

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ALASKA CHIROPRACTIC SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Alaska Chiropractic Society.” (A.C.S.)

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

The A.C.S. is established for the purpose of propagation of chiropractic as a separate and distinct healing art. To seek and ensure competent care and adequate safeguards to the public. To educate the public in the healing art of chiropractic. The organization shall operate in conformance with the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act, Alaska Stat. § 10.20.005 et seq., and its income and profit shall not inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. CHARTER MEMBERSHIP: Doctors belonging to the A.C.S. at the time of its original charter.

SECTION 2. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Doctors of chiropractic licensed in the state of Alaska who are actively engaged in the practice of chiropractic.

SECTION 3. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: Those enrolled in accredited colleges of chiropractic wishing to share with the Alaska Chiropractic Society the premise set forth by this document. They shall be heard and an evaluation of their expressions shall be made by the officers; if they find it necessary to bring the matter before the membership, it will be done at the regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION 4. RETIRED MEMBERSHIP: Those doctors who continue to hold an active license to practice chiropractic in the State of Alaska, but who are not engaged in the practice at the time they join.

SECTION 5. TEMPORARY PERMIT HOLDERS: Not to be differentiated from general membership when actively practicing.

SECTION 6. CCA MEMBERSHIP: Those Chiropractic Clinical Assistants employed by A.C.S. Member Doctors of Chiropractic in good standing. They shall be heard and an evaluation of their expressions shall be made by the officers; if they find it necessary to bring the matter before the membership, it will be done at the regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION 7. MEMBERSHIP FEES: Outlined by By-Laws Article II.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD

The elected officers of the Alaska Chiropractic Society Executive Board shall be:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Past President – voting member of the Executive Board; serves two (2) years immediately following expiration of term as President (see Article VII)

SECTION 2. NON-VOTING APPOINTMENTS:

- Historian
- Parliamentarian
- National Chiropractic Organization Liaison(s)

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Nominations of any qualified doctor of chiropractic (qualified being defined under Article V, Section 2.) shall be submitted to the existing officers of the A.C.S. not later than July 1, of each election year. All nominations must be submitted in writing by the nominator with the approval of the nominee.

SECTION 2. QUALIFIED DEFINED:

ITEM A. The nominee must be a member in good standing of the A.C.S.

ITEM B. The nominee must have practiced within the State of Alaska for at least one year. The exception is at the time of charter.

ITEM C. It must be evident to other members that the nominee contemplates continued residence throughout his/her term of office.

ITEM D. The nominee must have maintained a high level of professionalism.

ITEM E. The nominee must consider time involved to fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

ITEM F. The nominee for secretary must have a basic working knowledge of the mechanics of correspondence.

ITEM G. The treasurer must have a familiarity with mathematics and bookkeeping procedures.

ITEM H. The newly elected officials shall meet individually and as a group for a time sufficient to ensure a smooth transition of duties.

SECTION 3. Installation shall take place at the election meeting.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT: The names of nominees for president shall be forwarded to the membership not less than one (1) month before the election meeting, the fall meeting. In the event of a tie or less than majority vote, a decided vote will be made at that election meeting. Balloting will be made by mail or electronic submission, with late or absentee ballots accepted at the fall meeting. Election returns will be announced at the time designated by the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. VICE-PRESIDENT: As prescribed for the president in Article VI, Section 1.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY: As prescribed for the president in Article VI, Section 1.

SECTION 4. TREASURER: As prescribed for the president in Article VI, Section 1.

ARTICLE VII

TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall be two (2) years from October of the election year and shall terminate at the October election meeting of the second (2nd) year. Upon conclusion of his/her term, the outgoing President shall automatically assume the position of Past President, serving as a voting member of the Executive Board for two (2) years. The Past President position is established to ensure leadership continuity and institutional knowledge transfer in accordance with Alaska Stat. § 10.20.081. The Past President shall have full voting rights on all Executive Board matters during his/her two-year term.

SECTION 2. INABILITY TO SERVE AS PAST PRESIDENT: If the outgoing President is unable or unwilling to serve as Past President for any reason, the Board of Directors shall appoint a former Past President of the A.C.S. to serve in that capacity for the remainder of the two-year term. Such appointment shall be made by majority vote of the remaining Executive Board members at the next regularly scheduled or specially called board meeting. The appointed former Past President must be a member in good standing of the A.C.S. at the time of appointment and throughout his/her service.

SECTION 3. SUCCESSION PLAN – VACANCY IN OFFICE: In the event that any elected Executive Board officer is unable to complete his/her term of office due to resignation, incapacity, removal, death, or other cause, the following succession procedures shall apply, consistent with Alaska Stat. § 10.20.096 and Roberts' Rules of Order:

ITEM A. PRESIDENT: If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall immediately assume the duties and full authority of the President for the remainder of the term. The Board shall then appoint a qualified member in good standing to fill the vacant Vice-President position for the remainder of that term.

ITEM B. VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, OR TREASURER: If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Executive Board shall, by majority vote, appoint a qualified member of the A.C.S. in good standing to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The appointment shall be ratified at the next general membership meeting.

ITEM C. PAST PRESIDENT: If a vacancy occurs in the Past President position, the Board of Directors shall appoint a former Past President per Section 2 of this Article.

ITEM D. MULTIPLE VACANCIES: In the event of simultaneous vacancies in more than one office, the remaining Executive Board members shall convene a special meeting within thirty (30) days to address all vacancies in order of succession, beginning with the highest office. If fewer than two (2) Executive Board members remain, a special membership meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days to elect replacements.

ITEM E. NOTIFICATION: All memberships shall be notified of any vacancy and its resolution within fifteen (15) days of the appointment or succession, by mail or electronic communication.

Log of AOI Actions

This document upon ratification by the Alaska Chiropractic Society will be in full force and effective until changed, amended, or revised.

1. ARTICLE I: modified 12/2010
2. ARTICLE III: SECTION 2-8 modified 1/22/2011
3. ARTICLE IV: SECTION 1-3 modified 1/22/2011
4. ARTICLE VI: SECTION 2 modified 1/22/2011
5. ARTICLE VII: modified 1/22/2011
6. ARTICLE IV: SECTION 2 modified 01/06/2015
7. ARTICLE III: SECTION 6 renumbered to section 7; NEW SECTION 6 CCA Membership added 10/04/2018.
8. ARTICLE VI: SECTION 1 modified – added “or electronic submission” 10/04/2018
9. ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE – MODIFIED [DATE]. Statutory conformance language added referencing Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act (AS 10.20.005 et seq.).
10. ARTICLE IV: SECTION 1 – MODIFIED [DATE]. Past President added as a fifth (5th) elected, voting member of the Executive Board with a two (2) year term.
11. ARTICLE VII: TERM OF OFFICE – MODIFIED [DATE]. Past President role formalized as a two (2) year voting Executive Board seat following expiration of term as President. “Ex-official” language replaced. SECTION 2 ADDED: inability-to-serve provision allowing Board to appoint a former Past President. SECTION 3 ADDED: Succession Plan governing vacancies in all officer positions, consistent with AS 10.20.096 and Roberts’ Rules of Order.