# REGULATIONS OF THE LEBANESE SOCIETY OF PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY:

<u>Article 1</u>: Name and Headquarters of the Society.

The Society is designated under the name "Lebanese Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery". Its headquarters are at the Lebanese Order of Physicians in Beirut.

Article 2. : Aim of the Society.

This Society aims:

- 1. a) to undertake scientific activities in order to raise the standard of plastic surgeons in Lebanon through meetings in which the surgeons will explain their personal expereinces and where their scientific research is discussed.
  - b) to ensure professional relations amongst its members.
- 2. to take an active part in all national or international social activity in relation with plastic surgery.

Article 3. : Conditions of admission.

In order to be admitted as a member of the Society, the applicant should:

1. Be registered at the Order of Physicians.

2. Be registered as plastic surgery specialist at the Order of Physicians.

3. Present a written request for his admission in the Society through its Secretary.

Article 4.: Constitution of the Society.

not eligible.

The Society is composed of six sorts of members:

1. Candidate Memebers: These are physicians having the requested qualifications. They should be practising plastic surgery at the time when their candidature is submitted to the Executive Committee. An affirmative vote of 3/4 of active mem bers present and voting in a general assembly is necessary for their admission as candidate members. Besides, their candidature should be proposed by one or many active members. Candidate members do not have to pay admission fee nor annual subscription. They cannot vote and they are

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2. Active Members: They are the only members allowed to elect the members of the Executive Committee, to propose and vote amendments to the present regulations.

Active Members should be surgeons of high probity. They should have registered at the Ministry of Health and also at the Order of Physicians. They can be admitted as active members only after spending a year at least as candidate members. The candidate member will have to be accepted by the Executive Committee. After paying his admission fees as well as the annual subscription, the active member will be entitled to vote at all meetings and becomes eligible in the Executive Committee.

- 3. Associate Members: Associate members may not be plasticians but they should belong to a neighbouring branch (Orthopaedia, Infant Surgery, O.R.L., cancer surgery, etc...) in relation with plastic surgery. These members are invited upon proposition of the Executive Committee and admitted, after positive vote of 4/5 of the active physicians present at the annual meeting of the general assembly. Associate members have the same rights and obligations as the active members except the right of having a post in the Executive Committee and of voting.
- 4. Corresponding Members: These are associate members living abroad. In order to become a corresponding member, the Candidate should be introduced by an active member to the Executive Committee who will file together the record concerning the applicant. Corresponding members will be either Lebanese citizens or foreigners living abroad; they mostly occupy a high position in the hierarchy of their country. An affirmative vote of 4/5 of the active members present and voting in a annual or special general assembly is necessary in order to accept their candidature. Corresponding members have to pay admission fees only. They will not be allowed to hold any post in the Executive Committee nor to vote.

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- 5. Honorary Members: Lebanese or foreign professors, holder of professorships at Universities, Heads of Department, eminent Lebanese or foreign surgeons. Honorary members are physicians or scientist whom the Society wishes to honour because of some exceptional works and research in the field of plastic surgery. An active member can propose the candidature of a honorary member to the Executive Committee, who will submit it to the general assembly where a vote by common consent must be obtained. A honorary member enjoys all the Society privileses, yet without occupying a post in the Executive Committee and without voting. He does not have to pay neither subscription nor admission fee.
- 6. Life members: This title is conferred to an active member who has reached the age of 65 years, or who has been a member of the Society of the Society for at least 15 years. Nevertheless, this title can be granted to any active member who does not fulfil these two conditions, if the Executive Committee agrees with it, and if the general assembly votes it by common consent.

  A life member does not have to pay his annual subscription and he cannot hold a post in the Executive Com-

## mittee any more; yet, he keeps his voting right. <u>Article 5.</u>: <u>Structure</u>

"The Society" represents all the members: active, associate, corresponding, honorary and life members.
"The Executive Committee" represents the executive agent of the Society.

#### Article 6. : Executive Committee.

The association is under the direction of a committee of six members who are : the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two Counsellors.

The President and the Vice-President must have had ten years of practice in plastic surgery, and the members three years of practice starting from the date of their registration as specialists at the Order of Physicians.

The Committee is renewed every two years by halves: President, Vice-Fresident, One Counsellor, Secretary, Treasurer and a 2nd Counsellor.

Leaving members can be re-elected once more. They can be re-elected after an absence of one year.

The President of the Executive Committee should be Lebanese.

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#### Article 7: Election of the Executive Committee

The election has to be done in one session, by secret and majoritary vote, by all active and life members present at the general assembly. Norifications for the elections will be done two weeks before the date of the elections at the latest, through individual circulars to all registered members with voting right. The lection can take place at the first meeting only if the majority of active members are present. Otherwise, the election will take place a fortnight later and the quorum will be consered reached whatever the number of present members may be.

A first round of voting will elect the President, the Vice-President and one Counsellor for the first year. At a second round of voting, the three other members of the Committee will be elected: Secretary, Treasurer and one Counsellor. In the following years, the above-mentioned halves will be elected alternatively.

#### Article 8. : Meetings.

The General Assembly will meet in the first week of December and the elections of the Executive Committee members will take place during this meeting. Then also, the Secretary will make his annual report, the Treasurer will render an account of the financial situation, and the vote for the acceptance of various members will take place by secret vote.

The Executive Committee will have to meet officially whenever they find it necessary, on convocation from the President of the Committee or upon request of half of its members.

A special general assembly is held upon convocation from the Executive Committee or upon request of 2/5 of the active members. It could be convoked in order to amend the regulations in force or to settle any other problem.

### Article 9: Internal discipline of the Executive Committee.

Any Committee member who is absent three times during the year without any valid reason, is considered as resigned and he is automatically replaced by the member who comes immediately after him considering the mumber of votes obtained at the latest elections. In case of equality of votes during the deliberations of the Committee, the President's vote will counted twice.

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#### Article 10. : Finance.

The annual subscription is decided by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly (50.-L.L.) Any active or associate member who would not have paid his subscription during the year following the treasurer's request through a registered letter, will be considered resigned. 

Besides, a sum of 50.-L.L. will be collected from every associate or corresponding active member as fee for admission into the Society.

Voting right is granted only after paying subscriptions.

The Society is authorized to receive any donation coming either from high officials who do not belong to the Society, or from its members. All donations given to the Society on any ground belong definitively to it. Any withdrawal of money should be effected with the signatures of both the Secretary and the Treasurer, and it should be approved within a month by the Executive Committee.

#### Article 11. : Dissolution.

The dissolution of the Society can be declared at a General Assembly upon request of 3/4 of active members registered in the Society. In that case, the Society's principal will be deposited at the superannuation fund of the Order of Physicians.

#### Article 12.

Amendment.

Any request of modification to the present regulations should be exposed to the Executive Committee who will, efter deliberation, submit it to the General Assembly of 2/3 of active or life members present and registered.

A modification of constitution depends on the Order of Physicians; internal regulations depend on the scientific Society itself.

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#### Article 13. : Penalty.

After hearing the interested party and after deliberation of the majority of the 2/3 of this members, the Executive Committee reserves for itself the right of excluding, temporarily or definitively, the members who would commit any of the following breaches:

- -Any wiolation of the regulations.
- -Any behaviour that could be detrimental to the Society.
- -Any failing to pay the subscriptions.
- -Any absence to three consecutive general assemblies, without an excuse considered valid by the Executive Committee.

#### Article 14.: Longuages.

The Society uses French, Arabic and English as means of expression. It will publish the scientific accounts of its meetings in the Lebanese medical journal of the Order of Physicians.

The applicants designated hereafter are the founding members of the present Society. They unanimously shared out the posts of the Executive Committee among temselves as follows:

-President

: Philip Antypas, i.D.

-Secretary

: Dr. Robert Daoud, 10, place du Musée - Beirut.

Wice-President

: Dr. Edmond Massoud.

Tressurer

: Najdat Ibrahim Facha, i.D.

-2 Counscllors

: Sameer Shehadi H.D. Fawzi Aboujamra H.D.

The Order of Physicians has been informed about it by letter.

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