

The Oslerian

A Message from the President

Proposed Revision of the A.O.S. Bylaws

Greetings, Fellow Oslerians!

"Where there is no law, but every man does what is right in his own eyes, there is the least of real liberty."

—Henry M. Robert

Robert's Rules of Order, originally published in 1915, is based on English parliamentary rules and customs for a deliberative assembly carrying on its business. Its origins can be traced to before the fifth century A.D. when Anglo-Saxon tribes in Europe came together in the "village-moot" to make "bye-laws" for their villages and to administer justice. Although the bylaws of the American Osler Society have served us well since 1971, bylaws are considered to be dynamic and should be revised to reflect the changing nature of an organization. Over the last several years, we have amended our bylaws to expand our Active Membership to 125 and to add Associate and Student member categories. Nonetheless, the current bylaws do not clearly advise on certain issues that come up from time to time and do not incorporate some changes that have occurred over the years. Therefore, an extensive revision, based to some extent on the

results of the recent questionnaire and reviewed by your officers, the Board of Governors, and Past Presidents, is proposed for your consideration. The major changes are as follows:

- To allow an otherwise qualified person to become a member if he or she submits a quality abstract for presentation. A greatly increased number of abstracts, exceeding the slots on the program, has prevented some candidates from presenting. Currently, a presentation is "recommended."
- To provide guidelines for a person over age 70 to become a member. Currently, there is emeritus status at age 70 but no guidelines for a new member at or near that age. The revision requires dues to be paid for 5 years if a member is 65 years of age or older.
- To clarify that Associate members are not entitled to emeritus status.
- To clarify that Emeritus members cannot hold office. A member who chooses to remain Active over age 70 can, however, hold office.
- To decrease dues for nonresidents of Canada and the United States to one-half the regular dues in order to encourage international membership.
- To provide a 6 year total duration of term for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Currently the number of terms is unlimited.
- To strengthen our requirements that Active members are dropped if they do not pay dues for 2 years or attend 5 consecutive meetings. Currently this is one year for dues and 3 years for meetings, and has not been enforced.
- To make our bylaws gender neutral.
- To specify duties for the First and Second Vice Presidents and the Historian. Currently, there are no specified duties.
- To strengthen our society through committee involvement by more members. Currently, the only standing committees are the Auditing, Nominating, and Executive Committees. The suggested new committees should greatly assist our Secretary-Treasurer, who has been mainly responsible for membership, the annual meeting, etc.
- To utilize Past Presidents as the Nominating Committee. Currently, the committee may have members who could be candidates but abstain because of the conflict of interest.

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Mark Silverman

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—William Osler, 1885

President's Letter (continued)

• To state that revised bylaws require final approval by the membership. Currently, bylaws can be approved by either the Board of Governors or by the membership.

William Osler, speaking as the President of the Association of American Physicians at their 1885 meeting, stated:

For the first time since our organization there is a proposal to change the Constitution [increasing the number of members]. We should all understand that this is a working society, and when any of us cease to attend regularly or when our interest grows lukewarm, we will promote the common welfare by quietly retiring.

These strong sentiments expressed by

Osler remain important to the health of any society. Bylaws, of course, do not achieve Osler's goal of "a working society," but by their language and their obligations do remind us why we originally came together and continue to meet, and they provide guidelines for us to thrive in the future. I look forward to receiving comments from you about the proposed revisions prior to the Annual Meeting.

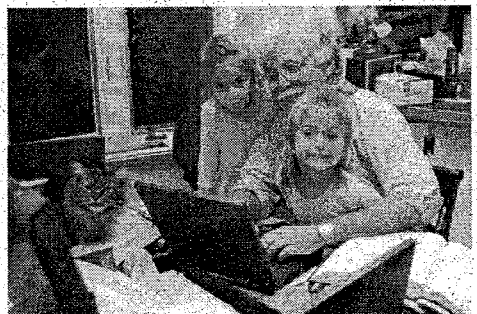
The meeting in Charleston should be outstanding, and there will be some surprises, as well as the usual pleasures, not to be missed. I hope to see you there at that most charming of cities. As Osler might say, it will show that your interest in a working society remains heated.

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Notes on the Charleston Meeting



Osler writing *Principles and Practice of Medicine* (1891). Note the focus and absence of distractions.



Bryan writing *Infectious Diseases in Primary Care* (2000). Will he make his deadline? Any bets?

As our president, Mark Silverman, notes, the Charleston meeting (April 18-19, 2004) is shaping up nicely and will include a few pleasant surprises. Mark calls Charleston that "most charming of cities," and, though biased as a South Carolinian, I have to agree. I'd rather live in Columbia (it's easier to get around in), but Charleston is always a terrific place to visit, especially in the spring. We'll have two packed days of programs, as usual, and I suspect the major regret will be the same as last year—not enough time for discussion. But I also suspect that the social venues will provide excellent compensation. Our annual banquet will be at the Gibbes Art Gallery, a short journey down historic Meeting Street from where we're staying. On the second day, we'll have an AOS first—a lowcountry-style picnic (informal, casual dress) at Middleton Place, an historic old rice plantation that boasts one of America's finest gardens. The AAHM meeting will follow ours. For those of you who have never been to Charleston, the list of possibilities includes a carriage tour of the Battery, a boat excursion to Fort Sumter,

down Market Street, or just taking in the atmosphere where, as Charlestonians are fond of saying, the Ashley and Cooper Rivers meet to form the Atlantic Ocean. Every AOS meeting is memorable, and my hope is that this one will be especially so.

I have but two regrets. The first is that Dr. Joseph I. Waring, the dean of South Carolina's medical historians, won't be with us. He had a full life indeed, dying peacefully in his sleep, in 1977, at age 80, but as a vigorous participant in and onetime host of the AAHM, I'm sure he would have reveled in this occasion. The second regret concerns the flap about the Confederate flag on our statehouse. I'll have a bit to say about that (with slides) at the AAHM meeting. Suffice it to say here that, like a majority of South Carolinians, I was quite opposed to its presence in the first place. Still, I think the compromise that was reached was at least as good as Georgia's, and it will include a major (and appropriate) celebration of African American history in the Palmetto State. More about that later. Meanwhile, ya'll come!

—CSB

Magnificent News on the Future of 13 Norham Gardens

An address well known to all Oslerians, 13 Norham Gardens, is to be secured for posterity. Green College, University of Oxford, has been given permission to purchase the property, thus safeguarding its future in the medical and academic world.

Sir William Osler purchased the property in 1907, two years after his appointment as Regius Professor of Medicine in Oxford. Since then it provided a home for successive Regius Professors, until 1981, after which it was not required for this purpose. For the last twenty years Green College has leased the property from the University to house medical students and two international programmes for visitors to Oxford. The College is delighted to have this opportunity to honour Osler by reviving his memory and his legacy of intellectual and academic exchange in the medical world and related disciplines.

During Sir William Osler's residency 13 Norham Gardens became known as "The Open Arms." There was a constant stream of students, physicians, scientists, and academic visitors from all over the world, all made welcome by Osler and his wife, Grace Revere Osler. New bathrooms were installed on the arrival of the Oslers, and a new wing added to the already sizeable house. The house in its day was an architectural delight and featured widely in professional journals. Although still beautiful there is a great deal of refurbishment required to restore the property to its former glory!

Green College aims to revive the Osler tradition and to provide new facilities for attracting visiting senior and junior Visiting Fellows and Researchers, from across the world, to Oxford. This will enable cross-fertilization of ideas in the history of medicine, contemporary medicine, and other related disciplines. We envisage having stay-and-study accommodation available at 13 Norham Gardens, just as it was in Osler's day.

In order to achieve all this, Green College is launching a campaign for 13 Norham Gardens. The target is \$3,000,000. We are absolutely delighted to announce that the major gift launching the Campaign has already been received. This has come from one Dr. John P. McGovern—a name that will need no introduction in this forum! Dr. McGovern has made a lead donation of \$700,000 which in itself secures the purchase of the property from the University. The balance required is to cover major refurbishment works and launch an international academic visitors and researchers programme in medicine and the history of medicine, with residential provision. The main suite of rooms will be known as the Osler McGovern Centre and will provide academic facilities for seminars, meetings and compact conferences, particularly in the field of the history of medicine and the study of contemporary medicine. Dr. McGovern has further honoured Green College by accepting a new Honorary Fellowship here. He has become the College's very first Osler Fellow in the History of Medicine. We are all deeply grateful for his support at the start of our

Campaign. At present we are producing a brochure which we will circulate to all interested members in the American Osler Society, and around the world. In the meantime, should anyone have further suggestions or require more details about this exciting project please get in touch with us.

Note on Green College: One of the newest Oxford colleges, Green Collège is a graduate college, founded in 1979. Our original benefactor, Dr. Cecil Green, from Manchester, UK, and Texas, USA, reached his centenary year in 2000. The founding Warden, Sir Richard Doll, has also contributed generously to our campaign. The College has a pre-eminence in clinical medicine, as directed by its founders, but our specialisms have broadened considerably in recent years. Today we attract students, researchers, and Fellows in all aspects of medicine, health, education, welfare, the environment, and the social, behavioural, and life sciences. At the centre of the College estate is the beautiful Radcliffe Observatory, built 200 years ago and inspired by the Tower of the Winds in Athens.

The current Warden, Sir John Hanson, has been in post for three years and was formerly Director General of the British Council. The College has 285 graduate students, and a Governing Body Fellowship of 50.

—Kay Honner
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A lead donation of \$700,000 by Dr. John P. McGovern allows Green College to purchase 13 Norham Gardens (below) from the University.



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Proposed Revisions of the American Osler Society By-laws

(Note: Proposed additions are in bold-faced type)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Society shall be "American Osler Society."

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The American Osler Society is a group of physicians, **medical historians**, and members of related professions united by the common purpose of keeping alive the memory of William Osler, keeping its members vigilantly attentive to the lessons found in his life and teachings, **and promoting an interest in the history of medicine**. Meetings shall be held periodically to present and discuss papers on Osler's life, his influence upon the profession, any aspect of the humanistic approach to medicine that so typified his outlook, or a **subject related to the history, ethics, or literature of medicine**. In addition, the Society may publish such essays as **the presentations of the Society, monographs, and books in order** to keep the memory of Osler fresh by placing before the profession a continual reminder of his high principles of life and humanism in practice and to teach others of Osler's continuing inspiration.

ARTICLE III

Registered Office

The registered office of the corporation required by the Minnesota Non Profit Corporation Act to be maintained in the State of Minnesota is as

provided and designated in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors of the corporation may, from time to time, change the location of the registered office pursuant to Section 317.19 of Minnesota Statutes. On or before the day that such change is to become effective, a certificate of such change and of the location and post office address of the new registered office shall be filed with the Secretary of State of Minnesota as provided by law.

ARTICLE IV

Corporate Seal

The Corporation shall have a seal, a facsimile of which is affixed hereto.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Section I. Categories. There shall be (6) categories of membership, namely: Honorary Membership, Active Membership, Associate Membership, Student Membership, Inactive Membership, and Non Resident Membership.

(a) **Honorary Membership** shall be composed of exceptional individuals of any nationality who are recognized by meritorious accomplishment and who have personified the ideals of Sir William Osler. They shall be elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Governors.

(b) **Active Membership** shall be limited to persons noted for their humanism and science in medicine and who have demonstrated an interest in William Osler **and a dedication to the history of medicine**. Attendance of a prospective member at one previous annual meeting and **submission of a quality abstract** for presentation at an annual meeting of the Society are required for consideration of membership. Active membership shall be limited to one hundred and twenty-five (125) members. To be elected, a person must receive a 75 percent affirmative vote by the Board of Members. **Applicants for membership who are 65 years or older must remain on Active status for at least 5 years before electing to become an emeritus member.**

(c) **Associate Membership** shall be available to those individuals who have attended a meeting, and who would like to participate in the Society, but who do not have the necessary credentials to become a full member and have not submitted an abstract. Associate members are under no obligation to present a paper although they may choose to do so. Associate members will be charged dues and meeting assessment. They may become candidates for advance-

ment to Active Membership by demonstrating scholarly activity through publications and/or presentations, **through frequent attendance at the annual meeting, and the submission of a quality abstract**. Associate members will be elected by a 75 percent affirmative vote of the Board of Governors. There shall be no limit on the number of Associate members. **Associate members are not entitled to become emeritus members.**

(d) **Student Membership** shall include undergraduate and graduate students and trainees (fellows, et cetera) who demonstrate an interest in William Osler and/or medical history for a period of time until they complete their formal training. Past winners of the William Bennett Bean Award will be specifically invited to belong. No dues or meeting registration fee will be charged. Student members shall be elected by 1 75 percent affirmative vote by the Board of Governors. There shall be no limit on the number of Student Members.

(e) **Inactive Membership** shall be an option available to all Active members upon reaching the age of sixty-five (65). Such request by the member shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary Treasurer.

No dues shall be required. Inactive Members will not be entitled to vote or to hold office. This membership will not count against the Active membership limitation of one hundred and twenty-five (125) members. A return to active status may be effected by a letter to the Secretary Treasurer requesting such a change.

(f) **Non Resident Membership.**

Members not resident within the territorial borders of the United States of America or Canada shall be termed Non Resident Members **unless they choose to apply for Active Membership.** Dues payable by the nonresident members will be **half** those paid by Active Members. Non Resident Members are elective office in the Society; they shall be excused from the requirement for regular attendance that is laid down for Active Membership. **They do have voting rights.**

(g) **Emeritus Membership.**

Upon reaching the age of seventy (70) (and having been a member for five years or more), all Active and Inactive members become eligible for Emeritus status. Any member who reaches the age of 70 and wishes to maintain his or her status as an Active Member may elect to do so, but may relinquish this status and become Emeritus on notification of the Secretary-Treasurer. So long as they continue as an Active member they will enjoy full privileges and pay regular dues. No dues shall be required of Emeritus members. Rights of membership shall be available to these

members except that of voting **and holding elected office.** Any officer or member of the Board of Governors who attains the age of seventy (70) during the elected term shall not acquire Emeritus status until the term has expired.

Section 2. Nominations for Membership.

Nominations for membership should be addressed to the Secretary Treasurer on a form provided by the Secretary Treasurer. Every nomination must be signed by two members of the Society as sponsors. In the case of a nomination for Active Membership, a notation shall be made upon the nomination form that the candidate has attended a prior meeting **and plans to attend the upcoming meeting.** The sponsors shall indicate in detail the qualifications of the candidate for membership. Such application forms shall stress the fact that election to membership is an honor that is not available by application, but by nomination and election only. **The candidate must submit a letter detailing their interest in William Osler and other dedication to medical history as well as a current curriculum vitae and selected pertinent publications.**

Section 3. Conditions of Membership.

- (a) Only Active Members shall be eligible to vote in the affairs of the Society or to hold office.
- (b) Active members failing to pay dues shall after a lapse of **two years** be dropped from membership automatically. A former member may be reinstated on payment of all back dues.

(c) **Any Active or Associate**

Member who fails to attend one of **five** successive meetings is automatically removed from the membership of the Society.

However, when a person resigns because of their inability to attend meetings, his or her name shall not be dropped from the role of former members.

Section 4. Membership Fees and Dues.

The initiation fee for members and the annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation of Officers and Succession.

The officers of the Society shall consist of the following: a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary Treasurer, and such officers as the Board of Governors may, from time to time, designate. The office of Historian shall not be elective but shall be an appointive office, to be filled by the Board of Governors. The Historian may hold other office. The officers are elected by the general membership of the Society **and serve for the period between the annual meetings with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer.** The Vice President automatically becomes the **next** President. **The Second Vice President becomes the First Vice President.** The retiring President becomes a Past President of the Society and serves **two (2) years** thereafter on the Board of Governors.

Section 2. Nomination for Office.

A nominating committee shall designate a nominee for the office of Second Vice President and, **when indicated,** Secretary Treasurer. Additional nominations for such positions may be made by written petition signed by at least **ten (10)** Active Members. Election of the officers shall be by plurality of the votes cast by membership at the membership meeting or by mail as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. Terms of Officers.

The terms of all officers, with the exception of the office of the Secretary Treasurer shall be for a period of one (1) year or until the next annual meeting. The term of the Secretary Treasurer shall be **for three (3) years and can be reelected for an additional three (3) years for a total of six (6) years.** The term of office of the Historian shall be for a period of three (3) years and thereafter he/she shall be eligible for reappointment for additional terms by the Board of Governors. No officer, with the exception of the Secretary Treasurer and the Historian, may hold office for more than one (1) year.

Section 4. Notice of Election and Balloting by Mail.

The Secretary Treasurer shall circularize the membership either by mail or by announcing the nominations in the official newsletter, **website,** or journal not less than three (3) months before the expiration of existing terms and not more than six (6) months before the annual meeting. A member may vote by written ballot **received by** the Secretary Treasurer at least ten (10) days prior to the election. Any written ballots so

received prior to the election will not be tabulated until the day of the election and following the completion of the ballot in person.

Section 5. Duties of the President. The President shall act as Chairperson of the Board of Governors, preside at all business and scientific meetings of the general membership, and have such other duties, responsibilities, and prerogatives as are generally incident to such office. **The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.**

Section 6. Duties of the First Vice President. The First Vice president shall preside at all meetings of the Society in the absence of the President, **shall be responsible planning the program at the annual session, and shall have such other duties and responsibilities as may be from time to time assigned by the President or the Board of Governors.** The First Vice President shall succeed to the office of President upon expiration of term, death, or resignation.

Section 7. Duties of the Second Vice President. The Second Vice President is charged with chairing the Membership Committee and other duties as assigned by the President and Board of Governors. The Second Vice President shall succeed to the office of First Vice President upon expiration of term, death, or resignation.

Section 8. Duties of the Secretary Treasurer. The Secretary Treasurer of the Society shall be responsible for the taking and signing of all minutes of the meetings of the Society and the Board of Governors, **for the production and mailing of periodic newsletters and other mailings to the membership, and for the arrangements of the annual meeting.** When directed to do so

by the President or pursuant to those Bylaws, he or she shall send out notices of the calling of all annual and special meetings and shall generally perform such duties incident to the office of Secretary as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Governors. He or she shall have the custody of and administer Society funds under the supervision of the Board of Governors. He or she shall make reports to the Board of Governors as may be required. All business and financial records of the Society and all its bookkeeping and accounting shall be under his or her supervision and control. He or she shall handle all accounts receivable as well as accounts payable, and these shall include the collection of dues and any and all other payments from the Society. He or she is empowered to open a bank account or bank accounts in the name of the "Society and to write checks thereupon for the payment of accounts and debts accrued by the Society. **The Secretary-Treasurer shall work closely with the Finance Committee in regard to the investment of funds of the Society and shall produce an annual report to the membership.**

Section 9. Duties of the Historian. The responsibilities of the Historian include activities designed to assure the ongoing preservation of the history and the archives of the American Osler Society. **This would entail obtaining for preservation appropriate documents, photographs, and artifacts. At the discretion of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Historian will advise with respect to selection of material to be added to the AOS archives at the Osler Library, McGill University,**

Montreal. The Historian should act as liaison between the AOS and the Osler Library. In addition, the Historian would carry out such additional duties as may be requested by the President or the Board of Governors.

Section 10. Vacancies. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of any officer, the Board of Governors shall select as successor to serve the balance of such term and to take the place of the predecessor in such office in the progression of officers.

Section 11. Salaries and expenses. The salaries and expense allowances, if any, for officers and agents of the Society shall be determined by the Board of Governors. **The Society may make no distribution to its members or officers except as reasonable compensation for services rendered.**

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. Duties and Composition. The business, legal, and financial affairs, as well as the general management of the Society, shall be vested in the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall be composed of the following: the elected officers of the Society, the Past President of the Society, and up to nine (9) Active members-at-large to be elected by the general membership as herein provided. As the terms of the members-at-large expire, their successors shall be elected by the general membership at the

next appropriate annual membership meeting for a term of three years.

- (a) The Board of Governors shall meet annually in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society.
- (b) Special Meetings of the Board of Governors may be called for any purpose at any time in the manner hereinafter provided by the President, the Vice President or any five (5) members of the Board of Governors. Any person or persons entitled to call a special meeting shall make a written request to the President or the Secretary Treasurer to call the meeting. Such meetings may be held upon fifteen (15) days mailed or website notice.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum of the Board of Governors shall be a simple majority of its members.

Section 4. Authorization. Any action that could be taken at a meeting of the Board of Governors may be taken without a meeting when authorized in writing and signed by a majority of the Board of Governors.

Section 5. Executive Committee. The Board of Governors may designate the elected officers of the Society as an Executive Committee. Such an Executive Committee shall have the authority of the Board in the management of the business of the Society to the extent determined by the Board, but shall act only in the interval between meetings of the Board, and shall be at all times subject to the control and

direction of the Board.

Section 6. Vacancy. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of any member of the Board of Governors, the remaining Board shall select a successor to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 7. Removal. Any member of the Board of Governors may be removed by action taken by a majority of the members of the Society either by meeting or in writing.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Time and Place of Annual Meeting. The Society shall hold at least one meeting annually, at a time and place to be determined by the officers. Robert's "Rules of Order" shall be the authority governing the conductance of the meeting.

Section 2. Order of Business. The order or business at the Annual Business Meeting shall be:

1. A moment of silence to be observed in respect for any members deceased in the past year.
2. Report of the Secretary Treasurer, including prior minutes, and approval of financial report.
3. Recognition of new members.
4. Reports from standing committees and special committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business, including the date and place of future annual meetings.
7. Appointment of commit-

tees.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee
9. Election of officers and members of the Board of Governors.
10. Installation of the new President.
11. Adjournment.

Section 3. Special Meetings

- (a) Special meetings may be called for any purpose at any time in the manner hereinafter provided, by the President, the Vice President, the Board of Governors, or any ten or more Active Members.
- (b) Any person or persons entitled to call a Special Meeting shall make a written request to the President or the Secretary Treasurer to call the meeting. Such officer shall then give notice of the meeting, as provided hereinafter, to be held between 10 and 60 days after receiving the request.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of meetings shall be sent by regular mail to all members of the Society and posted on the website.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum for meetings of members shall be 10% of the Active Members.

Section 6. Voting. Each member shall be entitled to one vote, which must be cast in person.

ARTICLE IX

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board of Governors may designate the elected

officers of the Society as an Executive Committee. Such an Executive Committee shall have the authority of the Board in the management of the business of the Society to the extent determined by the Board, but shall act only in the interval between meetings of the Board, and shall be at all times subject to the control and direction of the Board.

Section 2. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Governors. No member of the Finance Committee shall be an officer of the Society. The Committee shall audit the accounts of the Society, advise the Secretary-treasurer on investment matters, and report periodically, as directed by the Board of Governors.

Section 3. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the three most recent Past Presidents and chaired by the most recent Past President. The function of the Nominating Committee shall be to submit nominations to the office of Second Vice President and, when indicated, Secretary Treasurer, and any vacancies which appear on the Board of Governors for the ensuing term.

Section 4. Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall be composed of three (3) Active members appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Governors. The function of this Committee will be to seek qualified new members and encourage them to apply and to review and make recommendations of proposed

for members. The Second Vice President will serve as chair of this Committee.

Section 5. Annual Meeting Committee. The Annual Meeting Committee shall be composed of the First and Second Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, and up to three (3) Active members appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Governors. The function of this Committee is to work closely with the Secretary-Treasurer in planning and executing the Annual Session, including selecting the presentations. The First Vice President will chair this Committee and members of the Board of Governors, as well as a member from the Host State, will serve on the Committee.

Section 6. McGovern Lectureship Committee. The McGovern Lectureship Committee shall be composed of three (3) Active members appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Governors. The function of this Committee is to select and recommend a speaker to the Executive Committee for the next Annual Session. The tenure of the Committee members may be up to three (3) years.

Section 7. William Bennett Bean Student Lectureship Committee. The William Bennett Bean Student Lectureship Committee shall be composed of three (3) Active members appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Governors. The function of this Committee is to select and recommend one or more student essayist(s) to the Executive Committee.

Section 8. Other Committees. The Board of Governors may create other standing or temporary committees with such duties

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The Oslerian is published approximately four times a year by the American Osler Society, Inc., a non-profit organization. Members of the American Osler Society are encouraged to send news items of interest, including but by no means limited to their personal activities and accomplishments and accompanied by photographs or other illustrations. For distribution of reprints and other materials of possible interest to AOS members, please send 150 copies. Your ideas for The Oslerian are of course most welcome! Direct all correspondence by mail, fax, or e-mail to the Secretary-Treasurer.

The American Osler Society has been founded for the purpose of bringing together members of the medical and allied professions who are, by their common inspiration, dedicated to memorialize and perpetuate the just and charitable life, the intellectual resourcefulness and the ethical example of **William Osler** (1849-1919). This, for the benefit of succeeding generations, that their motives be ever more sound, that their vision be on everbroadening horizons, and that they sail not as Sir Thomas Browne's Ark, without oars and without rudder and sails and, therefore, without direction.

Proposed Bylaws changes (concluded)

and responsibilities deemed appropriate by the Board of Governors.

Section 9. The President will serve as a nonvoting member of each committee.

Section 10. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring in the above committees may be filled by appointment by the President, and the appointees shall serve until the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE X PERIODICALS

Section 1. Journal or Newsletter. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for the publication of a periodical newsletter or a journal to provide a forum for the publication of relevant material. The Secretary-Treasurer may call upon other members for assistance as needed.

Section 2. Publicity. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for and may authorize the dissemination of information through media outside the Society.

ARTICLE XI FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the American Osler Society shall begin with January 1st of each year and ending December 31 following.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

Section 1. Amendment by Members. The members of the Society may recommend amendment of these Bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Board who are present at any meeting of the Board if notice of the meeting and the proposed amendment has been duly given. Recommendations must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present at any Annual Meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Society

is dissolved, the Board of Governors, after making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Society, shall arrange for the distribution of all remaining property and assets either to support for purposes of the Society to the **American Association for the History of Medicine**, or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreational, charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent or future United States Internal Revenue Service Law).

These Bylaws are duly adopted by a unanimous vote of members at a meeting held on April 19, 2001 for which prior notice was duly given.

Secretary Treasurer