

Chapter of the Taiwan Neurosurgical Society

Chapter One: General Provisions

Article 1

The original denomination of “Neurosurgical Society of the Republic of China” has been modified by the resolution in the 2002 general assembly to “Taiwan Neurosurgical Society” (referred thereafter as “the Society”; approved by Document No. 0920002068/Civil Organization of the Ministry of the Interior on January 7, 2003).

Article 2

The Society is a nonprofit organization established in accordance to the Civilian Organization Act.

Article 3

The mission of the Society is to facilitate the research of neurosurgery, enhance the quality and standard of teaching and clinical medicine, and promote international exchange.

Article 4

The Society is divided regionally according to the administrative regions of the country.

Article 5

The official address of the Society is established in the same region of the regulator.

Article 6

The tasks of the Society are as follows:

1. Facilitate the research and development of neurosurgery.
2. Organize academic lectures and seminars.
3. Participate in international medical conferences and events, and promote exchanges among relevant academic organizations.
4. Books and journals on neurosurgery.
5. Assist members in exchanging medical experiences; assist in the cultivation, training, and continuing education of neurosurgeons.
6. Organize events related to neurosurgery.

Chapter Two: Membership

Article 7

There are five kinds of membership:

1. **General Members:** Board certified neurosurgeons of Taiwan who concur with the mission of the Society shall become Members after being introduced by two General Members of the Society, reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Society, and paying their membership fees.
2. **Associate Members:** Neurosurgeons who are not yet certified by the board in Taiwan, but who concur with the mission of the Society shall become Associate Members after being introduced by two General Members of the Society, reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Society, and paying their membership fees.
3. **Honorary Members:** Local or foreign neurosurgeons who have significant contribution to the Society or neurosurgery shall become Honorary Members after being recommended by ten General Members of the Society and approved by the Board of Directors of the Society. Honorary Members are exempt from paying annual membership fees and registration fees for annual congresses. Honorary Members have no voting rights and are not eligible to stand for election.
4. **Sponsoring Members:** Individuals or groups that are willing to promote and assist the Society in its work shall become Sponsoring Members after being approved by the Board of Directors.
5. **International Members:** Foreign board certified neurosurgeons who concur with the mission of the Society shall become International Members after being recommended by ten General Members of the Society and approved by the Board of Directors of the Society.
6. **Senior Members:** Members who are aged 70 years and above are eligible to apply for senior membership. Senior Members are exempt from paying annual membership fees and registration fees for annual congresses. Senior Members have no voting rights and are not eligible to stand for election.

Membership lists shall be documented and reported to the regulator.

Article 8

Members who violate the law, the charter, or resolutions of the General Assembly may be cautioned or suspended of their rights by the resolution of the board of directors. Material violations may result in expulsion by the resolution

of the General Assembly. Members who defer paying their membership fees for two years will be suspended of their rights.

Article 9

Members will be revoked of their membership under the following circumstances:

1. Losing eligibility of membership.
2. Expelled by the resolution of the General Assembly.
3. Deferring membership fee payment for more than four years.

Article 10

Members may withdraw their membership upon written notice and explanation provided that they do so three months prior to their withdrawal. Termination of membership is effective at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 11

Revoked or withdrew members will not be given back paid fees.

Article 12

1. Members are entitled to the rights to vote, elect, stand for election, and recall.
2. Associate Members, Honorary Members, and Sponsoring Members are not entitled to vote, elect, stand for election, and recall.

Article 13

Members are obliged to abide by the Charter and resolutions, accept appointment of responsibilities, and pay membership fees.

Chapter Three: Organization and Staff

Article 14

The General Assembly is the highest organ of power of the Society. During convening periods, the board of directors represents the General Assembly in exercising its authority. The Board of Supervisors serves as the supervisory organ.

Article 15

The authority of the General Assembly is as follows:

1. Formulate and amend the Charter.

2. Elect or recall members of the Board of Directors and Supervisors.
3. Deliberate on the dissolution of the society.
4. Deliberate on the annual plan, reports, budget, and accounting.
5. Deliberate on the revocation of memberships.
6. Deliberate on the disposal of assets.
7. Other significant matters relating to the rights and responsibilities of members.

Article 16

1. The Society has 23 Directors and 7 Supervisors, all of which are elected from all Members by Members. They form the Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors. The election of Directors and Supervisors may be conducted through correspondence, if necessary, but shall not be conducted consecutively. Election rules are formulated by the Board of Directors, and shall be performed as such after submitted for documentation to the regulator.
2. During election of the aforementioned staff, five alternate Directors and one alternate Supervisor shall be elected.
3. The order of the elected Supervisors and alternate Directors and Supervisors shall be determined by the number of votes. Should there be the same number of votes, a lot shall be drawn to determine the order. A reference name list of the next session of Directors and Supervisors may be nominated by the incumbent Board of Directors after being authorized by Members.

Article 17

The authority of the Board of Directors is as follows:

1. Deliberate on the agenda of the General Assembly.
2. Review and approve membership.
3. Elect or recall Executive Directors and the Chair of the Board.
4. Deliberate on the resignation of Directors, Executive Directors, or Chair of the Board.
5. Staff recruitment.
6. Formulate annual plans, reports, budgets, and accounting.
7. Other matters.

Article 18

1. Directors shall elect among themselves five people to become Executive Directors, and among the five, elect one to be the Chair of the Board.

2. The Chair of the Board manages and represents the Society, and serves as the Chairperson during the General Assembly.
3. The Chair of the Board shall work and deal with matters pertinent to the Society in the office of the Society when necessary. When other engagements prevent him/her from performing duties, he/she shall appoint one Executive Director to act as proxy. When that is not possible, Executive Directors shall select among themselves one to act as proxy. Vacancy of the Chair or Executive Directors shall be replaced by election within one month.
4. Past Chairs of the Board become honorary members (approved by the General Assembly on Dec 9, 2000).

Article 19

The authority of the Board of Supervisors is as follows:

1. Perform the duties of Supervisors.
2. Review annual budgets.
3. Elect or recall Executive Supervisors.
4. Deliberate on the resignation of Supervisors or Executive Supervisors.
5. Other supervisory matters.

Article 20

The Board of Supervisors shall elect among themselves one person to become the Executive Supervisor, who supervises the daily operation of the Society and serves as the chair of the Board of Supervisors.

Article 21

Directors and Supervisors shall serve for two years and may be re-elected. However, the number of those re-elected may not exceed 3/4 of the total. Chair of the Board may not be re-elected.

Article 22

Directors and Supervisors are uncompensated posts.

Article 23

Directors and Supervisors shall be relieved of their duties if any of the following situations occurs:

1. Lost membership qualification.
2. Approval of resignation by the Board of Directors or Board of Supervisors.
3. Recalled or revoked.

4. Rights suspended for more than half of his/her tenure.

Article 24

The Society has one Secretary General, whose name is submitted to and documented with the regulator. However, the termination of this post requires prior notice with the regulator.

Article 25

The Society may establish all kinds of committees and groups. Their organization rules are formulated by the Board of Directors and become effective once submitted to and documented with the regulator; amendments apply. The Society may create a post for one Honorary Chair of the Board, several Honorary Board Directors and consultants, provided that they are nominated by the Chair of the board and approved by the Board of Directors.

Chapter Four: Convention

Article 26

There are two kinds of General Assemblies: regular and ad hoc. Both are convened by the Chair of the Board, and Members should be notified in written form 15 days prior to the meeting. Regular meetings are convened once every year. Ad hoc meetings are convened if Directors deem it necessary, or if more than 1/5 of Members request so, or if Supervisors inform the Board of Directors to do so.

Article 27

Should Members become incapable of personally participating in the General Assembly, they may delegate other Members to serve as proxies. However, each Member shall only serve as a proxy of one other Member.

Article 28

The quorum of the General Assembly is half of all Members. A resolution will be carried only when the majority of the present Members support it. However, the following items require the support of 2/3 of the present Members:

1. The formulation and amendment of the Charter.
2. The expulsion of a Member.
3. The recall of Directors and Supervisors.
4. The disposal of assets.

5. The dissolution of a group.
6. Other material items pertaining to the rights of Members.

Article 29

Meetings of the Board of Directors are convened every six months. Supervisor meetings are convened every six months. If necessary, a joint meeting or ad hoc meetings can be convened. Excluding ad hoc meetings, the aforementioned meetings must be notified in written form seven days prior to the conference. A resolution will be carried only when the majority of the present Directors and/or Supervisors support it.

Article 30

Directors and Supervisors should be present in their respective meetings. No delegation is allowed. Two consecutive absences shall be deemed as resignation.

Chapter Five: Finance and Accounting

Article 31

The Society's source of income is as follows:

1. Entrance fee: Members NTD5000. Associate Members NTD2000.
2. Annual fee: Members NTD2500. Associate Members NTD500.
3. Business fees.
4. Membership donations.
5. Commissioned revenue.
6. Fund and interests.
7. Others.

Article 32

The fiscal year commences on January 1 and terminates on December 31.

Article 33

Annual budget and accounting reports shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly within two months before or after the termination of the fiscal year. The aforementioned reports shall also be submitted to and documented with the regulator. Should the General Assembly fail to approve in time, the reports need to be approved the Board of Directors and Board of Supervisors, submitted to and documented with the

regulator, then seek confirmation from the General Assembly. However, the accounting report shall be reviewed by the Supervisors meeting first, then submit the reviewed results to the General Assembly.

Article 34

Should the Society dissolve, its assets become the property of local autonomous organizations or that of the regulator.

Chapter Six: Supplemental Provision

Article 35

Items not included in this Charter shall be performed according to laws and regulations.