

Advocacy, Leadership, Quality  
and Professional Identity

2012-2013  
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Advocacy, Leadership, Quality and Professional Identity



**SMA** : Southern Medical Association  
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## Mission

The Southern Medical Association promotes the health of patients through advocacy, leadership, education, and service.

### What We Value

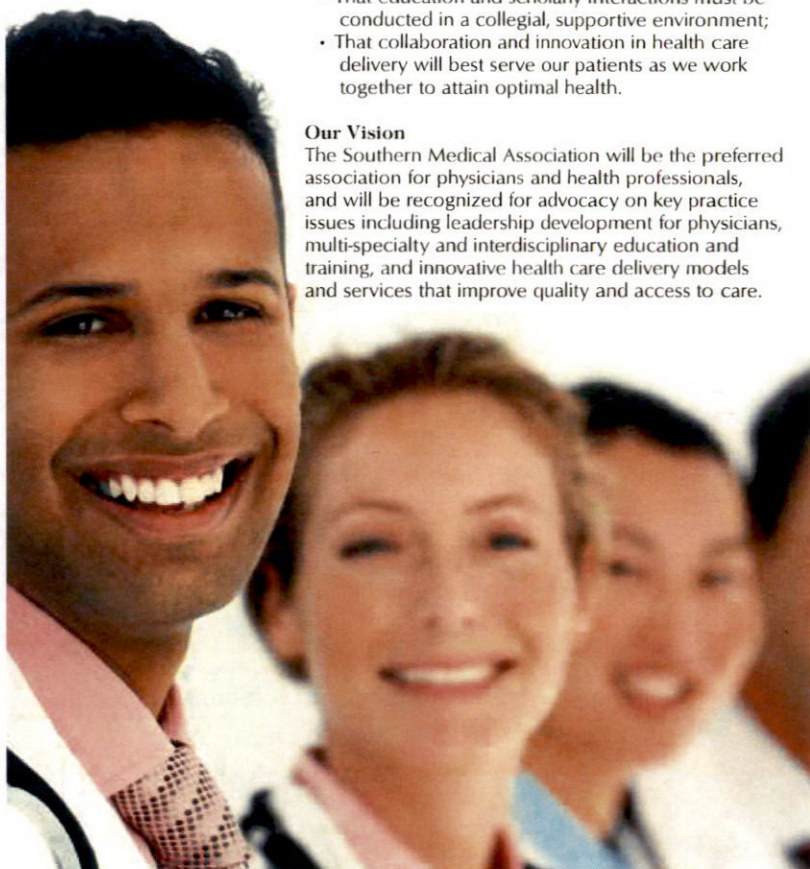
Advocacy  
Leadership  
Collegiality  
Innovation

### What We Believe

- That physicians must be advocates for their patients and provide the leadership necessary to promote better health care in their communities;
- That education and scholarly interactions must be conducted in a collegial, supportive environment;
- That collaboration and innovation in health care delivery will best serve our patients as we work together to attain optimal health.

### Our Vision

The Southern Medical Association will be the preferred association for physicians and health professionals, and will be recognized for advocacy on key practice issues including leadership development for physicians, multi-specialty and interdisciplinary education and training, and innovative health care delivery models and services that improve quality and access to care.





## The Practice of Medicine is all About Relationships

Southern Medical Association has always fulfilled the gap left behind when other associations chose to move in different directions. Today more than ever physicians continue to look toward SMA for the necessary tools to fulfill their own personal and professional goals.

SMA is an organization committed to promoting the health of patients through physician advocacy and a culture of leadership which enhances professional development.

Who better to build a long standing relationship with than an association which offers more than any other association in the U.S.

SMA accomplishes this with a balanced portfolio of tangible and intangible products and services, organized to foster Advocacy, Leadership, Quality and Professional Identity.

This is the most comprehensive portfolio offered by any medical association in the U.S.

The unique blend of opportunities provides you the means to build your professional identity and enhance your professional and leadership skills empowering you as a strong advocate for quality healthcare.

And, through a renewed structure of "grass roots" involvement, SMA is fast becoming a vibrant community of physicians with a bias for action in order to meet the difficult challenges of providing medicine today. SMA is here not only to help you survive in this environment... but thrive.

SMA...where everybody knows your name.







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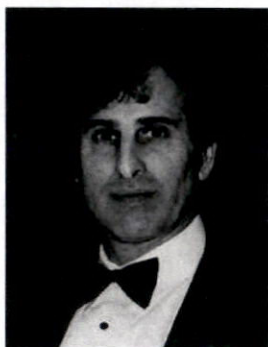
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Advisory Committee on Practice Management Services, 2007-2008  
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Associate Councilor 2009

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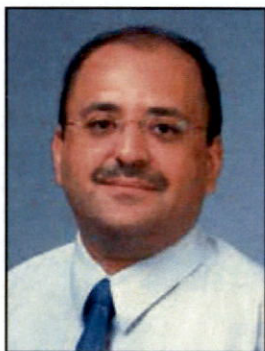
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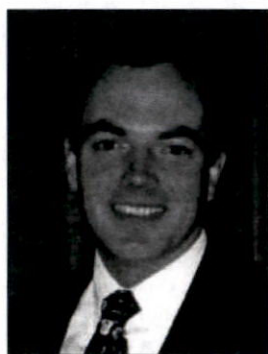
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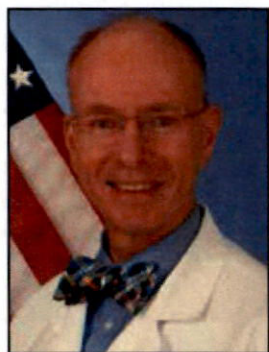
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All Committees are approved by the President, except where indicated. The President of the Council is ex-officio member of all Committees. All Advisory Committees report to the appropriate Coordinating Committee unless otherwise indicated.

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## Operating Procedures

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### 1. Processing Grass Roots Ideas

- a. Advisory Committee Members bring forth ideas from anywhere and anyone
  - i. Ideas are presented in the form of a written "Grass Roots Proposal" (proposal)
  - ii. The Advisory Committee where the proposal began is considered the "Originating Advisory Committee"
- b. AC Team Leader initiates and leads discussion and amends proposal
- c. AC Team Leader distributes proposal to other relevant Advisory Committee Team Leaders for further advancement/amendment
- d. Originating AC Team Leader submits final proposal to the Coordinating Committee Chair within their domain
- e. Coordinating Committee Chair presents proposal to Budget and Administration
  - i. Approved Proposal becomes a "Project"
  - ii. Rejected Proposal returns to Advisory Committee
- f. Letter is sent to originator of proposal explaining why
- g. Budget and Administrations presents proposal to Council
- h. Council implements project by submitting it to the Home Office
- i. Project is put into action

## Procedures for Committees

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Executive Committee, Councilors and Associate Councilors can serve on one committee only (once the full strength of all committees has been reached).

Terms for the Committees, Coordinating and Advisory, will be two years.

The Executive Committee with the President having power to veto will appoint:

the Chair for each Coordinating Committee;

the Councilors and Associate Councilors for each Advisory Committee;

the Members at large for the Coordinating Committees.

### Advisory Committees

Role - Advancement of ideas

Each Advisory Committee will consist of one Councilor, one Alliance member, three Associate Councilors and five members at large. The Alliance President will appoint the Alliance members to each Advisory Committee. The Alliance Advisory Committee members at large will be selected from the Alliance members at large.

Each Advisory Committee will have a Team Leader appointed by the Chair of each Coordinating Committee.



The Team Leader will then appoint the remainder of the committee members from members at large (5). The members at large would be selected based on responses from surveys of interest; activity within the Communities or at the discretion of the Team Leader. The Team Leader will lead the team in refinement of ideas. Works with staff representative to coordinate anything related to the business of the Advisory Committee.

### **Coordinating Committees**

Role – Accountable for the success/activities of Advisory Committees. This role is one of governance and accountability.

The Coordinating Committees will consist of 10 members selected by the Executive Committee. The Committee will prioritize actions which Advisory Committees need to be advancing as they attack Advocacy, Leadership, Quality or Professional Identity through those actions relative to membership, long range planning, professional development and alliance and further facilitate the Budget & Administration committee's evaluation and passage to council for approval as necessary.

#### **Coordinating Committee on Budget and Administration**

Role – Review the feasibility of ideas/products submitted by Advisory Committees based on fiscal responsibility.

The Coordinating Committee on Budget and Administration carries the Chairs from each Coordinating Committee, the president, president-elect, president-elect designate, immediate past-president, and alliance president. The Immediate Past-President will serve as Chair of the Coordinating Committee on Budget and Administration. All members carry full voting rights.

### **Councilors**

Roles – Governing body of implementation of new ideas/projects once approved by the SMA Budget & Administration Committee along with the following:

1. Recruit and Mentor
  - a. Associate Councilors
  - b. Blue Chip Members
2. Retain
  - a. Existing Members
3. Accountable
  - a. For Associate Councilors



b. To Members at large

4. Various Committee Appointments

**Associate Councilors**

**Roles**

1. Recruit New Members
2. Retain Existing Members
3. Various Committee Appointments

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☒ March 17-20

Medico-Legal Aspects of Healthcare  
Madison Hotel, Washington, DC  
In conjunction with Auburn University's  
Physician Executive MBA Program

☒ June 6-17

Comparative Healthcare Systems: Copenhagen, Denmark  
and Berlin, Germany  
In conjunction with Auburn University's PEMBA Program

☒ July 24-27

Focus on the Female Patient Conference  
Kiawah Island Golf Resort  
Kiawah Island, SC

☒ July 24-27

Osteoporosis: Diagnosis, Management & Prevention  
Kiawah Island Golf Resort  
Kiawah Island, SC







**SMA** : Southern Medical Association  
Advocacy, Leadership, Quality and Professional Identity

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS



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# Constitution - Articles of Incorporation

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## **ARTICLE I : NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be the Southern Medical Association.

## **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Southern Medical Association (the "Association" or the "Corporation") shall be to develop and foster the art and science of medicine by:

- A) developing and promoting initiatives in medical education;
- B) providing practice-related services to enhance the ability of the members of the Association to serve their patients;
- C) providing activities which encourage membership and collegial interaction among the members of the Association.

The Corporation may be used for legal purposes or activities allowed Nonprofit Corporations by the laws of the State of Alabama.

## **ARTICLE III: POWERS**

The Corporation shall possess and may exercise all of the powers and privileges granted by the laws of the State of Alabama to nonprofit corporations, together with all powers necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the activities or purposes of the Corporation, limited only by the restrictions set forth in these Articles of Incorporation provided, however, that the Corporation shall not engage in activities that are not in furtherance of its charitable purposes other than as an insubstantial part of its activities.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The term for which the Corporation is to exist shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purposes.

## **ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1. Active Members.** The membership of this Association shall be by invitation or application to physicians who are eligible to be members of the state medical societies of any state in the United States, District of Columbia, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico; to medical officers of the uniformed services and the Veterans Administration.

**1. SECTION 2. Other Members.** This Association may have such classes of members as deemed appropriate by the Council.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1. Officers of the Association.** The officers of the Association shall be a President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, President-elect Designee, Councilors, and an Executive Vice-President (or Chief Executive Officer).



**SECTION 2. Councilors.** The Councilors shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws. One Councilor will be elected from each of the following states or district: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Councilors shall serve five year terms. The Councilor terms expire with the close of the annual business meetings. The Council shall be the governing body of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE VII: ASSOCIATION BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES**

**SECTION 1. Annual Meetings.** The Association shall hold at least one business meeting each year which may be devoted to the business of the Association and restricted exclusively to the membership when so determined by the Council or by the Executive Committee of the Council or upon a petition filed by not less than twenty-five members of the Association; there may be meetings of the Executive Committee of the Council and the Council, scientific sessions, technical and scientific exhibits, and such general programs as may be arranged by the Association. The time and place for holding each business meeting shall be fixed by the Council.

#### **SECTION 2. Scientific Activities.**

The Association may from time to time constitute and designate scientific activities which shall be organized and shall perform such duties and responsibilities as may be from time to time designated by the Council.

**SECTION 3. Publications.** The Association may own and publish the Southern Medical Journal, which shall be the official organ of the Association, and other such publications which may be provided for by the Association. The Association may designate such ownerships of publications as deemed advisable.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: SEAL**

The Association shall have a common seal, with power to break, change, or renew the same at pleasure.

#### **ARTICLE IX: REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

The address of the registered office of the Association is 35 W. Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35209.

#### **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS**

The Association may, at any business meeting, amend the Articles of Incorporation by a two-third's affirmative vote of the members present and voting during a business meeting, provided the amendment has been presented to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The membership notice shall include the proposed amendment and the date, time and place of the business meeting where said amendment will be on the agenda.

**ARTICLE XI: REQUIREMENTS OF  
THE ALABAMA NONPROFIT  
BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT  
AND SECTION 501(c)(3)  
OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
CODE**

The foregoing clauses of these Articles of Incorporation shall be exercised subject to and consistently with the following affirmative duties:

- (i) The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code") or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code;
- (ii) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing in such a manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4941(d) of the Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code;
- (iii) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings so as to subject it to tax under Section 4943(c) of the Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code;
- (iv) The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; and
- (v) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditure so as to subject it to tax under Section 4945(d) of the Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Amended August 7, 2008**

# Bylaws

## BYLAWS SOUTHERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1. Classification

There shall be the following classes of members.

##### A. Active Members

1. The active membership of this Association shall be by invitation to physicians who are eligible to be members of the state medical societies of any state medical society in the United States, District of Columbia, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico; to medical officers of the uniformed services on active duty and Veterans Administration.

2. Active Members shall have full privileges of Association membership, including the right to hold office, vote, and receive the publications of the Association unless specifically restricted in the Bylaws.

3. Active Members shall pay full dues to the Association as determined by the Council; Active Members who retire from practice may become active retired members.

##### B. Associate Members

The Association may have Associate Members as determined by the Council from time to time and at its sole discretion:

Class 1. A physician in training who is an intern, resident, or fellow at an accredited medical or accredited osteopathic training program, who may or may not be a member of a state medical society and medical and osteopathic students accredited medical or accredited osteopathic schools in the United States, District of

Columbia, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Class 2. A licensed allied health professional who is a member of their professional association; or a physician assistant or nurse practitioner

1. Associate Members shall neither hold office nor be entitled to vote.

2. Associate Members shall pay dues, and receive benefits of membership as determined by the Council.

##### C. Other membership types

The Association may have such classes of membership types as deemed appropriate by the Council. The Council may modify, change, add, remove, or restrict the benefits of or the requirements for membership class as well as the types or classes of membership of the Association.

#### SECTION 2. Application for Membership

The membership application must be completed by the applicant and all required information received before the application is considered complete. The Association reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant for membership.

#### SECTION 3. Termination of Membership

Any member who has had their medical license or any licensure suspended or revoked by a state board of medical examiners or comparable licensing agency shall automatically forfeit his/her membership in the Association.

#### SECTION 4. Reinstatement

A former member whose membership in the Association has been forfeited may, after a period of one year, reapply for membership in the Association if



that member's suspended or revoked medical license or any licensure has been reinstated.

## **ARTICLE II. DUES**

### **SECTION 1. Annual Membership Dues**

The dues of this Association shall be established by the Council.

### **SECTION 2. Non-Payment of Dues**

A. Any member whose dues are unpaid on the member's anniversary date shall thereafter be deemed a member not in good standing and shall be ineligible after such date for any benefits of membership.

B. Upon payment of their dues they are automatically reinstated as a member in good standing from the date of suspension.

## **ARTICLE III. OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1. Elected Officers**

Elected officers of this Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, an Immediate Past-President, a President-Elect Designate, and Councilors.

### **SECTION 2. Appointed Officers**

The appointed officers of the Association shall consist of an Executive Director determined by the Council.

### **SECTION 3. Qualifications**

A. To be eligible for the office of President-Elect of the Association such person shall be a member in good standing of the Association and a current Councilor with at least two years experience in their present term as Councilor.

B. To be eligible for the office of Councilor, such person shall be a member in good standing of the Association and an Associate Councilor, or have served in a leadership role or have been an active member in

the Association. To be eligible for election as a Councilor, the active member must reside or practice in the one of the following states or district: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Councilor(s) may be appointed on an ad hoc basis by the Council for the benefit and convenience of the Association with voting rights determined by the Council.

### **SECTION 4. Term of Office**

A. The term of the elected officers shall be five years for Councilor and for other officers as determined by the Council commencing at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which such officers' election results are announced.

B. Each elected or appointed officer shall serve the term designated or until his/her successor is elected or appointed.

### **SECTION 5. Election Process for President-Elect Designee**

A. Eligibility of the President-Elect Designee requires the candidate to be a member in good standing of the Association, a current Councilor who has served on the Council and will meet the requirements for the elected office.

B. Eligible Councilors will declare their intent to run for the office of President-Elect Designate at the business meeting of the Council held during the annual meeting of the association.

C. The election process will be determined by the Council.

### **SECTION 6. Election Process for Councilor**

A. Nominees for Councilor must meet the qualifications outlined in Section 3B of Article III.

B. The election process will be determined by the Council.

## **SECTION 7. Vacancy in Office**

A. A vacancy in an elected office shall be filled in the following manner

1. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect for the remainder of the term of office and then the promoted President-Elect will serve their full elected term as President.
2. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by the President-Elect Designate who will serve as President-Elect for the remainder of the vacated term of office and will then serve as President.
3. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect Designate shall be assumed by the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes in the election of President-Elect Designate.
4. A vacancy in the office of a Councilor may be filled by the President on an interim basis by appointment until such time as an appropriate election can be held. The Interim Councilor shall meet the requirements of Article III Section 3B. The term of the Interim Councilor so appointed shall expire with the term of the President who appointed the Interim Councilor or the election of a new Councilor for the state or district whichever occurs first. This does not preclude a succeeding President from appointing a qualified Interim Councilor to continue until such time when an appropriate election can be held.

## **SECTION 8. Duties of Officers**

### **A. President**

1. The President shall carry out the will of the Council.
2. The President shall preside over

all general sessions of an Annual Meeting and all functions at which the Association is host.

3. The President may deliver an annual address at the general session to be held at a time and place decided upon by the Council.
4. The President shall be the Chairman of the Council and of the Executive Committee of the Council, but shall not be eligible to vote except to cast a vote in the event of a tie. They shall preside over all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee.
5. The President shall provide advice and counsel in the formulation of all programs and services of the Association.
6. The President shall appoint, on nomination by the respective Councilor, up to five Associate Councilors from each state or district.
7. The President shall report to the membership of the Association at its Annual Meetings on the activities of the Council during the interval between Annual Meetings and shall recommend to the membership such actions as are appropriate under these Bylaws.
8. The President or any two members of the Executive Committee may convene a meeting of the Executive Committee.
9. The President shall appoint members of committees and chairs of committees in accordance with these Bylaws except as otherwise provided.
10. The President shall preside over the planning of the Annual Meeting of the membership.
11. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Association.
12. The President shall fulfill such other duties as may pertain to the office of President as assigned by the Council.

### **B. President-Elect**



1. The President-Elect shall assist the President and assume Presidential duties in the absence of the President.
2. The President-Elect shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Executive Committee.
3. The President-Elect shall have such other duties and responsibilities as may be required of the office.

#### **C. President-Elect Designate**

The President-Elect Designate shall remain as Councilor until taking office as President-Elect and will serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

#### **D. Executive Director**

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director shall be as stated in Article VI, Section 1.

#### **E. Councilors**

1. Composition of Council  
The Council shall consist of twenty-one members, three of whom shall be the officers of the Southern Medical Association: the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past-President. One member shall be the President of the Southern Medical Association Alliance. The other seventeen shall be the Councilors, elected by one of the following states or district: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia or the District of Columbia, as provided in these Bylaws. The Council may expand by appointing ad hoc Councilors for a specified period of time and for the benefit and convenience of the Association with voting privileges as determined by the Council. The President and the President-Elect shall serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, respectively. The Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer is an Ex-Officio

member of the Council.

2. Annual Meeting of Council
  - a. The Annual Business Meeting of the Council shall be held at such time and place as may be set by the President and Council.
  - b. The Council will determine the number and frequency of Council Meetings.
3. Quorum for Meetings of Council  
The quorum for any meeting of the Council shall be a majority of the voting members of Council.
4. Council Authority
  - a. The Council shall be the governing body of the Association.
  - b. The Council shall govern the Association in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama and as stated in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy and Procedure Manual of the Association.
  - c. The Council may:
    1. Cause to be established Committees in accordance with these bylaws and shall designate the President to appoint the members of such Committees.
    2. Be charged with the responsibility to cause to be conducted annually an audit of the financial affairs of the Association.
    3. Establish policies and procedures for the conduct of the affairs of the Association.
    4. Appoint an Executive Vice-President or Chief Executive Officer.
    5. Establish the fiscal year of the Association.
    6. Any Councilor shall be subject to removal by the President upon the concurrence in that action of two-thirds of the members of the Council.
5. Duties of Councilors
  - a. Councilors shall represent the State or the District in which the

Councilor resides or practices.

b. Each Councilor will represent the Association to the members in their State or District and seek to encourage membership in and participation in the activities of the Association. Each Councilor will perform their duties as described in the Policies & Procedures manual.

c. Each Councilor shall attend the meetings of the Council, including conference call meetings. Councilors shall be expected to attend all meetings of the Council unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the President.

d. Each Councilor shall perform such other duties as may be designated by their position and stipulated by the Council.

e. Councilors shall be responsible for developing leadership qualities in their state's leadership group to provide a continuum in councilor succession.

## **ARTICLE IV. ASSOCIATE COUNCILOR**

### **SECTION 1. Associate Councilors**

Each Councilor who represents a state or the District of Columbia shall nominate for appointment by the President, up to five physician members from such Councilor's territory who shall be designated as Associate Councilors. A past Councilor may be considered for appointment as an Associate Councilor

#### **A. Duties**

1. As assigned by the Council in the Policy & Procedures manual.

#### **B. Term of Office**

The term of office of the Associate Councilors shall be by annual appointments at the pleasure of the current Councilor and concurrent

with the term of the Councilor who represents the State or District in which the Associate Councilor resides or practices.

## **ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **SECTION 1. Composition**

The Executive Committee of the Council shall consist of the Immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, and President-Elect Designate of the Association, the Executive Director is an Ex-Officio member.

### **SECTION 2. Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Executive Committee**

The President and President-Elect shall serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Executive Committee of the Council.

### **SECTION 3. Duties of Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee of the Council shall act for the Council between meetings of the Council to consider special matters and report its findings and conclusions to the Council.

## **ARTICLE VI. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

### **SECTION 1. Executive Director**

A. There shall be an Executive Director who shall be responsible for implementing the policies and direction of the Council; execute and administer Association programs; and manages the day-to-day operation of the Association.

B. The Executive Director shall employ and direct all staff personnel, full and part-time, including the assignment of duties of such employees. In this capacity, they shall be generally charged with engaging, promoting, and assigning duties and tasks to all staff personnel, shall

seek to expand the membership and participation of the Association and its activities, shall be generally charged to receive and administer funds of the Association, shall represent the Association to the public and to other Associations, and shall perform such other tasks and duties as may be delegated or assigned to him/her by the Council.

C. The Executive Director may act as the Managing Editor of the Southern Medical Journal and other publications of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1. Coordinating Committees**

A. There shall be Coordinating Committees established by the Council.

1. Coordinating Committee on Budget and Administration: The Coordinating Committee on Budget and Administration in consultation with the President, Executive Committee, Council and the Executive Director and approval of the Council may establish Advisory and Ad Hoc Committees as necessary to perform any administrative, managerial, and financial oversight required of a Non Profit corporation and any additional functions needed by the Southern Medical Association that is assigned to this committee by the Council.

2. Other Coordinating Committee(s) as created by the Council: The number, scope and focus of any Coordinating Committees may be established or changed by the Council to reflect changes in the scope, focus, and priorities of the Southern Medical Association and to allow the orderly conduct of Association business and activities.

#### **B. Chairman**

The Chairman of each Coordinating Committee shall be appointed by the

President.

**C. Composition of Coordinating Committees** Each of the Coordinating Committees shall have members appointed annually by the President. For the purposes of Committee assignments the definition of "members" includes Southern Medical Association Alliance (SMAA) members. Term limits of Committee members, including the Chairman will be set by the Council. The President shall be an ex officio member of all Committees.

### **Section 2. Advisory Committees**

A. There may be Advisory Committees established by the Council or by Coordinating Committees

#### **B. Chairman of Advisory Committees**

1. The Chairman shall be either appointed by the President or by a method voted on by the Council and set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual.
2. Term limits of Committee members, including the Chairman will be set by the Council.

#### **C. Composition of Advisory Committees**

1. Each Advisory Committee member will be members of the Association or a member of the SMAA.
2. Each Advisory Committee member shall be appointed annually with the advise and consent of the President.
3. The President shall be an ex officio member of each Advisory Committee.
4. Term limits of Committee members, including the Chairman will be set by the Council.

### **Section 3. Presidential Committees**

A. There may be Presidential Committees appointed by the President with approval of the



Council.

B. The term of the members of these committees shall be limited to the term of the President that appoints the committee members.

#### **Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees**

A. Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed by the President, Council, or Coordinating Committee Chairs in consultation with the President, Executive Committee, and the Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer and with approval of the Council when deemed necessary to conduct Committee and Association activities.

B. Term limits of Committee members, including the Chairman, will be set by the Council.

#### **Section 5. Duties and Responsibilities of Coordinating Committees**

##### **A. Coordinating Committee on Budget/Administration**

1. The Committee on Budget and Administration should:

a. Establish financial goals for the Association and provide oversight, direction, and, if needed, limitations on the other Coordinating Committees. Financial consideration and impact on the Association should be presented to the Budget and Administration Committee for approval before being acted on by other Coordinating Committees. The Council will have final determination on actions of the Budget and Administration Committee.

b. Through the formation of Advisory or Ad Hoc Committees, if needed, the Budget and Administration Committee should provide the administrative tasks and duties required of Alabama Non Profit Corporation in the

State of Alabama and those required of any and all regulatory, statutory, and judicial bodies with jurisdiction over the Southern Medical Association. The Council at its sole discretion can direct the Coordinating Committee to perform other duties as needed.

2. Term limits and composition of Coordinating Committee on Budget and Administration including the members and the Chairman will be determined by the Council.

##### **B. Other Coordinating Committees**

1. Coordinating Committees will be established by the Council as needed to support the strategic plan and focus of the Southern Medical Association and may change from time to time as the Association's mission and vision evolves. The Council shall establish the number, name, focus, scope, and authority of such committees. These committees will be established, limited, and abolished by the Council as needed to further the Association activities.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. ANNUAL MEETING**

##### **SECTION 1. Annual Meeting**

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association, which shall be at such time and place as shall be determined by the Council, and reasonable prior notice of the time and place of holding such Annual Meeting shall be given to all members of the Association. At all business sessions the attendance of not fewer than twenty members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

##### **SECTION 2. Composition of Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting shall consist of a Business meeting and may include Scientific, Educational, and such other

endeavors as may be designated for consideration.

## **ARTICLE IX. SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **SECTION 1. Distinguished Service Award**

There shall be a Distinguished Service Award of the Association, which may be awarded annually to any member of the Association or to an individual and/or group performing distinguished service to the field of medicine.

### **SECTION 2. Seale Harris Award**

There shall be a Seale Harris Award, which may be awarded annually to any member of the Association as recognition for important research accomplishment in the broad field of metabolism, endocrinology, nutrition, or for research in those fields. Criteria for the Seale Harris award may be modified or changed by the Council.

### **SECTION 3. Original Research Award**

There may be an Original Research Award of the Association, consisting of a medal and a cash prize, which may be awarded annually in recognition of original research in clinical medicine or the basic science as applied to medicine.

### **SECTION 4. Other Awards**

The Council may establish other awards as approved by the Council.

## **ARTICLE X. SOUTHERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE**

There shall be an Alliance of the Southern Medical Association that will function under the jurisdiction of the Council. The Executive Committee of the Council will be the Advisory Committee to the Alliance. Financial support to the Alliance may be granted at the discretion of the Council. The fiscal year will coincide with that of the Association. The President of the

Southern Medical Association Alliance shall be a member the Council of the Southern Medical Association.

## **ARTICLE XI. RULES OF ORDER**

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws or special Rules of Order which the Association may adopt.

## **ARTICLE XII. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF THE SOUTHERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE XII. INDEMNIFICATION.** In amplification and not in limitation of the provisions of applicable law:

(a) The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed claim, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including appeals (other than an action by or in the right of the Association), by reason of the fact that such person is or was a Councilor, Trustee, Director, Officer, Partner, Employee or Agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a Councilor, Trustee, Director, Officer, Partner, Employee or Agent of another association, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such claim, action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding,



had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful. The termination of any claim, action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner that such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that such person's conduct was unlawful.

(b) Any indemnification under subsection (a) (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Councilor, Trustee, Director, Officer, Partner, Employee or Agent is proper in the circumstances because such person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsection (a). Such determination shall be made (1) by the Council by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Councilors who were not parties to, or who have been wholly successful on the merits or otherwise with respect to, such claim, action, suit or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested Councilors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

(c) Expenses (including attorneys fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal claim, action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such claim, action, suit or proceeding as authorized in the manner provided in subsection (b) upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Councilor, Trustee, Director, Officer, Partner, Employee or Agent to repay such amount if and to the extent that it shall ultimately be determined that such person is

not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article XII.

### **ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a General Session of the Annual Meeting after the Amendment has been presented in writing to the Council at least 30 days prior to the meeting and copies of the changes are disseminated to the membership attending the meeting.

**Amended: December 3, 2009**



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# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

# ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

## Section 1. Classification

There shall be the following classes of members:

- A. Active Members
- B. Associate Members
- C. Interim Members
- D. Honorary Members/Ex Officio Members
- E. Emeritus Members
- F. Medical Practice Services Members
- G. Corporate Members
- H. Institutional Members

### A. Active Members

#### 1. Active dues paying members have the following rights and privileges as an SMA member:

- a. The right to vote
- b. The right to hold office
- c. The right to receive publications of the Association unless restricted by the Bylaws

#### 2. Active Retired Members (non dues paying)

These members cannot hold office or vote, but do receive Association publications

#### 3. Transitional Members – pay half the regular membership dues

These members have all the rights and privileges of dues paying members.

#### 4. International Members

These members cannot hold office or vote, but do receive online publications

### B. Associate Members – Interns/Residents, Fellows and Allied Health Professionals

Associate Members shall pay annual dues at a rate determined by Council and shall receive online publications of the Association. These members cannot hold office or vote.

### C. Interim Members

An Interim Member shall be a physician who is otherwise eligible for membership in the Association or an Associate Member in Class 1 or 2, and who has been invited by the Association to become an Interim Member (such as Southern Medical Journal Editorial Board members). The term of membership of Interim Members shall be determined by the Council. Interim Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

#### **D. Honorary Members/Ex Officio Members**

The Association may designate Honorary Members or Ex Officio Members who shall be composed of those physicians whose contribution to the promotion of medical science is recognized by the Association in conferring such membership or by virtue of their positions as active Deans of Medical Schools. Honorary Members and Ex Officio Members shall receive all online publications of the Association. Honorary and Ex Officio members are not required to pay dues, and are not eligible to vote or hold office.

#### **E. Emeritus Members**

An Active Member in good standing who is more than 70 years of age, and who has been a member for a period of twenty-five (25) years is eligible for Emeritus Membership. Emeritus Members shall not pay dues but shall enjoy all privileges of the Association, except they may not hold elected office.

#### **F. Medical Practice Service Members**

Non-physician staff employed by the medical practice services member is eligible to participate in the programs and services offered through the medical practice membership. Non-physician staff is eligible by virtue of the fact that the medical practice pays the dues established for this membership category by the Council.

#### **G. Corporate Members**

Physician and non-physician members in the Corporate Program are eligible for special rates on products as defined by the Association.

#### **H. Institutional Members**

The privileges and dues of such members shall be as specified in the affiliation agreements but they shall not be greater than the privileges or dues of dues paying Associate Members.

### **Section 2. Application for Membership**

Application for membership in this Association shall be made in writing or electronically via the Internet. The applicant is required to submit all information before the applications is deemed complete. The Association may not accept any incomplete application.

### **Section 3. Termination of Membership**

License revocation or suspension by a state board of medical examiners or comparable licensing agency is grounds for automatic forfeiture of membership.

The Council at any regular or called meeting may suspend or expel any member of the Association by a majority vote of the Council.

### **Section 4. Reinstatement**

A former member whose membership in the Association has been terminated may, after a period of one year, reapply for membership in the Association if that member's license has been reinstated. Such application shall be referred to and acted on by the Council.



## ARTICLE II. DUES

### Section 1. Annual Membership Dues

1. Payable in advance annually on the member's anniversary date.
2. Membership shall begin on the date of application, provided the application for membership is approved by the Southern Medical Association
3. The Council shall also be authorized to establish Life Membership fees.

### Section 2. Non-Payment of Dues

Any member whose dues are unpaid on the member's anniversary date shall thereafter be deemed a member not in good standing and shall be ineligible for any benefits of membership. On payment of full dues within one (1) year of lapsed date, the member will be reinstated with full privileges. If greater than one year has lapsed, the Association, at its sole discretion, can require the member to complete an application.

## ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

### Section 1. Elected Officers

Elected officers of this Association are considered to be the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past-President, the President-Elect Designate, and Councilors.

### Section 2. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of the Association shall consist of an Executive Director determined by the Council.

### Section 3. Qualifications

- A. To be eligible for the office of President-Elect of the Association such person shall be a member in good standing of the Association and a current Councilor with at least two years' experience in his/her present term as Councilor.
- B. To be eligible for the office of Councilor, such person shall be a member in good standing of the Association and an Associate Councilor, or have served in a leadership role or have been an active member in the Association. To be eligible for election as a Councilor, the active member must reside or practice in the one of the following states or district: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.
- C. Councilor(s) may be appointed on an ad hoc basis by the Council for the benefit and convenience of the Association with voting rights determined by the Council.



#### **Section 4. Term of Office**

- A. The term of the elected officers shall be five (5) years for Councilor and for other officers as determined by the Council commencing at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which time such officers' election results are announced.
- B. Each elected or appointed officer shall serve the term designated or until his/her successor is elected or appointed.

#### **Section 5. Election Process for President-Elect Designate**

1. Eligible Councilors will be notified regarding the election process six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
2. Eligible Councilors will announce their intention to run and will be provided the opportunity to address the Council during the meeting held at the Annual Meeting, not to exceed a five-minute presentation.
3. Candidates for this office are required to submit standardized information relating to their accomplishments and involvement in the Association along with a letter stating their motivation to become President of the Association to the Association's office in writing within 21 days or the last business day of the month in which the Annual Meeting is held, whichever is longer.
4. This information will be sent to the Council, along with the ballot, within five (5) working days from receipt of materials.
5. The ballot (paper or electronic) must be returned to an independent auditor identified by the Association within two (2) weeks of delivery and the date will be specified on the ballot.
6. The ballots received will be counted within five (5) working days after due date in the presence of the independent auditor, either the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, or Councilor representative appointed by the President and a representative of the Association.
7. The Council will vote in rank order for two candidates from among those listed on the ballot. Two points will be awarded for the "first choice" candidate and one point for the "second choice" candidate.
8. If no one receives a majority of points, the two candidates receiving the most points will be selected as the candidates to be placed on the final ballot.
9. In case of a tie, the President will have the responsibility of selecting from among those candidates tied with the most points the two who will be presented to the Council.
10. If needed, a final ballot (paper or electronic) will be sent to the

Council with the names of the two candidates the following business day. This ballot must be returned within five (5) business days to the independent auditor and the date will be specified on the ballot.

13. The President will be responsible for breaking any tie.
14. The ballots (electronic or paper) received will be counted within five (5) working days after due date in the presence of the independent auditor, either the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, or Councilor representative appointed by the President and a representative of the Association.

#### **Section 6. Election Process for Councilor**

1. The Councilor, in conjunction with staff, will identify eligible candidates for the office of Councilor.
2. These candidates will be submitted to the Presidential Committee on Selections. The Presidential Committee on Selections will choose two candidates to be placed upon a ballot to be distributed to all eligible voting members in the state. A brief written synopsis of each candidate's accomplishments, personal data and statement of why the individual would like to serve as Councilor will be sent to all the eligible voting members in the state.
3. The election will be managed through the Association headquarters, which will maintain election results and supporting ballots for a period of six (6) months.
  - a. The ballots must be received at the SMA office within 30 days from the date of the ballot being mailed to members in order to be counted.
  - b. Ballots must be returned by the time designated, signed, and have a candidate clearly marked to be counted.
4. The ballots will be counted within five (5) working days from the deadline for receipt. The winner will be the candidate who receives the simple majority of ballots cast and received.
5. The President shall cast a vote only in the unlikely event of a tie vote between the candidates.
6. The election winners will be presented to the SMA Council for ratification.
7. The election winners will be announced after the ratification by the SMA Council at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting in order that the Councilors-Elect can make travel plans to be present for the meeting at which they will assume office.

## **Section 7. Vacancy in Office**

A vacancy in the office of a Councilor may be filled by the President on an interim basis by appointment until such time as an appropriate election can be held. The Interim Councilor shall meet the requirements of Article III Section 3B of the Bylaws. The term of the Interim Councilor so appointed shall expire with the term of the President who appointed the Interim Councilor or the election of a new Councilor for the state or district, whichever occurs first. This does not preclude a succeeding President from appointing a qualified Interim Councilor to continue until such time when an appropriate election can be held.

## **Section 8. Duties of Officers**

### **A. President**

1. The President shall carry out the will of the Council.
2. The President shall preside over all general sessions of an Annual Meeting and all functions at which the Association is host.
3. The President may deliver an annual address at the general session to be held at a time and place decided upon by the Council.
4. The President shall be the Chairman of the Council and of the Executive Committee of the Council, but shall not be eligible to vote except to cast a vote in the event of a tie. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee.
5. The President shall provide advice and counsel in the formulation of all programs and services of the Association.
6. The President shall appoint, on nomination by the respective Councilor, up to five (5) Associate Councilors from each state or district.
7. The President shall report to the membership of the Association at its Annual Meetings on the activities of the Council during the interval between Annual Meetings and shall recommend to the membership such actions as are appropriate under the Bylaws.
8. The President or any two members of the Executive Committee may convene a meeting of the Executive Committee.
9. The President shall appoint members of committees and chairs of committees in accordance with the Bylaws, except as otherwise provided.
10. The President shall preside over the planning of the Annual Meeting of the membership.
11. The President shall serve as an Ex Officio member of all committees of the Association.



12. The President shall fulfill such other duties as may pertain to the office of President as assigned by the Council.

#### **B. President-Elect**

1. The President-Elect shall assist the President and assume Presidential duties in the absence of the President.
2. The President-Elect shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Executive Committee.
3. The President-Elect shall have such other duties and responsibilities as may be required of the office.

#### **C. President-Elect Designate**

The President-Elect Designate shall remain as Councilor until taking office as President-Elect and will serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

#### **D. Executive Director**

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director shall be as stated in Article VI, Section 1.

#### **E. Councilors**

##### **1. Composition of Council**

The Council shall consist of twenty-one (21) members, three of whom shall be the officers of the Southern Medical Association: the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past-President. One member shall be the President of the Southern Medical Association Alliance. The other seventeen (17) shall be the Councilors, elected by one of the following states or district: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia or the District of Columbia, as provided in the Bylaws. The Council may expand by appointing ad hoc Councilors for a specified period of time and for the benefit and convenience of the Association with voting privileges as determined by the Council.

The President and the President-Elect shall serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, respectively. The Chief Executive Officer is an Ex Officio member of the Council.

##### **2. Annual Meeting of Council**

- A. The Annual Business Meeting of the Council shall be held at such time and place as may be set by the President and Council.
- B. The Council will determine the number and frequency of Council Meetings.

##### **3. Quorum for Meetings of Council**

The quorum for any meeting of the Council shall be a majority of the voting members of the Council.

#### 4. Council Authority

- A. The Council shall be the governing body of the Association.
- B. The Council shall govern the Association in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama and as stated in the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy & Procedures Manual of the Association.
- C. The Council may:
  - 1. Cause to be established Committees in accordance with the Bylaws and shall designate the President to appoint the members of such committees.
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  - 3. Establish policies and procedures for the conduct of the affairs of the Association.
  - 4. Appoint a Chief Executive Officer.
  - 5. Establish the fiscal year of the Association.

6. Any Councilor shall be subject to removal by the President upon the concurrence in that action of two-thirds of the members of the Council.

#### 5. Duties of Councilors

- A. Each Councilor shall responsibly provide a primary and secondary means for all communications, and shall respond in a timely manner.
- B. Each Councilor shall develop an active relationship with the Deans of their respective Medical Schools.
- C. If a Councilor will be unable to attend Council meetings or perform Association business for a period greater than two (2) months, the Councilor must notify the President and the Council of his/her inability to perform and the Council may instruct the President to appoint an Interim Councilor. If the Councilor is unable to or does not attend to Council business or attend Council meetings for two (2) months without the required notification, the Councilor will forfeit his/her Councilorship and a replacement may be selected as provided for in the Bylaws. All Councilors are subject to removal by two-thirds vote of the Council.
- D. Each Councilor shall develop, monitor and adjust a State Action Plan detailing the promotional and communication activities conducted by the Councilor and Associate Councilor.
- E. Councilors shall monitor the development and implementation of their respective state action plans, as well as progress by the Associate Councilors.
- F. Each Councilor will prepare and submit a quarterly report to the President.
- G. Each Councilor shall prepare and present an in-depth report on his/her activities at the Summer Meeting of the Council.
- H. Each Councilor shall nominate Associate Councilors as outlined in the SMA Bylaws and submit his/her nominations in a timely fashion



to the President for review and appointment. Each Councilor shall also maintain regular communication with each Associate Councilor to direct and monitor his/her efforts and progress.

I. Each Councilor shall work in conjunction with appropriate staff to develop personalized letters to assist in membership recruitment and retention efforts on a state level.

J. The Association's reimbursement policies are scrutinized by the IRS. Each Councilor is urged to closely review these policies as they pertain to programs for which he/she will be reimbursed.

#### 6. Notice of Meeting of Council

A. At least ten (10) days prior to a meeting, written notice shall be given to members of the Council of the date, time and place for holding of the Annual Meeting of Council.

B. The Council may hold such additional meetings as deemed necessary.

#### 7. Special Meetings of Council

A special meeting of the Council shall be called by the President to accomplish any business of the Council or shall be called at the written request of any three Councilors. Notice of special meetings shall be the same as for the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE IV. ASSOCIATE COUNCILOR

Each Councilor who represents a state or the District of Columbia shall nominate for appointment by the President, up to five (5) physician members from such Councilor's territory who shall be designated as Associate Councilors. A past Councilor may be considered for appointment as an Associate Councilor.

#### A. Duties

1. As assigned by the Council

#### B. Term of Office

The term of office of the Associate Councilor shall be by annual appointment at the pleasure of the current Councilor and concurrent with the term of the Councilor who represents the State or District in which the Associate Councilor resides or practices.

## ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Committee of the Council acts for the Council between meetings of the Council and presents its actions to the Council.

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### Section 1. Executive Director

- A. There shall be a Executive Director who shall be responsible for implementing the policies and direction of the Council: executing and administering Association programs; and managing the day-to-day operation of the Association.
- B. The Executive Director shall employ and direct all staff personnel, full and part-time, including the assignment of duties of such employees. In this capacity, the Executive Director shall be generally charged with engaging, promoting, and assigning duties and tasks to all staff personnel, shall seek to expand the membership and participation of the Association and its activities, shall be generally charged to receive and administer funds of the Association, shall represent the Association to the public and to other Associations, and shall perform such other tasks and duties as may be delegated or assigned to him/her by the Council.
- C. The Executive Director may act as the Managing Editor of the Southern Medical Journal and other publications of the Association.

### Section 2. Editor

- A. The Editor shall have the following areas of responsibilities:
  1. Shall be responsible for the non-advertising portion of the Southern Medical Journal, and other publications of the Association, including the preparation of editorials, the selection and editing of scientific articles, and the general format with approval of the Chief Executive Officer.
  2. Shall review, or cause to be reviewed, any books which in his/her discretion, merit the publication of a review in the Southern Medical Journal.
  3. Shall establish practical mechanics for handling manuscripts and other materials for publication with the consent of the Chief Executive Officer.
  4. May employ necessary secretarial assistance with the consent of the Chief Executive Officer.
  5. May perform such other duties as may be assigned.

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### Section 1. Coordinating Committees

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#### A. Chairman

The Chairman of each Coordinating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

#### **B. Composition of Coordinating Committees**

Each of the Coordinating Committees shall have members appointed annually by the President. For the purposes of Committee assignments, the definition of "members" includes Southern Medical Association Alliance (SMAA) members.

Term limits of Committee members, including the Chairman will be set by the Council. The President shall be an Ex Officio member of all Committees.

1. Role – Accountability. Accountable for the success/activities of Advisory Committees. This role is one of governance and accountability.
  2. The Coordinating Committees will consist of ten (10) members selected by the Executive Committee.
  3. The Committee will prioritize actions which the Advisory Committees need to advance as they address Advocacy, Leadership, Quality or Professional Identity and through those actions relative to membership, long-range planning, professional development and alliance and further facilitate the Budget & Administration Committee's evaluation and passage to the Council for approval as necessary
- C. Coordinating Committee on Budget & Administration:  
The Coordinating Committee on Budget & Administration in consultation with the President, Executive Committee, Council and the Executive Director and approval of the Council may establish Advisory and ad hoc Committees as necessary to perform any administrative, managerial, and financial oversight required of a non-profit corporation and any additional functions needed by the Southern Medical Association that is assigned to this committee by the Council.
- D. Other Coordinating Committee(s) as created by the Council:  
The number, scope and focus of any Coordinating Committees may be established or changed by the Council to reflect changes in the scope, focus, and priorities of the Southern Medical Association and to allow the orderly conduct of Association business and activities.

### **Section 2. Advisory Committees**

- A. Role - Advancement of "Grass Roots" ideas
- B. Each Advisory Committee will consist of:
1. One (1) Councilor
  2. One (1) Alliance member
  3. Three (3) Associate Councilors
  4. Five (5) members at large



- C. The Alliance President will appoint the Alliance members to each Advisory Committee.
- D. The Alliance Advisory Committee members at large will be selected from the Alliance members at large.
- E. Each Advisory Committee will have a Team Leader appointed by the Chair of each Coordinating Committee.
- F. The Team Leader will then appoint the remainder of the five (5) committee members from members at large.
- G. The members at large will be selected based on responses from surveys of interest; activity within the Communities or at the discretion of the Team Leader.
- H. The Team Leader will lead the team in refinement of ideas. Works with staff representative to coordinate anything related to the business of the Advisory Committee.
- I. SMA Staff member is assigned to each team as support. SMA Staff member performs the following duties
  - 1. Provides relevant information from the Association headquarters
  - 2. Records activities

## **OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR COMMITTEES**

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### **Processing Grass Roots Ideas**

- A. Advisory Committee Members bring forth ideas from anywhere and anyone
  - 1. Ideas are presented in the form of a written "Grass Roots Proposal"
  - 2. The Advisory Committee where the proposal began is considered the "Originating Advisory Committee"
  - 3. Advisory Committee Team Leader initiates and leads discussion and amends proposal
  - 4. Advisory Committee Team Leader distributes proposal to other relevant Advisory Committee Team Leaders for further advancement/ amendment
  - 5. Originating Advisory Committee Team Leader submits final proposal to the Coordinating Committee Chair within his/her domain
  - 6. Coordinating Committee Chair presents proposal to Budget and Administration
    - a. Approved Proposal becomes a "Project"
    - b. Rejected Proposal returns to Advisory Committee
      - i. Letter is sent to originator of proposal explaining why
      - c. Budget & Administration presents proposal to Council
      - d. Council implements project by submitting it to the Association headquarters

- e. Project is put into action

### **Section 3. Presidential Committees**

- A. There may be Presidential Committees appointed by the President with approval of the Council.
  - 1. Presidential Committee on Selections
  - 2. Presidential Committee on Special Awards
  - 3. Presidential Committee on Endowments
- B. The term of the members of these committees shall be limited to the term of the President who appoints the committee members.

### **Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees**

- A. Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed by the President, Council, or Coordinating Committee Chairs in consultation with the President, Executive Committee, and Executive Director and with approval of the Council when deemed necessary to conduct Committee and Association activities.
- B. Term limits of Committee members, including the Chairman, will be set by the Council.

### **Section 5. Duties and Responsibilities of Coordinating, Advisory, and Presidential Committees**

- A. Coordinating Committee on Budget & Administration  
It shall also be the duty of this Committee to meet at least annually to review the staff pension plan(s) and recommend changes that might improve the employee benefits package. This Committee shall review budgetary information including revenues and expenses, financial projections, major capital expenditures, and key financial indicators. The Committee will also review variances in the Budget and other major program developments from a financial perspective. This Committee shall be responsible for the annual independent audit and reporting audit results to the Council at the appropriate Annual Meeting of the Council.
- B. Presidential Committee on Special Awards
  - 1. If suitable candidates are selected by the Committee, it shall submit the names of not more than three (3) such members to the Council for each award.
  - 2. The Council may elect one recipient for each respective award and presentation of the awards will take place at the discretion of the President during the Annual Meeting.
- C. Presidential Committee on Endowments
  - 1. Recommend and approve programs, policies and marketing efforts required to generate contributions to the Research and Education Foundation, and recommend and approve methods of giving to the Foundation and ways in which contributors can be recognized for



- various levels of giving.
2. Volunteer personal time and effort in securing major gifts to the Foundation and set an example, by personal contributions, for the general membership of the Association.
  3. Support The Society of 1906 and recommend and approve programs to enhance the visibility and growth of the Society.

## **ARTICLE VIII. ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Section 1. Annual Meeting**

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association, which shall be at such time and place as determined by the Council, and reasonable prior notice of the time and place of holding such Annual Meeting shall be given to all members of the Association. At all business sessions the attendance of not fewer than twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

### **Section 2. Composition of Annual Meeting**

- A. The schedule of activities for the Annual Meeting shall be established by the Council annually and such activities shall be furnished to the membership in advance of the Annual Meeting.
- B. The President of the Association shall preside at all general sessions of the Annual Meeting, or in his/her absence the President-Elect.
- C. Such business shall be conducted at the General Session as shall be designated by the Presiding Officer.

## **ARTICLE IX. SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **Section 1. Distinguished Service Award**

There shall be a Distinguished Service Award of the Association, which may be awarded annually to any member of the Association or to an individual and/or group performing distinguished service to the field of medicine.

### **Section 2. Seale Harris Award**

There shall be a Seale Harris Award, which may be awarded annually to any member of the Association as recognition for important research accomplishment in the broad field of metabolism, endocrinology, nutrition, or for research in those fields. Criteria for the Seale Harris award may be modified or changed by the Council.

### **Section 3. Original Research Award**

There may be an Original Research Award of the Association, consisting of a medal and a cash prize, which may be awarded annually in recognition of original research in clinical medicine or the basic science as applied to medicine.

### **Section 4. Determination of Awards**

- A. These awards will be determined by a confidential Committee appointed by the President to evaluate the contributions of the various

candidates for special awards.

## **ARTICLE X. SOUTHERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE**

There shall be an Alliance of the Southern Medical Association that will function under the jurisdiction of the Council. The Executive Committee of the Council will be the Advisory Committee to the Alliance. Financial support to the Alliance may be granted at the discretion of the Council. The fiscal year will coincide with that of the Association. The President of the Southern Medical Association Alliance shall be a member the Council of the Southern Medical Association.

## **ARTICLE XI. RULES OF ORDER**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the Association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or special Rules of Order which the Association may adopt.

## **ARTICLE XII. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF THE SOUTHERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION – see Bylaws**

## **ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS**

Any changes to the Policies & Procedures can be recommended by the Budget & Administration Committee and presented to the Council for ratification/ approval.







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# Southern Medical Association

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## **Mission Statement**

The Southern Medical Association promotes the health of patients through advocacy, leadership, education, and service.

## **What We Value**

Advocacy  
Leadership  
Collegiality  
Innovation

## **What We Believe**

- That physicians must be advocates for their patients and provide the leadership necessary to promote better health care in their communities;
- That education and scholarly interactions must be conducted in a collegial, supportive environment;
- That collaboration and innovation in health care delivery will best serve our patients as we work together to attain optimal health.

## **Our Vision**

The Southern Medical Association will be the preferred association for physicians and health professionals, and will be recognized for advocacy on key practice issues including leadership development for physicians, multi-specialty and interdisciplinary education and training, and innovative health care delivery models and services that improve quality and access to care.

## **Commitment:**

1. We are committed to the needs of the whole physician, and strive to provide a mix of education, service and camaraderie that empowers members to achieve both personal and professional goals.
2. We are committed to developing physician leaders.
3. We are committed to providing an interdisciplinary forum to enhance the sharing of information, knowledge and experience to advance the practice of medicine.
4. We are committed to the value of all generations of physicians having the opportunity to interact and learn from each other.
5. We are committed to working diligently to help our members sustain the spirit of compassion in the practice of medicine and the sense of satisfaction in contributing fundamentally to the health and well-being of society.
6. We are committed to supporting the belief that physicians should be in control of decisions regarding practice management and patient care.

7. We are committed to unity of purpose and the contribution of each individual as fundamental to the achievement of our success in meeting the needs of our members and maintaining financial stability.
8. We are committed to integrity and accountability in our relationships with members, leaders, vendors, clients, employees and the community at large.
9. We are committed to support employees in achieving their fullest potential by providing encouragement, professional development and a work environment that promotes respect and open communication.

## Birth of a Medical Association

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**NAME:** Southern Medical Association

**DATE OF BIRTH:** October 3, 1906

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** The Read House, Chattanooga, Tennessee

**FOUNDING FATHERS:** Approximately 150 "attending physicians" were on hand for the organizational meeting.

## Vital Statistics

1906	2012
<b>Membership</b> —Approximately 200 members from a six-state territory—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee	Approximately 10,000 members from a territory comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and all across the continental U.S.
<b>Annual Dues</b> —\$2	\$295
<b>Publications</b> —None	<i>Southern Medical Journal</i>
<b>Assets</b> —Just some dedicated physicians	A growing roster of dedicated physicians, an Annual Conference unparalleled for their scientific sessions, its publications, and SMA Services, Inc., a wholly owned for profit subsidiary providing services to SMA and members, are but a few of the Association's assets today.



## Purpose of the Southern Medical Association

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The exclusive purpose of this unique organization is to develop and foster scientific medicine. Conceived as an organization which could, on a regular basis, promote the progress of scientific medicine generally and in particular, attack problems peculiar to the South; established as a voluntary, non-profit organization, and chartered under the laws of the State of Alabama, the Association is independent of other medical societies, but works closely with them.

Dedicated exclusively to serving the professional needs of physicians of the South, SMA strives to bring its members into closer touch and in more perfect harmony with each other through advocacy, leadership, quality and professional identity, creating a society unique in its opportunity for fraternal relationships and in its personal significance.

Although the Association has grown from a membership of approximately 200 in 1906 to a membership of over 10,000 today, its purpose remains the same and is so stated in its **CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS, ARTICLE II—PURPOSE.**

## Organization and Early History of the Southern Medical Association

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The Southern Medical Association, like the sturdy oak, from a little acorn grew; but this was no ordinary acorn. Its embryo contained the elements of need, vision, and opportunity embodied in a previously existing organization known as the Tri-State Medical Association of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee, which was composed of some two hundred physicians.

Representatives of the Tri-State group, along with representatives from Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi, met in Chattanooga, Tenn., on October 2, 1906, in response to an invitation from the President of the Tennessee State Medical Association. The invitational letter stated that the members of the Nashville Academy of Medicine felt that "there was a growing feeling among doctors of the southern group of states that a Southern Medical Association should be organized."

These representatives, most of whom were presidents of their state medical associations, adopted a resolution for presentation to the Tri-State Medical Association, stating among other reasons, that "a greater opportunity for self-improvement and achievement in the realm of scientific research is required by the progressive and cultured physicians of the district (the South) than is afforded by the state societies, and which, on account of its large membership, is denied them in the American Medical Association." The resolution, presented the next day (October 3, 1906), called for the merging of the Tri-State Medical Association into this larger body, thereby becoming the nucleus of the proposed Southern Medical Association.



Anticipating favorable action on the resolution, a Committee on Constitution and Bylaws was appointed on October 2, 1906, with instructions to have a tentative draft of the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS for the proposed Southern Medical Association ready to present to the Tri-State group the next day. Working all night, the Committee drafted a proposed CONSTITUTION calling for the formation of a voluntary, independent organization of physicians which would eventually embrace all of the sixteen Southern states and the District of Columbia. It further called for the Tri-State Medical Association to "thaw and resolve themselves into a dew; to die in order that the baby Southern Medical Association could be born."

In an atmosphere charged with emotion, the resolution and the tentative draft of the first CONSTITUTION were debated as the first order of business of the Tri-State group. There were impassioned pleas "on behalf of the young physicians of the Southern states for a wider field to engage our talents," as well as for "a stimulus, an incentive to spur us on to worthy deeds to more intensive study, to greater accomplishments in the field of medicine and surgery." Jere L. Crook, M.D., Chairman, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, tried to make the group visualize a great Southern Medical Association whose programs would deal with diseases peculiar to the Southern states and would present to the world the results of the research, the clinical experience, at the bedside and in the operating room, of the splendid body of men composing the ranks of the medical profession of the South.

Naturally, the fine record of the Tri-State group was ardently defended, citing loyalty and accomplishments of its members but the arguments for greater opportunities for scientific improvement and for a wider fellowship among physicians triumphed. The founder of the Tri-State group, J. B. Cowan, M.D., Tullahoma, Tenn., who was Chief Surgeon on the staff of Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest 1861-1865, understandably loathe to see his own brainchild die, and having pledged to fight any move to that effect, was so impressed with the "pleas of these ambitious young doctors for a chance to try their wings over all Dixie Land" that he moved the adoption of the resolution and the tentative CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS "without changing one jot or one tittle." The motion carried unanimously and thus the Southern Medical Association was born.

The work of organizing moved rapidly—a Nominating Committee was appointed, met promptly, and upon making its report, the first officers of the Southern Medical Association were elected and installed on October 3, 1906, at The Read House in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The first annual meeting was held in Birmingham, Ala. September 24-25, 1907, with a Scientific Assembly composed of three sections: Medicine, Surgery, and Ophthalmology. At this meeting H. H. Martin M.D., Savannah, Ga., first President of the Association, summarized the general feeling of the members of the Southern Medical Association in regard to their new organization when, in closing his President's Address, he said:

"I wish to express my entire satisfaction with the unqualified success of this, our first annual meeting, and to publicly thank the various Section Officers for the most excellent program furnished for this meeting. I have never seen a better one in any medical association in this country. The Southern Medical Association is tonight an accomplished fact. Its future is in your hands to make of it what you will."

Thus began the growth and development of the Southern Medical Association.

# Officers and Governing Bodies of the Southern Medical Association

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Just as the individual shares the responsibility of democratic government so the individual member of the Southern Medical Association shares the responsibility of managing its affairs. But a pure democracy is an inefficient and cumbersome form of organization and each of the members does not wish to study and vote on every single detail of the business of the Association. Therefore, provisions have been made whereby grants of power are distributed among officers and governing bodies.

## **GRANTS OF POWER...**

The membership has adopted a CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS (which it may abolish, change, or amend) which invests power in, and describes the duties of certain bodies and officers of the Association. In addition, the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS (1) states the purpose of the Association; (2) establishes requirements for and classes of membership; (3) provides for the scope and mechanics of meetings; (4) describes the manner of election, power, and duties of officers; (5) provides for the election or appointment of committees; (6) establishes and defines the administrative machinery; (7) prescribes dues and fiscal procedures and (8) provides for amendments.

## **OFFICERS...**

The officers of the Association fall into two categories-the elected and the appointed officers. A complete outline of the duties of all officers, elected and appointed, is included in the BYLAWS.

## **THE GOVERNING BODIES...**

### **THE COUNCIL**

Through provisions in the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS, the membership established the Council as the governing body of the Association, and defined its composition, duties, and powers.

The Council consists of twenty-one members; three officers the Alliance President and one member representing each of the sixteen states and the District of Columbia which constitute the territory of the Association. Elected by their respective states, Councilors serve for five years and can be eligible for re-election for a second term following a five-year hiatus from ending their first term. The President shall be that person who was elected by the Council as President-Elect the previous year and the Immediate Past President will be that person who served as President during the previous year.

Much of the detail work of the Council is accomplished by efficient use of committees created for specific purposes. Through the Association's President, the Council makes a report of its findings, recommendations, and actions to the membership at the first general session of each annual meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL**

The Executive Committee of the Council acts for the Council and the membership between Annual Meetings. This smaller body is composed of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and President-Elect Designate.

The primary function of the Executive Committee of the Council is to consider all matters of business and report its findings and conclusions to the Council for action. Any matters of such urgency that they should not wait over until the Annual Meeting may be acted upon by the Executive Committee of the Council, however.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

By and large, the official governing bodies of the Association are policy-making groups. Decisions, programs, and policies established by the governing bodies are put into effect through (1) the administrative machinery of the Executive Director and his staff at the headquarters office in Birmingham, Alabama, and (2) the Editor, Associate Editors, and the Editorial Board of the *Southern Medical Journal*.



# Membership in the Southern Medical Association

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## Who Can Belong...

The membership of this Association shall be by invitation to physicians who are eligible to be members of the following state medical societies: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia who are sponsored by the respective state Councilor, to invited medical officers of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health Service and Veterans Administration on active duty, and to invited members of the Puerto Rico Medical Association who are citizens of the United States of America.

The CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS of the Association provides for active membership as well as for various classes of associate and emeritus membership.

## Dues...

The modest dues of the Association, which includes the member's subscription to the SOUTHERN MEDICAL JOURNAL, keeps membership in this scientific organization well within the financial reach of all physicians. Effective January 1, 2010, the annual dues were set at \$295, payable in advance, with membership effective on the date of the application. Life membership is available to members in good standing upon application and the payment of the appropriate fee.

# Activities of the Southern Medical Association

## I. Annual Conferences

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### **General Information...**

The Association's annual meeting is traditionally held each year in one of the cities located within the Association's territory. Dates and sites are subject to review and approval by the Council. All scientific activities, meetings, and exhibits at SMA annual meetings are open to physicians who are eligible for membership in their local and state medical societies whether or not they are members of the Southern Medical Association. Medical and nursing students, interns, residents, and paramedical personnel may also attend.

Generally, the format of an annual meeting consists of two parts—the scientific program and the exhibits both scientific and technical. Specifically, the scientific activities of the annual meeting are divided into scientific sessions and abstract presentations. Specialty sections cooperate to present programs of special interest, special symposia on timely subjects, meetings of conjoint societies, scientific posters, and technical exhibits, all designed for one purpose—to enhance the practice of medicine.

### **EXHIBIT HALL...SCIENTIFIC POSTERS**

In addition to the scientific sessions, there is an opportunity for physicians to submit and present scientific posters for display in the Exhibit Hall. Scientific posters were first introduced in 1988, and since then, submissions have continuously increased. Scientific exhibits were discontinued effective as of the 1996 Assembly.

### **Preferred Vendors**

Preferred Vendors offer the busy physician the opportunity to view the latest technology, medical equipment, and services on the market. These vendors are carefully screened and represent the highest standards in quality, originality, and value.

### **The Social Side...**

SMA Annual Conferences, while geared primarily for education, also has its moments of relaxation. Thriving on an informal atmosphere—where physicians from every type of practice can meet to exchange ideas—SMA has a widely known reputation for its "Southern Hospitality." Social highlights of the annual meeting include: alumni reunions, President's Reception, activities for the spouses planned by the Southern Medical Association Alliance, and, of course, fellowship with members of the medical profession from all parts of the United States and many foreign countries.



## II. Continuing Medical Education/CE Activities

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The Southern Medical Association has been serving physicians' needs since its inception as a physician member association in 1906. SMA is committed to enhancing life-long learning for physicians. The SMA Continuing Medical Education (CME) unit is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. At its most recent re-accreditation review, the ACCME awarded SMA the rating of "accreditation with commendation" – the highest rating available to accredited providers. As an accredited provider, SMA's accredited activities allow physicians to participate and obtain AMA Physicians' Recognition Award (PRA) Category 1 Credits™, a requirement of most state's licensure procedures. In 2006, SMA was approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Alabama State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This additional accreditation expanded the reach of SMA's programming.

CME activities are developed based on needs assessment and are evaluated to determine quality, educational value, and performance improvement with the goal of improved patient health outcomes. Activities are varied in design, format, and distribution methods to meet the interests and needs of physicians and other healthcare professionals. Current formats include the *Southern Medical Journal* (monthly CME articles), live conferences (i.e. annual scientific assemblies, regional conferences, and resident education), distance learning (resident education and physician business administration certificate course) and Internet education (MedEd On-Demand library). MedEd On-Demand offers a large collection of lectures captured from live conferences and repackaged with slides and audio for Internet education. Internet content includes clinical and practice management topics approved for physician and nursing credits.

## III. Publications

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### The Southern Medical Journal...Brief History

During the first years of its history, the Association did not actually own a journal. Various publications were named "official organ of publication" from time to time.

At the annual meeting held in Atlanta, Ga., November 10-12, 1908, arrangements were made for the *Medical Report of Shreveport*, Shreveport La., to serve as the official organ of publication, with the name to be changed to *Journal of the Southern Medical Association*, effective January 1909 (Vol. 2, No. 1). Oscar Dowling, M.D., Shreveport, La., Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Medical Association, was Editor. It was discontinued as *Journal of the Southern Medical Association* as of December 1909.

*The Gulf States Journal of Medicine and Surgery*, Mobile, Ala., formerly the *Mobile Medical and Surgical Journal*, became the Association's official organ of publication in January 1910 (Vol. 16, No. 1). Owners Seale Harris, M.D., and H. A. Moody, M.D., both of Mobile, AL., served as Editors.

The *Southern Medical Journal*, a publication privately owned by a group of Nashville, TN, physicians began in Nashville, TN, in July 1908 (Vol. 1, No. 1). It was purchased in October or November 1910 by Seale Harris, M.D., as principal owner, with some other physicians having minor financial interest. Thus, the owners of the *Gulf States Journal of Medicine and Surgery* merged this publication (Vol.17, No.5) with their newly acquired publication, the *Southern Medical Journal* with the December 1910 issue (Vol. 3, No. 11). Also, beginning with the December 1910 issue, the new *Southern Medical Journal* carried the additional designation of Journal of the Southern Medical Association. Seale Harris, M.D., served as Editor until November 1921, and H. A. Moody, M.D., served as Managing Editor until April 1916.

From December 1910 to May 1916, J. A. Witherspoon, M.D., W. D. Haggard, M.D., William Litterer, M.D., W. A. Bryan, M.D., and M. M. Cullon, M.D., all of Nashville, Tenn., and Oscar Dowling, M.D., were Associate Editors.

From June 1916 to October 1917, M. Y. Dabney, M.D., became Managing Editor and James R. Garber, M.D., Birmingham, Ala., became Associate Editor. From December 1917 to December 1919, Dr. Dabney served as Acting Editor while Dr. Harris was on active military duty. From January 1920 to November 1921, both Dr. Dabney and Dr. Garber were designated Associate Editors.

In November 1921 the Southern Medical Association, with a membership of 6,328, purchased the *Southern Medical Journal* from Dr. Harris and his co-owners and Dr. Dabney was elected Editor. Dr. Harris resigned as Editor at that meeting. Dr. Dabney served as Editor from December 1921 to December

1954 and his wife, Eugenia B. Dabney, served as Assistant Editor, 1930-1935, and Associate Editor from 1935 until December 1954.

Curtice Rosser, M.D., Dallas, Tex., and Tinsley R. Harrison, M.D., Birmingham, Ala., were Associate Editors from January 1951 to December 1954. Curtice J. Lund, M.D., New Orleans, La., served as an Associate Editor from January 1951 to December 1952. Howard L. Holley, M.D., Birmingham, Ala., served as an Associate Editor from January 1954 to December 1954.

Others who have served as Assistant Editor are Harris D. Riley Jr., M.D. (1967-1970), Sam E. Stephenson Jr., M.D. (1968-1990), Addison B. Scoville, Jr., M.D. (1976-1989), and J. Leonard Goldner, M.D. (1971-1974).

R. H. Kampmeier, M.D., Nashville, Tenn., became Editor and V. O. Foster, Birmingham, Ala., Managing Editor, effective December 1, 1954. Robert F. Butts, Birmingham, Ala., became Managing Editor, December 1, 1960. Harris D. Riley, Jr., M.D., Oklahoma City, Okla., became Associate Editor of the *Journal* in January 1971, and assumed the role of Editor in January 1973, upon Dr. Kampmeier's retirement. Dr. Kampmeier was retained as Advisory Editor. In September 1977, John B. Thomison, M.D., of Nashville, Tenn., was appointed Editor succeeding Dr. Riley.

Beginning in 1980 William J. Ranieri became Managing Editor of the *Journal*. In July 1992, the Council voted to name Dr. Thomison Editor Emeritus upon his retirement at the end of that year. In January 1993 J. Graham Smith, Jr., M.D., became Editor. In 2000, James H. Leverett became Managing Editor, and Ronald C. Hamdy, M.D., was appointed Editor. In 2002, Ed J. Waldron became Managing Editor, and he appointed Cathy Galloway to serve in that capacity.



With sound business and editorial management, the *Journal* has not only grown in size and financial stability, but it has also grown in scientific stature and influence. Its cumulative contribution to the medical literature parallels and mirrors the growth and scientific development of medicine in the South.

### **The Journal Today**

Throughout its entire life, the *Southern Medical Journal* has adhered to its main objective announced in the first issue: to help doctors practice better medicine by bringing to them high quality, original articles by leading medical researchers and specialists and general information of concern to the medical profession.

The *Southern Medical Journal* articles span the spectrum of medical topics, providing timely, up-to-the-minute information for primary care physicians and specialists alike. Contributors include leaders in the health care field from across the country and around the world. Subscribers are found around the world - throughout North America, in Australia, and in numerous European, South American, Asian, and African nations - because doctors everywhere need practical medical information. The *SMJ* enables physicians to provide the best possible care to patients in this age of rapidly changing modern medicine.

Ronald C. Hamdy, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine and holder of the Cecile Cox Quillen Chair of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology and is Director of the Osteoporosis Center at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee, served as Editor-in-Chief from 2000-2010. Dr. Hamdy was also a past president of the Southern Medical Association.

On January 1, 2011, G. Richard Holt, M.D., M.S.E., M.P.H., M.A.B.E., was appointed as new Editor-in-Chief of the *Southern Medical Journal*. Dr. Holt brings a wealth of journal knowledge and experience to the *SMJ*. He is a past Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal, Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*, and Past Editor-in-Chief of the journal, *Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine* (official journal of the Aerospace Medical Association). Dr. Holt also is a past Co-Editor of *The Yearbook of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery* and is also currently or has been on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Long-Term Medical Effects of Implants*, the *Journal of CranioMaxillofacial Surgery*, and *Texas Medicine*.

An SMA member since 1978, Dr. Holt has been actively involved within the Association, having served first as Secretary, then Chair, of the Section of Otolaryngology. Dr. Holt has lectured at SMA Annual Meetings and developed a Presidential Symposium on Space Medicine, as well as having helped develop the Association's Young Physician Leadership Course.

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## IV. Research Project Fund

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Members of the Committee on Grants and Loans observed that funds for initiating small research projects were not readily available in most medical centers or training areas. Therefore, at the Annual Meeting, November 1969, the Council established the SMA Research Project Fund. This Fund originally consisted of \$6,000 annually, from which grants could be made to those participating in investigative projects. Due to the large number of applications received for grants from this Fund during the first year of operation, the Committee on Grants and Loans recommended to the Council at the Dallas Meeting, November 1970, that the amount of grants be increased to \$20,000 annually (July 1-June 30). This Fund is under the direction of the Committee on Grants and Loans.

At the New Orleans Meeting in November 1976, the Committee on Grants and Loans recommended that the amount for grants be increased to \$40,000 annually. In 1982 the Committee on Grants and Loans approved a grant increase in the amount of \$20,000, making the total amount available \$60,000.

In November, 1988 the Council of the SMA voted to increase the combined amount available for Research Grants and Residency Training Loans to \$150,000 from the previous amount of \$100,000. This would become effective July 1, 1989.

Dr. Browder reported that at the April 29, 2000, Council meeting, it was voted to spend the estimated earnings from the Endowment Fund for the coming year. The estimated earnings were established at \$40,000 of which \$35,000 will be allocated for scholarship for the coming (2000-2001) school year and \$5,000 will be allocated to Grants. The Resident Training Loan program was placed on hold in June, 2000.

### **RULES FOR GOVERNING THE RESEARCH FUND...**

#### **(1) Amount Available...**

- (a) the headquarters office shall be responsible for notifying the Deans at the medical schools and their affiliated hospitals located in SMA's territory that limited funds are available for those participating in investigative projects.
- (b) Money in the Research Project Fund will be available primarily to physicians in house staff training (Graduate Medical Education) and Medical Students located at medical schools, medical centers, osteopathic schools and their affiliated hospitals rather than to established faculty investigators.
- (c) The maximum grant available from this Fund, per school year, shall be \$2,500. A maximum of two grants may be awarded per medical school or medical center depending upon availability of funds.

#### **(2) Purpose...**

- (a) A grant from this Fund shall be primarily for the purpose of starting a new project, or for the continuation of a relatively new project.
- (b) A grant from this Fund shall be used primarily for the purchase of expendable items (which includes the purchase and maintenance of animals) and may not be used for the purchase of computers or



computer training. NO TRAVEL EXPENSES WILL BE FUNDED. Funds must be used as applied for or they revert back to SMA. Under no circumstances will funds be transferred outside of SMA's territorial boundaries.

**(3) Application...**

- (a) Official application forms may be secured by writing the Chief Financial Officer, Southern Medical Association, 35 W. Lakeshore Drive, P. O. Box 190088, Birmingham, Alabama 35219-0088 or by going to the website [www.sma.org](http://www.sma.org). Deadline for receiving completed applications is April 1.

**(4) If Approved...**

When a grant is awarded, the Southern Medical Association shall issue a check jointly to the applicant and the institution with which the applicant is associated. The check shall be mailed to the applicant.

**(5) Requirements...**

Faculty/Clinical Adviser is required to: Submit a letter outlining potential clinical applications of the project. Recipients of grants from this Fund shall be requested to:

- (a) Apply for membership in Southern Medical Association (Free to medical students and residents).
- (b) Recipient and Faculty/Clinical Adviser are required to send Southern Medical Association a summary of the results of the research project upon its completion. Failure to do so will jeopardize future research funding.
- (c) Should this Research Project Grant result in publication SMA requires a reprint.

## **V. Medical Student Scholarship Fund**

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Recognizing the need for providing assistance to third-year medical students, particularly those of superior abilities, the Council established the Southern Medical Association Medical Student Scholarship Fund at the Atlanta Meeting, November 1969. This fund now provides \$1,000 of scholarship per medical school located within the territory of the Southern Medical Association and is under the direction of the Advisory Committee on Grants, Loans and Scholarships.

### **Rules Governing the Medical Student Scholarship Fund...**

**(1) Amount Available...**

- (a) The headquarters office shall be responsible for notifying the Deans of medical and osteopathic schools located in SMA's territory that limited funds are available for scholarships for third-year medical students.
- (b) The maximum scholarship available from this Fund, per school year, shall be \$1,000. The \$1,000 may be allocated among one or more deserving students at the discretion of the Dean and has historically been distributed to either one or two students.



(2) Purpose...

A scholarship from this Fund shall be for the purpose of giving aid in providing tuition to third-year students of superior ability who are in need of scholarship funds.

(3) Application...

(a) Application for a scholarship from this Fund must be made by the Dean on behalf of his students, by writing to the Chairman, Advisory Committee on Grants, Loans and Scholarships, c/o Director, Operations, Southern Medical Association, 35 W. Lakeshore Drive, P.O. Box 190088, Birmingham, Alabama 35219-0088.

(b) The letter should give:

(1) full name and mailing address of the student;

(2) explanation of student's need;

(3) deserving qualities of the student for a scholarship.

(4) If Approved...

When a scholarship is awarded the headquarters office shall notify the Dean, and shall issue a check jointly to the applicant and the school. The check will be mailed directly to the councilor in the state who will sign the cover letter and forward to the Dean of the Medical School.

## VI. Southern Medical Research and Education Endowment Fund

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In 1986 SMA established an Educational Endowment Fund to provide funding for scholarships, research projects and other programs supporting the educational purposes of the Association. In December 1987, SMA launched a Planned Giving Program incorporating the existing Endowment Fund with several other options for charitable giving. Donors may target gifts for scholarships, lectureships or special educational programs through gifts from various means including bequests, life insurance, real estate, or securities. With any gift, donors may establish memorials for deceased loved ones or recognition for a colleague.

Purposes of the Fund are to provide an investment in the future of medical and health care delivery; to stimulate interest in conducting research; to provide financial aid to deserving medical students; to initiate a professional career development relationship with SMA; and to recognize or memorialize donors and their designees.

A formal recognition program for contributors to the Research and Education Endowment Fund is as follows:

**President's Circle- \$1,000**

Contribution

- Name in *Southern Medical Journal*
- Annual Meeting Ribbon

**Benefactor- \$250-\$999**

Contribution

- Name in *Southern Medical Journal*
- Annual Meeting Ribbon

**Patron- \$50 - \$249**

- Contribution
- Name in *Southern Medical Journal*
- Annual Meeting Ribbon

## **The Society of 1906**

The establishment of "The Society of 1906" was approved in 1990 in Nashville. The Society recognizes major contributors to the Fund. SMA physicians may become members of "The Society of 1906" by contributing \$5000 to the fund over a five year period or by making a \$20,000 bequest. Recognition and benefits of "The Society of 1906" include:

- "Society of 1906" medallion
- "Society of 1906" tie and Annual Meeting Ribbon
- name on the "Hall of Fame"

The twenty-seven Charter Members of The Society of 1906 were honored at the SMA's 85th Annual Scientific Assembly in Atlanta in November of 1991. Charter Members attended the first annual black-tie reception and were given a beautiful medallion representing their commitment to the goals of SMA's Research and Education Endowment Fund.

Donations to the Southern Medical Research and Education Endowment Fund may be sent or inquiries directed to Southern Medical Association Research and Education Endowment Fund.

## **VII. Awards**

From time to time the Southern Medical Association has created awards so that the Association may honor worthy members. Presently there are three official awards of the Association: the Distinguished Service Award; the Seale Harris Award; and the Original Research Award. Nomination and application forms, which may be obtained from the headquarters office, must be received at the headquarters office by April.

All nominations and applications are considered by the Committee on Special Awards. This confidential Committee, consisting of five members with the President-Elect as Chairman, is appointed by the President to evaluate the contributions of the various candidates for special awards. The presentation of awards takes place at the first general session of the Annual Meeting.

### **The Research Medal...**

During the 1912 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., the Association established the Research Medal which could be awarded from time to time to a member of the Association for meritorious and original research work provided

the member had made contributions to medical science of sufficient importance to merit this distinction.

In 1961 both the Research Medal and the Original Research Award existed. Then in 1962 the Research Medal as established in 1912 was discontinued in favor of the Dr. Robert D. and Alma Moreton Original Research Award.

#### **Recipients of the Research Medal**

- 1912-Jacksonville Meeting- C. C. Bass, M.D., New Orleans, La., "for his epoch-making achievement in the study of malaria, namely: the cultivation of the malaria parasites in artificial media."
- 1916-Atlanta Meeting- J. Shelton Horsley, M.D., Richmond, Va., "in recognition of his original contributions and studies in the domain of vascular surgery."
- 1921-Hot Springs Meeting- Kenneth M. Lynch M.D., Dallas, Tex., "for his original and meritorious investigations in the parasitology of tropical diseases."
- 1932-Birmingham Meeting- Evarts A. Graham M.D., St. Louis, Mo., "for his outstanding research work, especially on the diagnosis and pathology of inflammatory diseases of the gallbladder and liver."
- 1933-Richmond Meeting- William de B. MacNider M.D., Chapel Hill, N.C., "for original and meritorious research, especially in the field of experimental nephritis."
- 1937-New Orleans Meeting- Ernest W. Goodpasture, M.D., Nashville, Tenn., "for his outstanding achievements through his research on the cultivation and the nature of viruses."
- 1940-Louisville Meeting- Alfred

Blalock, M.D. Nashville, Tenn., "in recognition of his distinguished contributions to knowledge of the circulation, especially in relation to shock."

- 1942-Richmond Meeting- Perrin H. Long, M.D., Baltimore, Md., "in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the knowledge of bacteriology and chemotherapy."
- 1943-Cincinnati Meeting- Tom Douglas Spies, M.D., Birmingham, Ala., "in recognition of his outstanding contributions to our knowledge of the science of human nutrition, especially in his elucidation of the earlier and better methods of diagnosis and treatment of disease."
- 1945-Cincinnati Meeting- Tinsley R. Harrison, M.D. Dallas, Tex., "In recognition of his outstanding contributions toward the elucidation of structural and functional aspects of cardiovascular disease and particularly of practical problems arising from failure of the circulation."
- 1946-Miami Meeting- William H. Sebrell, Jr., M.D. Bethesda, Md., "in recognition of his important contributions to the understanding of nutrition and its relation to public health."
- 1947-Baltimore Meeting- George E. Burch, M.D. New Orleans, La., "in recognition of his important investigations in the clinical physiology of the circulation and of his valuable contributions of the understanding of cardiovascular disorders."
- 1949-Cincinnati Meeting- Seale Harris, M.D., Birmingham, Ala., "in recognition for his original and pioneer description of



hyperinsulinism, for continued and meritorious achievements in the fields of nutrition and metabolism and especially his investigations of diabetes mellitus and his contributions to its treatment."

1950—St. Louis Meeting—Guy L. Hunner, M.D., Baltimore, Md., "for clarifying the relationship of focal infections as disease producers in the genitourinary tract, and especially for his constructive work on the diagnosis and treatment of the medical and surgical diseases of the urinary tract."

1954—St. Louis Meeting—Robert E. Stone, M.D., Birmingham, Ala., "in appreciation of his outstanding professional attainments and original research of benefit to mankind in the recognition and treatment of nutritional disorders and diseases of metabolism."

1957—Miami Beach Meeting—Joseph H. Hill, M.D., Dallas, Tex., "in recognition of his many contributions in the field of hematology, particularly in his original mass production method of desiccating human plasma and application in the therapy of shock, in his additions to the knowledge concerning the Rh factor, and in his current studies on leukemia."

1960—St. Louis Meeting—Leslie V. Rush, M.D., Meridian, Miss., "for research resulting in the development of the Rush pin, an intramedullary steel pin for internal fixation of fractures."

1961—Dallas Meeting—May Owen, M.D., Fort Worth, Tex., "for research in determining that glove powder was the cause of foreign-body granuloma on the

serosal surface of the intestines in abdominal surgery."

### **The Dr. Robert D. and Alma Moreton Original Research Award...**

At the Dallas Meeting in 1961, the Association established the Original Research Award consisting of a medal and cash prize, which may be awarded annually in recognition of original research in clinical medicine or the basic sciences as applied to medicine. Nominations for this award may be made by submitting an essay, curriculum vitae, and a photograph to the headquarters office by April 1.

Any member of the Association is eligible to receive this award and nominations may be made by any member of the Association. The Committee on Special Awards evaluates all essays submitted, and the recipient is notified and receives the Award at the first general session of an Annual Meeting.

### **Recipients of the Dr. Robert D. & Alma W. Moreton Original Research Award**

1968—New Orleans Meeting—Donald E. McCollum, M.D., Durham, N.C., Robert S. Matthews, M.D., Greenville, S.C., and Michael T. O'Neill, M.D., Durham, N.C., for their essay "Aseptic Necrosis of the Femoral Head: Associated Discases and Evaluation of Treatment."

1973—San Antonio Meeting—Gilbert H. Fletcher M.D., Houston, Tex., for his work in building the first practical head for the housing of cobalt in the giving of external radiation.

1974—Atlanta Meeting—John W. Kirklin, M.D., Birmingham, Ala.

1975—Miami Beach Meeting—Cornelia P. Channing, Ph.D., Baltimore, Md.

1978- Atlanta Meeting- Bruce Schoenberg, M.D., Bethesda, Md.  
 1980- San Antonio Meeting- George W. Molnar, Ph.D., Little Rock, Ark.  
 1981- New Orleans Meeting- John Barry McCraw, M.D., Norfolk, Va.  
 1983- Baltimore Meeting- Howard W. Jones, M.D. and Georgeanna Secgar Jones, M.D., Norfolk, Va.  
 1986- Atlanta Meeting- Franz H. Messerli, M.D. New Orleans, La.  
 1989- Washington, D.C. Meeting- David W. Bilheimer, M.D., Dallas, Tx.  
 1990- Nashville Meeting- James A. Roberts, M.D., Covington, La.  
 1992- San Antonio Meeting- Joseph G. Sinkovics M.D., Tampa, Fl.  
 1993- New Orleans Meeting- John J. Costanzi, M.D., Austin, Tx.  
 1994- Orlando Meeting- Paul C. Gillette, M.D., Charleston, SC  
 1995- Kansas City Meeting- R. Neal Garrison, M.D., Louisville, KY  
 1996- Baltimore Meeting- Richard W. McCallum, M.D., Kansas City, KS  
 1997- Charlotte Meeting - Eugene A. Woltering, M.D., New Orleans, LA  
 1998- New Orleans Meeting- Steven D. Wexner, M.D., Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
 1999- No award given  
 2000- Orlando Meeting - Mark Abel, M.D., Charlottesville, VA  
 2001- No award given  
 2002- No award given  
 2003- No award given  
 2004- New Orleans Meeting- Richard DeShazo, M.D., Jackson, MS  
 2005- San Antonio Meeting- Dr. Razelle Kurzrock of Belleaire, Texas  
 2010- Orlando/Kissimmee Meeting Bogdan Czerniak, M.D., Ph.D.

Houston, TX  
 2011- Williamsburg Meeting Mark G. Martens, M.D., FACOG Neptune, NJ  
 2012- Nashville Meeting, Richard F. Lockey, MD, Tampa, FL

### **The Distinguished Service Award...**

At the Houston Meeting in 1955 the Association created the Distinguished Service Award, which may be awarded annually to any member of the Association in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of medical science and/or the Association. Any member of the Association is eligible to receive this award and nominations may be made by any member of the Association. Deadline for receiving nominations is April 1. The Committee on Special Awards evaluates all nominations and the recipient is notified and receives the Award at the first general session of an Annual Meeting.

### **Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award**

1956- Washington Meeting- Curtice Rosser, M.D., Dallas, Tex.  
 1957- Miami Beach Meeting- Kenneth M. Lynch, M.D., Charleston, S.C.  
 1958- New Orleans Meeting- T. W. Moore, M.D., Huntington, W.Va.  
 1959- Atlanta Meeting- R. L. Sanders, M.D., Memphis, TN  
 1960- St. Louis Meeting- Everett S. Lain, M.D., Oklahoma City, OK  
 1961- Dallas Meeting- George E. Burch, M.D., New Orleans, LA  
 1962- Miami Beach Meeting- Wilburt C. Davison M.D., Durham, NC  
 1963- New Orleans Meeting- Fount Richardson M.D., Fayetteville, AR (posthumously)  
 1964- Memphis Meeting- Hollis E. Johnson, M.D., Nashville, TN  
 1965- Houston Meeting- Milford O.



- Rouse, M.D., Dallas, TX
- 1967- Miami Beach Meeting- Robert D. Moreton, M.D., Houston, TX
- 1968- New Orleans Meeting- M. Pinson Neal, Sr., M.D., Columbia, MO
- 1969- Atlanta Meeting- R. H. Kampmeier, M.D., Nashville, TN
- 1970- Dallas Meeting- Joe T. Nelson, M.D. Weatherford, TX
- 1971- Miami Beach Meeting- Seymour F. Ochsner, M.D., New Orleans, LA
- 1972- New Orleans Meeting- Charles M. Caravati, M.D., Richmond, VA
- 1973- San Antonio Meeting- Edgar Hull M.D., Pascagoula, Miss.
- 1974- Atlanta Meeting- Woodard D. Beacham M.D., New Orleans, LA
- 1975- Miami Beach Meeting- George H. Yeager M.D., Baltimore, Md.
- 1976- New Orleans Meeting- J. Garber Galbraith, M.D., Birmingham, AL
- 1977- Dallas Meeting- Harris D. Riley, Jr., M.D., Oklahoma City, OK
- 1978- Atlanta Meeting- N. C. Hightower, Jr., M.D., Temple, TX
- 1979- Las Vegas Meeting- Margaret S. Klapper, M.D., Birmingham, AL
- 1980- San Antonio Meeting- Howard L. Holley, M.D., Birmingham, AL
- 1981- New Orleans Meeting- Walter C. Jones, M.D., Coral Gables, FL
- 1982- Atlanta Meeting- George M. Haik, M.D., New Orleans, LA
- 1983- Baltimore Meeting- Phillip W. Voltz, Jr., M.D., San Antonio, TX
- 1984- New Orleans Meeting- H. William Scott, Jr., M.D., Nashville, TN
- 1985- Orlando Meeting- James C. (J.C.) Tanner, Jr., M.D., Atlanta, GA.
- 1986- Atlanta Meeting- John Adriani, M.D., New Orleans, La.
- 1987- San Antonio Meeting- John B. Thomison, M.D., Nashville, Tenn.
- 1988- New Orleans Meeting- Albert C. Esposito, M.D., Huntington, W.V.
- 1989- Washington, D.C. Meeting- Hiram C. Polk, Jr, M.D., Louisville, Ky.
- 1990- Nashville Meeting- Lenox D. Baker, M.D., Durham, N.C.
- 1991- Atlanta Meeting- G. Thomas Jansen, M.D., Little Rock, AR
- 1992- San Antonio Meeting- Charles E. Horton, M.D., Norfolk, VA
- 1993- New Orleans Meeting- Edward T. Kremenz, M.D., New Orleans, LA
- 1994- Orlando Meeting- M. Pinson Neal, Jr., M.D., Richmond, VA
- 1995- Kansas City Meeting- J. Leonard Goldner, M.D., Durham, NC
- 1996- Baltimore Meeting- Thomas B. Dameron, Jr., M.D., Raleigh, NC
- 1997- Charlotte Meeting - James E. Davis, M.D., Durham, NC
- 1998- New Orleans Meeting - C. Thorpe Ray, M.D., New Orleans, LA
- 1999- Dallas Meeting- H. Mac Vandiviere, M.D., Lancaster, KY
- 2000- Orlando Meeting- Robert E. Pickard, M.D., South Miami, FL
- 2001- Nashville Meeting- Jack C. Hughston, M.D., Columbus, GA
- 2002- Washington Meeting - George S. Ellis, Sr., M.D., New Orleans, LA
- 2003- Atlanta Meeting - J. Patrick O'Leary, M.D., New Orleans, LA
- 2004- New Orleans Meeting- J. Lee Dockery, M.D., Gainesville, FL
- 2005- San Antonio Meeting- J. Graham Smith, M.D., Mobile, AL
- 2006- Charlotte Meeting- John B. Lynch, M.D., Nashville, TN
- 2007- New Orleans, LA Meeting-

- James C. Waites, M.D.,  
Laurel, MS
- 2008 - Nashville Meeting - Hugh  
E. Stephenson, Jr., M.D.,  
Columbia, MO
- 2009 - Dallas Meeting - Jean E.  
Holt, M.D., M.P.H., San  
Antonio, TX
- 2010 - Orlando/Kissimmee Meeting  
Louis A. Cancellaro, PhD., M.D.  
Johnson City, TN
- 2010 - Orlando/Kissimmee Meeting  
Distinguished Service Award  
to the Position of Medicine  
Stanley G. Shaffer, M.D.  
Kansas City, MO
- 2011 - Williamsburg Meeting  
David C. Jacks, M.D., FACS  
Pine Bluff, AR
- 2012 - Nashville Meeting, Mark D.  
Kilgus, MD, PhD, Roanoke, VA

#### **Seale Harris Award...**

Established at the New Orleans Meeting in 1958, this award is presented annually to any member of the Association in recognition for important research accomplishment in the broad field of metabolism, endocrinology, nutrition, or for research which contributes to a better understanding of the chemical changes occurring in disease. Any member of the Association is eligible to receive this award and nominations may be made by any member of the Association. Deadline for receiving nominations is April 1. After nominations are evaluated by the Committee on Special Awards, the recipient is notified and receives the award at the first general session of an Annual Meeting.

#### **Recipients of the Seale Harris Award**

- 1959- Atlanta Meeting- Tom Douglas  
Spies, M.D., Birmingham, Ala.,  
"for his contributions and

accomplishments in the field of  
nutrition."

- 1960- St. Louis Meeting- Nicholas C.  
Hightower, Jr. M.D., Temple,  
Tex., "for his investigations  
and achievements in the field  
of metabolic diseases and  
gastroenterology."
- 1961- Dallas Meeting- Henry H.  
Turner, M.D., Oklahoma City,  
Okla. "for his distinguished  
and meritorious work in  
glandular disorders in the  
human, to which he has  
contributed internationally,  
and for which he is so widely  
accepted as an authority."
- 1962- Miami Beach Meeting-  
Howard L. Holley M.D.,  
Birmingham, Ala., "for his  
investigations on the synovial  
fluid in normal subjects and  
in patients with rheumatoid  
arthritis and for more recent  
studies on the chemical  
nature of hyaluronic acid."
- 1963- New Orleans Meeting- Joe M.  
Blumberg, M.D., Washington,  
D.C., "for his investigations  
and achievements in pathology  
and research and for his  
contributions to medicine  
which have been recognized  
and accepted all over the world."
- 1967- Miami Beach Meeting- Julian  
M. Ruffin, M.D., Durham,  
N.C., "for his original invest-  
igative work centering about  
the malabsorption state,  
elucidation of the etiology  
of Whipple's disease and its  
management, and the nature  
of duodenal ulcer pain." (Note:  
actual presentation of this  
award was at the 1968 Meeting  
in New Orleans).
- 1970- Dallas Meeting- Grace  
Goldsmith, M.D., New Orleans,  
La., "for her investigations



- and research in the fields of metabolism and nutrition."
- 1972- New Orleans Meeting- John T. Galambos, M.D., Atlanta, Ga., "for his research and contributions to the field of gastroenterology."
- 1973- San Antonio Meeting- Stanley J. Dudrick, M.D., Houston, TX, "for his work in intravenous alimentation."
- 1974- Atlanta Meeting- H. Harlan Stone, M.D., Atlanta Ga.; Robert S. Nelson, M.D., Houston, TX
- 1975- Miami Beach Meeting- W. Dean Warren, M.D., Atlanta, GA
- 1976- New Orleans Meeting- John S. Fordtran, M.D., Dallas, TX
- 1980- San Antonio Meeting- Elliot Weser, M.D., San Antonio, TX
- 1981- New Orleans Meeting- Constance Pittman, M.D., Birmingham, AL
- 1982- Atlanta Meeting- Hiram C. Polk, M.D., Louisville, Ky.
- 1983- Baltimore Meeting- Addison B. Scoville, Jr., M.D., Nashville, Tenn.
- 1984- New Orleans Meeting- Edward M. Copeland, III, M.D., Gainesville, Fla.
- 1986- Atlanta Meeting- James M. Moss, M.D., Alexandria, Va.
- 1987- San Antonio Meeting- J. Claude Bennett, M.D., Birmingham, Ala.
- 1988- New Orleans Meeting- Albert L. Hyman, M.D., New Orleans, La.
- 1990- Nashville Meeting- Paul G. McDonough M.D., Augusta, Ga.
- 1991- Atlanta Meeting- Vardaman M. Buckalew, Jr., M.D., Winston-Salem, N.C.
- 1992- San Antonio Meeting- Basil Isaac Hirschowitz, M.D., Birmingham, AL
- 1993- New Orleans Meeting- Buris R. Boshell, M.D., Birmingham, AL
- 1994- Orlando Meeting- James A. Pittman, Jr., M.D., Birmingham, AL
- 1995- Kansas City Meeting- Antonio M. Gotto, Jr., M.D., Houston, TX
- 1996- Baltimore Meeting- David A. Clark, M.D., New Orleans, LA
- 1997- Charlotte Meeting - Samuel Eichold, M.D., Mobile, AL
- 1998- New Orleans Meeting - Alan L. Buchman, M.D., M.S.P.H., Houston, TX
- 1999- No award given this year
- 2000- No award given this year
- 2001- No award given this year
- 2002- Washington, DC Meeting- David S. H. Bell, M.D., Birmingham, AL
- 2003- Atlanta Meeting - Aaron I. Vinik, MD, PhD Norfolk, VA
- 2004- New Orleans Meeting - James W. Anderson, MD Lexington, KY
- 2010- Orlando/Kissimmee Meeting James R. Sowers, M.D., F.A.C.E., F.A.C.P., F.A.H.A. St. Louis, MO
- 2012- Nashville Meeting, Vivian A. Fonseca, MD, New Orleans, LA

### **The Scientific Exhibit and Poster Awards...**

Scientific exhibits became an official part of the annual meeting at the Louisville Meeting in 1920. The Council established a Committee on Scientific Exhibit Awards, and Certificates were given for: Best Exhibit by an Individual Physician; Best Exhibit by a Medical School; Best General Exhibit. In 1924, the Council voted to change the award designation to: First Award; Second Award; Third Award; and, Honorable Mention Award(s) at the discretion of the Committee. In 1984, six place awards were offered and the Honorable Mention was changed to Certificate of Merit. In 1988, poster presentations were included as part of the scientific

portion of the annual meeting.

The Committee on Scientific Exhibits, Posters and Awards is a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Scientific Activities.

The following standards are used by the Committee in making the scientific exhibit awards: originality, practicability, applicability to practice of medicine, quality, teaching, value, quantity and personal demonstration.

A plaque, certificate and ribbon are awarded for first place, and certificates and ribbons are awarded for second through sixth places. Certificates of Merit are awarded for those exhibits warranting such recognition. Recognition certificates are given to all participating scientific exhibitors and poster presenters. Scientific Exhibits were discontinued as of the 1996 Annual Assembly.

#### **The Technical Exhibit Award...**

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council held in Atlanta, Ga., March 31, 1973, the C. P. Loran Award for the outstanding Technical Exhibit was established. Recipients of this award are:

- 1973- San Antonio Meeting- Roche Laboratories, "Heart Sounds."
- 1974- Atlanta Meeting- Roche Laboratories
- 1975- Miami Beach Meeting- Eli Lilly & Company
- 1976- New Orleans Meeting- Merck, Sharp & Dohme
- 1977- Dallas Meeting- Roche Laboratories
- 1978- Atlanta Meeting- Schering Laboratories
- 1979- Las Vegas Meeting- Wyeth Laboratories
- 1981- New Orleans Meeting- Wyeth Laboratories
- 1982- Atlanta Meeting- Pfizer Laboratories
- 1983- Baltimore Meeting- Roche Lab-

oratories

- 1984- New Orleans Meeting- Schering Laboratories
- 1985- Orlando Meeting- Roche Laboratories
- 1986- Atlanta Meeting- The Upjohn Company
- 1987- San Antonio Meeting- Mead Johnson Pharmaceuticals
- 1988- New Orleans Meeting- Parke-Davis
- 1989- Washington, D.C. Meeting- Roerig Division, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
- 1990- Nashville Meeting- Mead Johnson Pharmaceuticals
- 1991- Atlanta Meeting- Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corporation
- 1992- San Antonio Meeting- Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories
- 1993- New Orleans Meeting- U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group: Pfizer Labs, Pratt Pharmaceuticals, and Roerig.
- 1994- Orlando Meeting- Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories
- 1995- Kansas City Meeting- Hoechst Roussel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- 1996- Baltimore Meeting- Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories
- 1997- Novartis Pharmaceuticals
- 1998- Eli Lilly and Company
- 1999- Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
- 2000- Aventis Pharmaceuticals

Technical Exhibits awards were discontinued after 2000.



## VIII. Southern Medical Association Alliance

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During the Southern Medical Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., November, 1923, Mrs. Seale Harris of Birmingham, Alabama, was chosen to organize an Auxiliary for this group. The proposed Auxiliary was organized the following year during the SMA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. There were 88 charter members from 16 states and the District of Columbia.

In 2004 at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana the decision was made to change the name from Auxiliary to Alliance.

Spouses of physician members of the Southern Medical Association can be members of the SMA Alliance—an organization founded in 1924 to promote and preserve the art and science of medicine. A \$25.00 annual membership fee helps to support the projects of the Alliance and to offset fees associated with the publishing of our newsletter—*Southern Connection*.

Through the year, the SMA Alliance participates in several interesting projects, including the promotion of Doctors' Day, the encouragement of participation in Medical Heritage (Research and Romance) projects, Health Education Awareness, and Membership. In addition, the Alliance assists in fund raising for the SMA Research & Education Endowment Fund.

The Alliance also maintains a close relationship with the state medical alliances in each of its member states and aids in the promotion of membership in the Association.

The Southern Medical Association Alliance has made an organized effort to develop meaningful programs for the spouses of SMA members and to support SMA in pursuit of its mission and goals.

To improve communications, the SMA Alliance publishes a newsletter entitled SOUTHERN CONNECTION. This newsletter serves as a vehicle for presenting information, programs, and services available to Alliance members from the Southern Medical Association. It also helps to inform Alliance members around the region of activities of interest underway for various Alliance members.

The Southern Medical Association Alliance continues to grow in strength and in dedication, always striving to build a stronger and more effective organization

## Headquarters Office and Staff of the Southern Medical Association

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Prior to 1910, physicians elected to the office of Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary and Treasurer maintained Association records. In that year, Seale Harris, M.D., of Mobile, Alabama, was elected Secretary and Treasurer. He maintained the Association offices in Mobile until July 1915, when he relocated to Birmingham, Alabama, and moved the Association's offices to the Empire Building. Dr. Harris served as Secretary and Treasurer, as well as Editor, until his retirement in 1921. While Dr. Harris was on active military duty from November 1917 until November 1919, James R. Garber, M.D., was Acting Secretary.

Upon Dr. Harris' retirement, Mr. C. P. Lorz of Birmingham was named Secretary-Treasurer and Business Manager, a position he held until November 1928. He had worked for Dr. Harris as Business Manager of Southern Medical Journal, which was then privately owned by Dr. Harris. Mr. Lorz was designated Assistant Treasurer of the Association in November 1914 and Business Manager in November 1916. His title was changed to Secretary, Treasurer, and General Manager in November 1928, and, under the all-inclusive title of Secretary-Manager, he served until December 1, 1954.

On that date, Mr. V.O. Foster of Birmingham took over the executive duties of the Association with the new title of Executive Secretary and Treasurer, with a five-year contract. However, the Council, wishing to continue using the vast experiences of Mr. Lorz after his retirement, voted to retain Mr. Lorz as Advisor and Professional Relations Counselor for a period of three years. This arrangement was renewed for a second three-year period ending December 1, 1957. Mr. Butts, who had served as Assistant to the Secretary-Manager, 1948-1950, and Assistant Secretary-Manager, 1950-1954, was elected Business Manager with a five-year contract beginning December 1, 1954.

In September 1959 Mr. Foster became ill before fulfilling his contract. Mr. Butts was asked to serve as Acting Executive Secretary and Treasurer until further notice in addition to continuing as Business Manager.

At the Dallas Meeting, November 1961, Mr. Butts was given the title of Executive Director, which would include his present titles of Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Business Manager, and Managing Editor.

Following a Constitutional change in November 1977, Mr. Butts assumed the title of Executive Vice-President. The Bylaws were changed during the New Orleans Meeting in November 1976 to reflect this change.

Mr. Butts retired from his position as Executive Vice-President on July 1, 1980, but remained as a Consultant until December 1981.

Mr. William J. Ranieri was appointed the New Executive Officer in August 1980.

In March 2000 Mr. James H. Leverett was appointed the new Executive Officer.

In July 2002 Mr. Edward J. Waldron was appointed as Interim Executive Vice President and in May, 2003 as Executive Vice-President. In July 2010 Mr. Waldron was appointed as Chief Executive Officer.

In 1984 SMA Services, Inc. was organized as a wholly owned subsidiary, and

Mr. Ranieri was appointed as its President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. James H. Leverett was appointed as its President and Chief Executive Officer in March 2000.

Mr. Edward J. Waldron was appointed as its Executive Vice-President in May, 2003.

In April 2012, William L. Hartsfield, FLMI, was appointed as the Executive Director and charged with re-energizing the Association.

#### **THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE**

The Association's offices were in the Van Antwerp Building, Mobile Ala., from November 1910 until July 1915 and in the Empire Building in Birmingham from July 15, 1915 until 1958.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for one of the country's most modern association buildings were held on August 4, 1957. The split-level structure of masonry and glass, located at 2601 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, completed at a cost of \$250,000 was dedicated September 7, 1958.

The headquarters office contained 6,854 square feet of space and was situated on a lot of nearly one and one-half acres. It provided a meeting place and business center, executive offices, offices for the Association's publications, Auxiliary room, mailing room, conference room, and storage space.

In July 1984, the headquarters office was moved to a new building at 35 Lakeshore Drive. Tastefully furnished, the building contains 22,000 square feet of space and is situated on 2 acres with beautiful landscaping, convenient to the interstate system. The office building has easy access to all areas of Birmingham and is only 15 minutes from the airport.

In January 2012, the building was sold, and SMA/SMAS became a tenant. All staff were located on the second floor. The new address for SMA/SMAS is 35 W. Lakeshore Drive, Suite 201.



## Places of Meetings and Presidents

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- 1906 Chattanooga, TN, organization meeting
- 1907 Birmingham, AL, \*H. H. Martin, Savannah, GA
- 1908 Atlanta, GA, \*B. L. Wyman, Birmingham, AL
- 1909 New Orleans, LA, \*G. C. Savage, Nashville, TN
- 1910 Nashville, TN, \*W. W. Crawford, Hattiesburg, MS
- 1911 Hattiesburg, MS, \*Isadore Dyer, New Orleans, LA
- 1912 Jacksonville, FL, \*James M. Jackson, Miami, FL
- 1913 Lexington, KY, \*Frank A. Jones, Memphis, TN
- 1914 Richmond, VA, \*Stuart McGuire, Richmond, VA
- 1915 Dallas, TX, \*Oscar Dowling, New Orleans, LA
- 1916 Atlanta, GA, \*Robert Wilson, Charleston, SC
- 1917 Memphis, TN, \*Duncan Eve, Sr., Nashville, TN
- 1918 Influenza pandemic; no meeting that year
- 1919 Asheville, NC, \*Lewellys F. Barker, Baltimore, MD
- 1920 Louisville, KY, \*E. H. Cary, Dallas, TX
- 1921 Hot Springs National Park, AR, \*Jere L. Crook, Jackson, TN
- 1922 Chattanooga, TN, \*Seale Harris, Birmingham, AL
- 1923 Washington, DC, \*W. S. Leathers, Jackson, MS
- 1924 New Orleans, LA, \*Charles L. Minor, Asheville, NC
- 1925 Dallas, TX, \*Stewart R. Roberts, Atlanta, GA
- 1926 Atlanta, GA, \*C. C. Bass, New Orleans, LA
- 1927 Memphis, TN, \*J. Shelton Horsley, Richmond, VA
- 1928 Asheville, NC, \*William R. Bathurst, Little Rock, AR
- 1929 Miami, FL, \*T. W. Moore, Huntington, WV
- 1930 Louisville, KY, \*Hugh S. Cumming, Washington, DC
- 1931 New Orleans, LA, \*Felix J. Underwood, Jackson, MS
- 1932 Birmingham, AL, \*Lewis J. Moorman, Oklahoma City, OK
- 1933 Richmond, VA, \*Irvin Abell, Louisville, KY
- 1934 San Antonio, TX, \*Hugh Leslie Moore, Dallas, TX
- 1935 St. Louis, MO, \*H. Marshall Taylor, Jacksonville, FL
- 1936 Baltimore, MD, \*Fred M. Hodges, Richmond, VA
- 1937 New Orleans, LA, \*Frank K. Boland, Atlanta, GA
- 1938 Oklahoma City, OK, \*J. W. Jervey, Greenville, SC
- 1939 Memphis, TN, \*Walter E. Vest, Huntington, WV
- 1940 Louisville, KY, \*Arthur T. McCormack, Louisville, KY
- 1941 St. Louis, MO, \*Paul H. Ringer, Asheville, NC
- 1942 Richmond, VA, \*M. Pinson Neal, Sr., Columbia, MO
- 1943 Cincinnati, OH, \*Harvey F. Garrison, Jackson, MS
- 1944 St. Louis, MO, \*James A. Ryan, Covington, KY
- 1945 Cincinnati, OH, \*Edgar G. Ballenger, Atlanta, GA (Deceased in Office)  
\*E. Vernon Mastin, St. Louis, MO (President at Annual Meeting)
- 1946 Miami, FL, \*M. Y. Dabncy, Birmingham, AL
- 1947 Baltimore, MD, \*Elmer L. Henderson, Louisville, KY
- 1948 Miami, FL, \*Lucien A. LeDoux, New Orleans, LA
- 1949 Cincinnati, OH, \*Oscar B. Hunter, Sr., Washington, DC
- 1950 St. Louis, MO, \*Hamilton W. McKay, Charlotte, NC



1951 Dallas, TX, \*Curtice Rosser, Dallas, TX  
 1952 Miami, FL, \*R. J. Wilkinson, Huntington, WV  
 1953 Atlanta, GA, \*Walter C. Jones, Miami, FL  
 1954 St. Louis, MO, \*Alphonse McMahon, St. Louis, MO  
 1955 Houston, TX, \*R. L. Sanders, Memphis, TN  
 1956 Washington, DC, \*W. Raymond McKenzie, Baltimore, MD  
 1957 Miami Beach, FL, \*J. P. Culpepper, Jr., Hattiesburg, MS  
 1958 New Orleans, LA, \*W. Kelly West, Oklahoma City, OK  
 1959 Atlanta, GA, \*Milford O. Rouse, Dallas, TX  
 1960 St. Louis, MO, \*Edwin Hugh Lawson, New Orleans, LA  
 1961 Dallas, TX, \*Lee F. Turlington, Birmingham, AL  
 1962 Miami Beach, FL, \*A. Clayton McCarty, Louisville, KY  
 1963 New Orleans, LA, \*Daniel L. Sexton, St. Louis, MO  
 1964 Memphis, TN, \*Robert D. Moreton, Houston, TX  
 1965 Houston, TX, \*R. H. Kampmeier, Nashville, TN  
 1966 Washington, DC, \*J. Garber Galbraith, Birmingham, AL  
 1967 Miami Beach, FL, \*Guy Thompson Vise, Sr., Meridian, MS  
 1968 New Orleans, LA, \*Oscar R. Hunter, Jr., Washington, DC  
 1969 Atlanta, GA, \*Donald F. Marion, Miami, FL  
 1970 Dallas, TX, J. \*Leonard Goldner, Durham, NC  
 1971 Miami Beach, FL, \*Albert C. Esposito, Huntington, WV  
 1972 New Orleans, LA, \*J. Hoyle Carlock, Ardmore, OK  
 1973 San Antonio, TX, \*Joe T. Nelson, Weatherford, TX  
 1974 Atlanta, GA, \*George J. Carroll, Suffolk, VA  
 1975 Miami Beach, FL, \*Andrew M. Moore, Lexington, KY  
 1976 New Orleans, LA, \*G. Gordon McHardy, New Orleans, LA  
 1977 Dallas, TX, \*G. Thomas Jansen, Little Rock, AR  
 1978 Atlanta, GA, \*Andrew F. Giesen, Jr., Fort Walton Beach, FL  
 1979 Las Vegas, NV, \*Thomas B. Dameron, Jr., Raleigh, NC  
 1980 San Antonio, TX, \*G. Baker Hubbard, Sr., Jackson, TN  
 1981 New Orleans, LA, \*J. Ralph Meier, New Orleans, LA  
 1982 Atlanta, GA, \*Edwin C. Evans, Atlanta, GA  
 1983 Baltimore, MD, \*M. Pinson Neal, Jr., Richmond, VA  
 1984 New Orleans, LA, Richard D. Richards, Baltimore, MD  
 1985 Orlando, FL, John B. Lynch, Nashville, TN  
 1986 Atlanta, GA, Guy T. Vise, Jr., Jackson, MS  
 1987 San Antonio, TX, \*William W. Moore, Jr., Atlanta, GA  
 1988 New Orleans, LA, J. Lee Dockery, Gainesville, FL  
 1989 Washington, DC, Roger L. Mell, Chesterfield, MO  
 1990 Nashville, TN, Larry C. Smith, Huntington, WV  
 1991 Atlanta, GA, Jim C. Barnett, Brookhaven, MS  
 1992 San Antonio, TX, John F. Redman, Little Rock, AR  
 1993 New Orleans, LA, Thomas C. Rowland, Jr., Columbia, SC  
 1994 Orlando, FL, Angus M. McBryde, Jr., Mobile, AL  
 1995 Kansas City, MO, Louis A. Cancellaro, Johnson City, TN  
 1996 Baltimore, MD, J. Edward Hill, Tupelo, MS  
 1997 Charlotte, NC, \*Terrell B. Tanner, East Elijay, GA  
 1998 New Orleans, LA, J. Lorin Mason, Jr., Pawley's Island, SC  
 1999 Dallas, TX, \*Hugh E. Stephenson, Jr., Columbia, MO

2000 Orlando, FL, Ronald C. Hamdy, Johnson City, TN  
 2001 Nashville, TN, \*James C. Waites, Laurel, MS  
 2002 Washington, DC, Jean Edwards Holt, San Antonio, TX  
 2003 Atlanta, GA, Michael G. Mackey, Jonesboro, AR  
 2004 New Orleans, LA, T. Rudolph Howell, Chester, VA  
 2005 San Antonio, TX, Charles A. Farmer, Tulsa, OK  
 2006 Charlotte, North Carolina, Braxter P. Irby, Jr, Brookhaven, MS  
 2007 New Orleans, LA, George S. Ellis, Jr., New Orleans, LA  
 2008 Nashville, TN, Paula Oliver Pell, St. Petersburg, FL  
 2009 Dallas, TX, Jan N. Basile, Charleston, SC  
 2010 Orlando/Kissimmee, FL, R. Bruce Shack, Nashville, TN  
 2011 Williamsburg, VA, Eric E. Lindstrom, Laurel, MS  
 2012 Nashville, TN, Michael C. Gosney, Muscle Shoals, AL

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