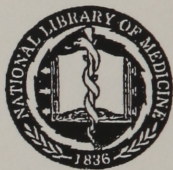


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OF THE

*PHILADELPHIA MEDICAL SOCIETY.*

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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## **PHILADELPHIA MEDICAL SOCIETY,**

AS AMENDED BY THE MEMBERS THEREOF.

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 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 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 the 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, (now



to the Secretary of the commonwealth), to be enrolled, and thence the persons so associating shall become and be a corporation or body politic in law and in fact.”

And whereas also, by the second section of the said Act of Assembly, it is further provided, that as often as the corporations established by virtue of that act, and the successors thereof respectively, shall be desirous of improving, amending or altering the articles and conditions of the instrument upon which the said corporations respectively are as aforesaid formed and established, it shall and may be lawful for such corporations respectively, in like manner to specify the improvements, amendments or alterations which are or shall be desired, and the same to exhibit and present to the Attorney General and Supreme Court, who shall in like manner successively certify their opinion to the Governor of this commonwealth, touching the lawfulness of such improvements, amendments and alterations, and the same being certified as aforesaid, shall in like manner be directed by the Governor to be enrolled, and upon enrolment thereof shall be taken and deemed to be a part of the instrument upon which such corporations respectively were formed and established, to all intents and purposes as if the same had originally made a part thereof.

Now the Philadelphia Medical Society having been established by virtue of the said Act of Assembly, and being desirous of altering certain articles of the act of their incorporation, in pursuance of the power given by the second section of the said Act of Assembly, do present to the Attorney General and Supreme Court respectively, for their perusal and approbation, this instrument of writing, the Constitution of the said society, as amended by the members thereof, in order that the same may be enrolled and established agreeably to the provisions of the said recited act, viz.

**ARTICLE I.**—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 Bye-Laws of the said corporation, for the purpose of mutual improvement in the science of medicine, and for the promoting of medical knowledge.

**ARTICLE II.**—The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be designated by the Bye-Laws, to be chosen at such times, in such manner, and for such periods as the Bye-Laws of the society shall ordain. The duties of the officers severally shall be prescribed by the Bye-Laws.

**ARTICLE III.**—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, bye-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 bye-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 IV.**—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 certify that I have perused and examined the above instrument and articles of association, and am of opinion, that the objects, articles, and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

FREDERICK SMITH.

*Reading, Jan. 5, A.D. 1827*

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We, the undersigned, judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania, certify, that we have perused and examined the above instrument, and concur in opinion with the Attorney General that the objects, articles, and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

WM. TILGHMAN,  
THOMAS DUNCAN,  
MOLTON C. ROGERS,  
JOHN B. GIBSON.

*Philadelphia, January 6, 1827.*

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*Pennsylvania, Eastern District, ss.*

I, JOSHUA RAYBOLD, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, do certify, that the within written amendment to the Constitution of the Philadelphia Medical Society was presented to the said



Supreme Court on the 6th day of January, Anno Domini 1827, and duly allowed by the said court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said court, at Philadelphia, the sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

[L. s.]

JOSHUA RAYBOLD.

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The Governor's order for enrolment was attached to the above instrument of writing, dated the 27th day of January, A.D. 1827.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Harrisburg, February 14, 1832.*

In testimony that the above and foregoing is a true copy from the original record remaining in the said office, in Charter Book No. 4, page 117, &c. I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said office, the day and year aforesaid.

[L. s.]

JAMES TRIMBLE,  
*Deputy Secretary.*

# BYE-LAWS

OF THE

## PHILADELPHIA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

### I. OF OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer, two corresponding secretaries, a senior recording secretary, an orator, librarian, library committee, and two curators, all of whom shall be elected annually at the first stated meeting of the society in the month of January. Besides the foregoing officers, at the first meeting of every session there shall be chosen four chairmen, a junior recording secretary, and committee of election.

Should it so happen, that no election take place at the periods above specified, the election shall be held at the next stated meeting; the officers already elected continuing to perform their respective duties, until new ones have been chosen.

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

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 precedency, 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 present, 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, the chair 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 Secretaries.*

There shall be two Recording Secretaries, one of whom shall be an honorary member, and elected at the annual election in January, and shall be entitled the Senior Recording Secretary; and the other shall be a junior member, and shall be elected at the first stated meeting in November, and shall be entitled the Junior Recording Secretary.

1.—OF THE SENIOR RECORDING SECRETARY.

He shall enter in proper place in a book, kept exclusively for that purpose, the names, titles, and residence of ho-



norary members, and the date of their election; he shall also insert in the same book the names, titles, and residence of those who have become honorary members in course by receiving a degree; and shall sign all diplomas of honorary membership. He shall keep a separate record of all resolutions having the force of bye-laws, and shall have them published as a supplement to the printed code at the end of each session. All records and papers pertaining to the department of the Recording Secretary, including blank diplomas and certificates, (excepting such as are necessary for the present use of the Junior Secretary,) shall be confided to his care. He shall not suffer any book of records, document, or paper to be taken from his possession, without making a minute of the same in a book kept for that purpose, and shall be responsible for their accurate and safe keeping, and be required to deliver them in good order to his successor.

#### 2.—OF THE JUNIOR RECORDING SECRETARY.

He shall attend at each meeting of the society, take down the minutes, and when corrected and accepted, copy them into a book kept for that purpose and sign them. He shall insert the report of committees at full length, together with all motions having the names of the proposer and seconder attached to them; he shall read all letters and papers addressed to the society, and transcribe into a proper book such of them as the society shall deem worthy of preservation; he shall deliver to the treasurer a correct statement of all the fines incurred at each meeting, and shall likewise deliver to the treasurer weekly a list of the junior members introduced into the society. He shall at each meeting deliver to one of the members of the committee of election a list of the candidates for junior membership proposed at each meeting. He shall introduce by name to the presiding officer of the society the members elect on the night of their introduction, having previously received the initiation fee, and deliver to each a printed copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and a certificate of membership. He shall cause to be published weekly, during the session, the name of the lecturer and his subject for the next stated meeting. He shall sign all certificates of junior membership.

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

vi. *Of the Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the society, and shall pay the same, on the lawful requisitions of the proper officer. He shall keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid by him for the society, and on the fourth Saturday of December 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 third Saturday of December in each year, of the property of the society entrusted 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.*

To the librarian 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, al-



phabetically 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.

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

3d. 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 second Saturday in December 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 regulation 7th.

## ix. *Of Committees.*

### 1.—THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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

### 2.—THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTION.

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; to whom shall be referred the application of candidates for membership under ART. II. SECT. i., and the judgment of the committee on the merits and standing of such candidates shall in all cases be final. The committee shall meet on the Thursday evening of each week of the session, oftener if necessary, and shall deliver, weekly, to the recording secretary, a summary of its proceedings.

## 3.—THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The committee of election 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.—THE COMMITTEE ON LECTURES.

On the first evening of each session, a committee of four junior members, of whom the junior recording secretary shall be one, 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.

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 II. 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 a stated 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 committee of election, and shall give satisfactory evidence that he is regularly engaged in the study of medicine.

If approved of by the committee, 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. III. SECT. iv.

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 so-

ciety, 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. III. SECT. iv.

### 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 correspond-



ing 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 candidate 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 a stated meeting of the society, he may, in ballot, by a vote of two thirds of the members present, be expelled from the society.

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III. OF MEETINGS.

The society shall hold two sessions in each year.

During the winter session its meetings shall be held on the Saturday of each week from the first Saturday in November until the last Saturday in March of every year inclusive. During the summer session the meetings shall be held on the same day of each week from the first Saturday in May until the last Saturday in October of every year inclusive, with the exception, however, of the month of August, during which there shall be a recess.

Two of the chairmen or a majority of the members present, at any meeting, shall have power to call a special meeting whenever they may deem the same to be necessary.

i. *Order of Business, and other Regulations.*

I. The society shall be constituted during the winter session at half past six o'clock, P. M., and at half past seven during the summer session.

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 in winter and at eight in summer,

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.

ii. *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, without debate, 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 other by-laws of the society. Every motion for making, by altering, or repealing a by-law of this society shall be made in writing, recorded, and laid on the table at least one meeting preceding that at which it is to be acted upon, when, if approved of by two-thirds of the members present, it shall be carried into force.

iii. *Mode of appointing Special 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 di-



rected in ART. I. SECT. ix.. At any time the society may, on motion, appoint committees by ballot.

#### iv. *Introduction of Candidates.*

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

*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.

#### v. *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.

#### vi. *Of Lectures and Discussions.*

At each ordinary meeting of the society, there shall be delivered a lecture on some subject relating to the science of medicine. After the lecture has been delivered, the members shall be permitted to express their respective opinions on the lecture, and on the subject of which it may treat. The lecturer shall not introduce any sentiment or language derogatory to the dignity of the society, or offen-

sive 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. At nine o'clock, provided an opportunity does not occur earlier, the lecturer 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 lecture be adjourned to another evening, but the subject shall, in all cases, be dismissed before the termination of the sitting.

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#### 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 one 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 each Winter Session.*

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

2. Also, the committee of election to consist 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. *Second Saturday in December,*

The report of the librarian is to be received.

iii. *Third Saturday in December,*

The report of the curators is to be received.

iv. *Fourth Saturday in December,*

The report of the treasurer is to be received.

v. *First Saturday in January,*

The following officers to be elected by ballot, viz. a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Corresponding Secretaries, one Recording Secretary, an Orator, Librarian, Library Committee, and two Curators.

vi. *Last Evening but one, of each Session.*

The society shall appoint a committee of three members, who shall prepare in alphabetical order, a list of names of members from whom dissertations will be expected by the society during the next session, and report the same at the next meeting. This list, when approved by the society, shall be given to the junior 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.

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## VII. OF CERTIFICATES.

i. *Form of Certificate of Honorary Membership.*

Societas Medica Philadelphensis, 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 committee of election, 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.  
Vice Presidents.

Rec. Sec'ry.

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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.

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## 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.

*Officers Elected January 7th, 1832.*

PHILIP SYNG PHYSICK, M.D., *President.*

Samuel Jackson, M.D. }  
John Bell, M.D. } *Vice Presidents.*

Benjamin H. Coates, M.D. }  
D. Francis Condie, M.D. } *Cor. Secretaries.*

Henry Bond, M.D., *Treasurer.*

George W. Norris, *Senior Rec. Secretary.*

Robert M. Huston, M.D., *Librarian.*

Robert M. Huston, M.D. }  
Henry Bond, M.D. } *Library Committee.*  
—— Summerl, M.D. }

Robert M. Huston, M.D. }  
Thomas H. Ritchie, M.D. } *Curators.*

John P. Hopkinson, M.D., *Orator.*

*Officers Elected for the Winter Session of 1831—2,  
November 5, 1831.*

Henry Bond, M.D. }  
Robert M. Huston, M.D. } *Chairmen.*  
D. F. Condie, M.D. }  
Hugh L. Hodge, M.D. }

J. P. Hopkinson, M.D. }  
J. Pancoast, M.D. } *Committee of Election.*  
E. J. Coxe, M.D. }

T. F. Betton, }  
J. M. Brewer, } *Committee on Lectures.*  
—— Post, }

Thomas F. Betton, *Junior Rec. Secretary.\**

\* *January 7th, 1832, Mr Betton resigned the office of Secretary,  
and Mr Edward Peace was elected.*



