and shall deliver up to his successor all the books and papers in his hands belonging to the society.

### vii. *Of Curators.*

The curators, of whom the librarian ex-officio shall be one, shall take charge of, and preserve for the use of the society, all property, of whatever kind, (money excepted,) in the possession of the society, and keep an exact list of the same, together with the names of donors, in a book provided for the purpose, and at all times open to the inspection of the officers of the society. They shall make a full and regular report, on the fourth Saturday of January in each year, of the property of the society intrusted to them, and shall deliver up the same to their successors in office. Before entering on duty, the curators shall give to the society a receipt for every thing committed to their care. They shall deliver to the recording secretary as many certificates of junior membership as may be required for the use of members, and shall include in their annual report a statement of the number delivered.

### viii. *Of the Librarian and Library.*

A librarian shall be chosen at the extraordinary meeting in February in each year, to whom shall be intrusted the charge of the library.

It shall be the duty of the librarian to make out and keep a correct catalogue of the books in the library, alphabetically arranged, both with respect to subjects and names of authors.

The library shall be open during the year on the afternoon of every Saturday, from five to six o'clock, at which time the librarian shall attend to deliver books to the members, according to the following regulations, viz.

1st. Every junior member wishing to procure books from the library, shall deposit five dollars with the librarian. This sum shall be repaid, provided the book or books borrowed shall be returned in good order, and in conformity with the regulations on the subject.

2dly. Promissary notes, to the amount of twenty dollars, shall be demanded from honorary members, in lieu of the pecuniary deposit.

3dly. Members are entitled to borrow only one volume at a time, excepting where another is necessary for the illustration, by plans, plates, &c. of the first. But two volumes of any work in duodecimo may be obtained at one time.

4th. A duodecimo, or journal, must be returned within one week; an octavo or quarto within two weeks.

5th. The librarian shall keep a list of the volumes loaned, together with the name of the persons to whom loaned, and of the date of the loan.

6th. The loan of any book may be repeated, if no other person apply for it.

7th. On those who fail to return books within the specified time, the following fines shall be imposed: Twelve and a half cents for the first week, twenty-five for the second, and so on, doubling the fine for every succeeding week until the sixth, when the book not having been returned, the amount deposited shall be forfeited, and the defaulter shall pay also to the society the value of the book or books detained, or return them to the society.

8th. A printed copy of the regulations for the library shall be pasted within the cover of each book belonging to the society.

9th. On the fourth Saturday in January of each year, the librarian shall lay before the society a written report, stating the general condition of the library, the number of books purchased, those which have been loaned since the last session, a list of volumes which have not been returned, and the amount of fines and forfeitures.

10th. The money in his hands shall be paid to the treasurer, and the books and other property shall be delivered to his successor.

11th. Before entering on duty, the librarian shall give to the society, through the library-committee, a receipt for every thing intrusted to his care, and shall, for the faithful performance of the duties prescribed by the society, receive the sum of fifty dollars per annum.

12th. Books received or purchased by the library-committee, shall be immediately deposited with the librarian, in default of which the committee shall incur the fines mentioned in section 7th.

## ix. *Of Standing Committees.*

### 1—THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At the extraordinary meeting in February, shall be annually appointed, by ballot, the library committee, which shall consist of three honorary members. To this committee shall be confided the general regulation of the library, the purchasing of books, and such other duties connected with the library as are not assigned to the librarian.

The library committee shall have, at all times, free access to the library.

### 2—THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

At the first meeting of each session, a committee, consisting of five honorary members, two of whom

shall constitute a quorum, shall be elected by the society, and shall be called the examining committee. The examining committee shall meet on the Thursday evening of each week of the session, oftener if necessary, and examine and give judgment on the merits of the candidates, and their judgment shall be final in all cases.

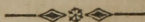
The committee shall deliver weekly, to the recording secretary, a summary of their proceedings.

#### 3—COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The examining committee shall have referred to them all the bills and accounts against the society, and their favourable report shall be a sufficient authority for the drawing, by the presiding officer, of an order on the treasurer for the amount admitted.

#### 4—COMMITTEE ON LECTURES.

On the first evening of each session, a committee of three junior-members shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to ascertain on what evenings of the session the lecturers, appointed during the previous session, are desirous of reading, and to report to the recording secretary, at least one week previously, both the subject of the essay and the name of the lecturer.



### III. OF MEMBERS.

The society shall consist of honorary and junior members.

#### i. *Of Junior Members, Students of Medicine.*

Any *student of medicine* desirous of becoming a junior member of the Philadelphia Medical Society,

must be proposed at an ordinary meeting, by two members, and his place of residence announced.

Should not his nomination be objected to, he shall appear at the appointed time before the examining committee, and shall give evidence that he is a student of medicine, and submit to an examination, on such medical subjects as should, according to his term of study, be known to him.

If approved of, he shall, at a regular meeting of the society, be introduced to the presiding officer, who shall administer to him the obligation contained in ART. 1. SECT. 4.

Every member thus admitted shall, on the evening of his admission, pay to the recording secretary the sum of five dollars, and receive from him the certificate of junior membership, which shall be, to the door-keeper of the society, evidence of his right to admittance to the sittings of the society.

Junior members shall have, *during the sittings of the society*, all the privileges of honorary members, except such as are reserved by other by-laws of the society.

## ii. *Of Junior members, practitioners of Medicine.*

Any person who has obtained a medical degree or is practising, or has practised respectably, the art of medicine, may be proposed as a candidate for Junior membership. The proposal must be made by two members of the society, one of whom shall declare the character and standing of the candidate. A committee of three honorary members shall then be appointed to make inquiry thereon, and upon their favourable report being received, the candidate shall be balloted for, and, on receiving the votes of two-thirds of the members present, shall become a junior member of the society.

Each person thus admitted to membership, shall pay to the recording secretary five dollars, after which



he shall be admitted to the sittings of the society, and have administered to him by the presiding officer the obligation contained in ART. 1. SECT. 4.

iii. *Of Honorary Members, by election.*

Any one who possesses a good moral character, and has distinguished himself by any useful medical publication, or great discovery in medicine, may be proposed for honorary membership, at any ordinary meeting, by two members of the society, one of whom shall declare that he is qualified for honorary membership, according to the above-mentioned prerequisites. On any subsequent ordinary meeting, if no objection have been previously offered, the candidate shall be admitted, by a vote of a majority of the members present, to honorary membership. But should any objection be offered, then shall he be voted for by ballot, and shall not be admitted, without the favourable vote of two-thirds of the members present.

The presiding officer shall direct one of the corresponding secretaries to transmit to the members, thus elected, the honorary diploma of the society.

iv. *Of Honorary Membership conferred on Junior Members.*

The possession of a medical degree received from a respectable medical institution, shall entitle junior members to the privileges and diploma of honorary membership.

But should any junior member, who is not a graduate in medicine, be desirous of becoming an honorary member, he shall present to the society a thesis on a medical subject, on which, together with the several branches of medicine, he shall be examined by a committee of three persons, appointed for the purpose, which committee shall decide whether or not the can-

didate be worthy of honorary membership. In case of a favourable decision the candidate shall, after paying twenty dollars to the treasurer, be furnished with a diploma of honorary membership, signed by the President and Vice-Presidents of the society, and by all the members of the special committee of examination.

#### v. *Privileges and Duties of Members.*

Honorary and junior members shall be *equally* entitled to read papers, to enter into debate, and to enjoy *during the sittings of the society*, all privileges, not prohibited by decorum, nor reserved by the written regulations of the society.

Every member of the society shall execute faithfully and expeditiously, such duties as may be imposed on him by his official station, or by a vote of the society. Nor shall any member be permitted to refuse compliance with lawful requisitions of the society, unless he shall assign reasons for refusal which shall to it seem satisfactory.

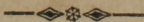
#### vi. *Of Resignations of Members.*

Any member, after discharging all arrears due by him to the society, shall have leave to resign, upon application made therefor, in writing, to the society.

#### vii. *Of Expulsion of Members.*

Any member may be impeached by three members, for contravening the laws of the society. The member impeached shall have transmitted to him a written copy of the impeachment, and the society shall not act on it for one month after the member has received said notice. Then, at an ordinary meeting of the society, he may, in ballot, by a vote of

two-thirds of the members present, be expelled from the society.



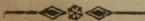
#### IV. OF VISITORS.

Each honorary member of the society shall have the privilege of introducing one visitor to a meeting of the society. Visitors shall be announced by name, introduced to the presiding officer, and placed on the seats within the recess of the hall nearest to the chair.

No gentleman shall be admitted as a visitor, who is not a graduate in medicine, or who may not be at the time, or have been previously, a practitioner of medicine, or who is not a student of medicine, with intent to practice.

But any other person may be admitted as a visitor by the consent of the presiding officer, publicly requested by a member and obtained. If, however, any member or members object, the society shall by vote decide the question.

No restriction whatever shall be placed on the introduction of visitors for the first three sittings of each session.



#### V. BUSINESS FOR PARTICULAR SITTINGS.

##### i. *First Sitting of the Session.*

1—A committee, to consist of three junior members, is to be appointed, called committee on lectures.

2—Also, the examining committee of five honorary members, which is also the committee on accounts.

3—At the first meeting of each session, four honorary members shall be elected, by ballot, to serve as chairmen of the society for the session, each for one month. The order of succession shall be determined by themselves.

ii. *Third Saturday in January,*

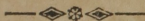
The report of the treasurer is to be received.

iii. *Fourth Saturday in January,*

The reports of the curators and librarian are to be received.

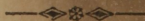
iv. *Last Evening of the Session.*

The society shall appoint a committee of three members, who shall, before leaving the hall, prepare in alphabetical order, a list of names of members from whom dissertations will be expected by the society during the next session. This list, when approved by the society, shall be given to the recording secretary, whose duty it shall be to advise the lecturers of their nomination.



## VI. DONATIONS.

All donations and communications made to the society, shall be deposited in the hands of the proper officers, for the use of the society.



## VII. OF CERTIFICATES.

i. *Form of Certificate of Honorary Membership.*

Societas Medica Philadelphiensis, Anno Domini MDCCLXXXIX. constituta, omnibus qui hæc legerint salutem. Viro ingenio et ornatissimo socium quem in numerum nostrum accepimus, cujus ingenium felicissimum et diligentia indefessa semper

nobis oblectamento fuere, has literas lubentissime donamus atque eum, omnibus Philosophiæ et Medicinæ cultoribus solícite commendabimus. In quorum testimonium sigillum nostrum cum nomine Præsidis subscripto præsentibus apponi fecimus.

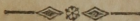
ii. *Form of Certificate of Junior membership.*

This is to certify, that \_\_\_\_\_ having acquitted himself in a satisfactory manner before the Examining Committee, and complied with the other requisitions of the by-laws, was admitted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ a junior member of the Philadelphia Medical Society.

President.

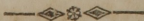
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VIII. OF FINES.

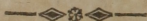
For the infraction of any of the laws or regulations of the society, a fine, not exceeding one dollar, shall be exacted for each offence, from the offending member. The fine shall be imposed by the presiding officer, but the member may appeal from his decision to the society. To reverse a decision from the chair, the votes of two-thirds of the members present shall be required. Until the fines thus imposed shall be paid, the member who has incurred them shall be excluded from the sittings of the society.



IX. OF THE DOOR-KEEPER.

Besides the duties prescribed him by the curators, the door-keeper shall attend at the door of the hall

of the society, during the time of each sitting. He shall prevent the entrance of any junior member who does not present a certificate of membership, or at least give him satisfactory evidence of his right to enter. He shall exclude all other persons, not members of the society, except such as shall be admitted in conformity with the regulations of the association.



MEDICAL HALL,  
*Philadelphia, 1st December, 1824.* }

The laws in the above code shall be the laws of the society, and all previous laws and enactments of the Philadelphia Medical Society shall stand repealed.

True copy from the minutes.

CASPAR MORRIS,  
 Recording Sec'ry.

