International Association of Endocrine Surgeons

IAES CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I - NAME The name of this organization shall be: THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE SURGEONS (IAES).

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS The object of the association shall be to provide a forum for exchanging information and developing new knowledge in the field of endocrine surgery, whether by clinical experience, education, or laboratory investigation.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Active membership in the association shall be awarded to surgeons in good professional standing and with a major interest and an active practice in endocrine surgery after appropriate application and evaluation by the Membership Committee Associate. Membership may also be awarded to a surgeon-in-training with a special interest in endocrine surgery. Contribution to the scientific literature pertinent to endocrine surgery and/or demonstration of clinical expertise in this area will be an important factor in determining membership.

2. Membership shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, color, creed, race, religion, disability, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or for any other reason unrelated to character, competence, ethics, or professional status or professional activities.

3. There shall be four types of members: Active, Senior, Honorary and Associate.

A) **Active** members shall consist of original charter members and all members subsequently elected. The number of active members shall not be limited.

B) **Active** members who have reached the age of 65 years will become **Senior** members. Senior members shall have all the responsibilities and privileges of active members. By request, senior members shall not be required to pay annual dues.

C) **Honorary** members shall consist of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to endocrine surgery. They shall have no voting privileges, nor be eligible for election to office, nor be subject to dues assessment.

D) **Associate** members shall be limited to surgical residents and fellows in endocrine surgical training programs or surgeons who have recently graduated from training and are currently within the first three years of practice. Associate membership shall also be considered for

surgeons who are doing endocrine surgery but because of geographic location cannot meet the obligations of Active membership. These surgeons do not have the publications or the surgical volumes to meet Active membership due to their geographic circumstances. Associate membership requires either sponsorship by an active member of the IAES who has visited them or has an intimate knowledge of their practice, and is limited to three years.

ARTICLE IV - MEETING A biennial assembly of the association shall be held in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS/COUNCIL

1. **Officers** of the association shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Council- Coordinator, and a Secretary-Treasurer all to be elected as provided in the bylaws.

2. There shall be a **Council** of the association consisting of the officers, immediate Past-President, Associate-editor of our journal and ten council members.

3. **An Ex-Officio INTEREST Director** will also sit on council.

ARTICLE VI - ALTERATIONS/REPEAL The association may alter or repeal any article of this constitution by a three-fourths affirmative vote of members present at the biennial assembly or by electronic vote if the biennial assembly must be postponed, provided a copy of the proposed change has been delivered to each member 60 days in advance of the assembly meeting or electronic vote.

ARTICLE VII–The IAES will have representation on the Editorial Board of our chosen journal. The IAES Endocrine Associate Editor will be appointed by the IAES council to serve on the editorial board when this role is vacated by the previous IAES Associate Editor in conjunction with the Editor-in -Chief of such journal.