

**BYLAWS  
of the  
NORTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS**

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**ARTICLE I — NAME AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**

The name of this organization shall be the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists, Inc., incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the State of New York, U.S.A., hereinafter referred to as “the Society” or “this Society.” This Society is recognized as a constituent of the American Association of Orthodontists hereinafter referred to as the “Association.”

The territorial jurisdictions of this Society shall be Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and the Canadian provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland as defined by in the Association’s *Bylaws*.

**ARTICLE II — PURPOSES**

Section A. THE PURPOSES OF THIS SOCIETY, consistent with the purposes of the American Association of Orthodontists, shall be:

1. To advance the art and science of orthodontics;
2. To encourage and sponsor research;
3. To strive for and maintain the highest standards of excellence in orthodontic education and practice;
4. To make significant contributions to the health of the public;

Section B. GENERAL: The Society shall, as one of its purposes, have the power to establish *Bylaws*, policies, rules and regulations to govern its members provided such *Bylaws*, policies, rules and regulations do not conflict with, nor limit the *Bylaws* of the Association, and to the extent that they do so conflict with or limit said *Bylaws*, they are void.

**ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP**

Section A. CLASSIFICATION: Election to and classification of membership in this society shall be established as set forth in the *Bylaws* of the American Association of Orthodontists for the respective categories of membership.

Section B. ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS: The membership of this Society shall be comprised of orthodontists with their principal location of professional activities in the territorial jurisdiction of this Society. The eligibility and requirements for the various classifications of membership shall be as stipulated in *the American Association of Orthodontists Bylaws*.

Section C. MEMBER PRIVILEGES:

1. Except as set forth elsewhere in these *Bylaws* and policy statements of this Society, all members shall be entitled to all services and privileges as may be provided by this Society to the applicable classifications of membership.
2. All dues-paying members will receive the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*, the official journal of the Association, which shall include those life-active members who have been members for 50 or more cumulative years who so request.
3. Only active members in good standing shall be eligible to seek or hold office or other elected or appointive position in this Society, or to vote or otherwise participate in the selection of Society officials or the establishment of Society policies.

Section D. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS:

1. Only active Members in good standing shall further be eligible to vote and to stand for election to any office of this Society, or as a delegate or alternate delegate to the House of Delegates, or to membership on a council or committee of the Society with the exceptions that:
  - a. Council members who are reclassified as retired while serving their elected term shall remain eligible to complete such elected term;
  - b. Student members may serve on the Council on New and Younger Members

c. Academic members (non-United States/Canada graduates) may serve on councils

#### 4. Vacancies and Absences

a. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of any council, the President, after consulting with the Trustee of the Society, shall appoint an active member of other categories as stated in Article III, D. 1. to fill such vacancy until a successor is elected. A successor shall be elected at the ensuing session of the House of Delegates for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the event such vacancy involves the chair of the council, the President shall have the power to appoint an ad interim chair.

b. In the event a council member is unable to attend a council meeting, the President, in consultation with the Trustee of the Society, shall appoint an active member or other categories as stated in Article III, D. 1. of the constituent organization which is represented by that absent council member to serve on such council for that meeting only. The appointed member shall have full voting privileges for that meeting only.

#### Section E. DUES:

All dues and assessments of the Society shall be determined by the membership of the Society and shall be in addition to the application fee, annual dues and assessments of the Association. Members failing to pay their annual dues and assessments shall forfeit their membership as provided in these *Bylaws*.

The Society shall follow the Association according to Part I Financial Policies of the House of Delegates American Association of Orthodontists, Section III, in regard to waiver of dues, non-payment of dues and/or assessments, loss of membership and reinstatement.

#### Section I. APPLICATION, ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP AND REAPPLICATION:

The Society shall follow the Bylaws of the American Association of Orthodontists, in regard to 1) Application, 2) Nondiscrimination, 3) Reapplication, 4) Denial and Review of Membership, 5) Determination of Qualifications, 6) Relocation from one jurisdiction to another, 7) Reclassification, and 8) Transfer.

### **ARTICLE IV — COMPONENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Section A. NAMES AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION: The names and territorial jurisdiction of the component organizations shall be:

1. Atlantic Orthodontic Association (including New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland)
2. The Connecticut State Society of Orthodontists, Inc.
3. Massachusetts Association of Orthodontists, Inc.
4. The New Hampshire Association of Orthodontists, Inc.
5. New York State Society of Orthodontists, Inc.
6. L'Association Des Orthodontists Du Quebec
7. Rhode Island Association of Orthodontists
8. Maine Association of Orthodontists, Inc.
9. The Vermont Association of Orthodontists, Inc.

Section B. ORGANIZATION: Components of the Society may be organized on a state or provincial basis in conformity with the *Bylaws* of the Association and the *Bylaws* of this Society. Members of component societies must be like members of this Society. The component societies so created shall have those powers, duties, and responsibilities as may be given or imposed by this Society and the Association. The constitution and/or *Bylaws* of each component shall not be in conflict with, nor limit, the *Bylaws* and rules of this Society, nor those of the Association. A copy of the constitution and/or *Bylaws* of the component, and any changes which may be made thereafter, will first be filed with the Secretary of this Society and the Association and must be approved by this Society before they can be effective in the component.

## ARTICLE V — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A. COMPOSITION: There shall be a Board of Directors, the voting membership of which shall consist of the President-elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee and one other Past President to be appointed by the President, delegates and alternate delegates to the AAO House of Delegates, Component Directors, Communications Director, representatives to the AAO Councils and Committees and chairs of all NESO Standing Committees. In addition, the non-voting membership of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Parliamentarian, special Committee Chairs and members of the Nominating Committee. If members of the Nominating Committee, and Special Committee Chairs are also part of the above voting members list, they may vote. In case of a tie, the President may vote.

Section B. POWERS AND DUTIES: The Board of Directors shall be the managing body of the Society, vested with full power to conduct all of its business, subject to the mandates of the membership. It shall have the powers:

1. To establish rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these *Bylaws*, to govern its organization and procedure.
2. To transmit to the Association matters of interest to this constituent;
3. To transmit to the AAO House of Delegates any resolution formally endorsed by a NESO component Society as per their *Bylaws*. This resolution may be endorsed by this Society by majority vote of the Board of Directors or lacking this, such resolution will be submitted by request.
4. To establish ad interim policies between annual sessions when such policies are necessary for good management of the Society, provided, however, that all such policies must be presented to the membership for review at the next meeting of the Society.
5. To authorize expenditures, the board shall establish, and be guided by, written financial guidelines, which are provided to the Treasurer and shall be maintained at Society headquarters. The Board shall meet at the time of the annual session and shall hold an ad interim meeting each spring in the Society's area prior to the annual session of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to perform those tasks and assignments given to it under these *Bylaws* and as may be prescribed to it from time to time by the membership. The Board of Directors shall review all reports and make recommendations thereon, prior to their submission to the membership and shall make a report of its actions to the membership at the annual session of the Society. Attendance at meetings of the Board shall be limited to Board members except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws* or by permission of the President.
6. Counsel and Assistance: The Society shall have the right to engage legal counsel, an Executive Director and/or other employees, whose duties shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall be contracted or employed and be responsible to the Board of Directors who shall fix the compensation and tenure of the position. The Executive Director shall make an annual report to the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall furnish a fiduciary bond of at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), unless otherwise provided.

Section C. QUORUM: A majority of the voting membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Board. It shall be composed of the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, the Immediate Past President, and one other Past President to be appointed by the President. The chair of the committee shall be the President-elect. It shall have the following duties:

1. To act on behalf of the Board of Directors on matters of an emergency nature arising between sessions of the Board.
2. To recommend dates and locations of future sessions to the Board of Directors. It shall direct the Society's management office to negotiate and formulate meeting site contracts, and review and approve them. Approved contracts are to be signed by the President and one other Society officer designated by the President.

3. To carry out any special function that the President or Board of Directors assigns to it.
4. Special Meetings via Electronic Technology: The members of the Executive Committee may participate in and act at a meeting of the Executive Committee called by the chair on matters of the Society requiring immediate attention through the use of conferences via telephone and/or other electronic communications equipment. The meeting's minutes shall be recorded and made a part of the action of the Executive Committee.
5. Mail Vote or Poll: Through the use of unanimous written consent, the Executive Committee (or any committee of the Board of Directors) may take any action without convening a meeting. The consent to the action taken must be in writing, must set forth the action so taken, and must be executed by each member of the committee taking the action. Conventional mail, electronic mail or electronic poll is permitted to serve as the written consent.
6. Voting by proxy shall be permitted. However, a proxy shall be limited to a single meeting and to the published agenda. The statement authorizing the proxy shall be in writing, state clearly the wishes of the voter, to whom he/she is assigning the proxy, and be delivered, in written or electronic form prior to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS**

Section A. TITLE: The officers of this Society shall be the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee.

Section B. QUALIFICATIONS: Only Active members of this Society in good standing shall be eligible to serve as officers.

Section C. NOMINATION AND ELECTION:

1. The Nominating Committee shall present nominations for offices of President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, delegates and alternate delegates and Communications Director, to be posted for active members at least 60 days in advance of their presentation at the first Business Meeting of the ensuing Annual Session. Active members may submit other candidates from the floor provided that a curriculum vitae, a conflict of interest statement and a filing notice have been received by this Society's office by certified or electronic mail (transmitted with return electronic receipt), a minimum of 30 days prior to the first Business Meeting. The individual presenting the nomination must be present to formally introduce the nomination at the first Business Meeting for the nomination to be valid.
2. Election of the officers and delegates listed in Section C, subsection 1 of this Article shall take place at a subsequent business meeting of the same session at which the nominations were made. For offices which are uncontested, election may be by voice vote; otherwise election shall be by closed ballot.
3. Installation of officers shall take place at the annual session, or in the event there is no annual meeting, in the year at which they are elected.

Section D. TERMS OF OFFICE: The President shall assume office automatically at the conclusion of their term as President-elect. The officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year, except the Trustee, who shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The tenure of a member in any elective office shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) consecutive years, except the Trustee, who shall be limited to a total of eight (8) consecutive years. The officers shall serve until their successors are elected. Each term shall begin at the end of the annual session at which elected.

Section E. VACANCIES: When an elective office, other than that of President or President-elect, shall become vacant through resignation, death, or otherwise, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to serve for the unexpired term. If the office of President becomes vacant, the President-elect shall automatically assume the presidency. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-elect, the office of "president for the ensuing year" shall be filled at the next annual session in the same manner as that provided for nomination and election of officers in these Bylaws.

Section F. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

1. President: The President shall serve as the official representative of this Society in its contact with governmental, civic, business and professional organizations for the purpose of advancing the objectives and policies of the Society; serve as chair of the Board of Directors, voting only in case of a tie; submit an annual report to the membership; closely monitor the expenditure of Society funds to ensure that a financial deficit is not incurred; annually appoint a Parliamentarian (if so desired by the Board of Directors), and an historian (if so desired by the Board of Directors), and perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws* or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, and as usually pertain to this office.
2. President-elect: The President-elect shall assist the President as requested. They shall perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, as usually pertain to this office.
3. Secretary:
  - a. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to verify the recording and processing of all the transactions of the Society and to verify the creation and processing of all correspondence, to notify officers, committee members and others of their election or appointment and their duties and responsibilities.
  - b. They shall verify that the Executive Director promptly notifies the Secretary of the Association of election of the Trustee and shall furnish credentials showing that person to be the duly elected representative of the Society to the Board of Trustees to the Association. In like manner, they shall verify that the Executive Director notifies the Secretary of the Association at least sixty (60) days in advance of its annual session of the names of elected delegates and alternate delegates showing them to be the duly elected representatives of the Society to the House of Delegates of the Association.
  - c. They shall see that written reports are solicited from the chair of all committees, and from the Society's representatives on the Association's councils and committees, for all regular meetings of the Board of Directors.
  - d. They shall assist and verify that the executive director prepares a summary of the minutes and unfinished business of the Board of Directors' meetings and the Society business meetings and distribute these to the members of the Board within thirty (30) days after the annual session.
  - e. They shall see that the strategic plan is being implemented and developed in accordance with the Standing Resolutions of the Society and shall report on the status of the plan at the annual session and ad interim meeting of the Board.
  - f. They shall perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, and as usually pertain to this office.
  - g. They shall assist the executive director in creating and maintaining an annual session modus operandi for the purpose of meeting planning.

#### 4. Treasurer

- a. They shall see that books are audited annually by a certified public accountant; that bills are paid after they have been audited and approved, that annual tax returns have been filed, and that receipts, expenditures and vouchers are maintained thereof; and that a full and detailed report of the financial affairs of the Society is made.
- b. They shall see that, at the beginning of each fiscal year, a copy of the financial guidelines Standing Resolutions, and the Society's *Bylaws* are distributed to all officers, committee chairs and delegates.
- c. They shall assist the Budget and Finance Committee in preparing a budget for the Society and ensure that the approved budget is followed during the year.
- d. They shall request and review regular reports on the business of the society, including, but not limited to allocation of Executive Director's time, monthly expenditures, and comparisons of expenses to budgets.

5. Trustee: It shall be the duty of the Trustee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, to represent this Society on the Board of Trustees of the Association, following the Association policy for Board of Trustees.

## **ARTICLE VII — DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION'S HOUSE OF DELEGATES:**

Section A. ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION AND ELECTION: Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected and certified in conformity with the provisions of the Association's *Bylaws*. Eligibility for the positions of delegates and alternate delegates is limited to active and life active members in good standing.

Section B. POWERS AND DUTIES: To represent this Society in the Association House of Delegates in accordance with these *Bylaws*, policies and rules.

Section C. TERM: The term of each delegate shall be one (1) year. A delegate is not limited to the number of terms served. The term of the Chair of Delegation shall be three (3) years. The Chair of the delegation may serve 2 terms.

Section D. CHAIR OF DELEGATION: The Chairperson will be nominated and elected by NESO's Nominating Committee in consultation with the Executive Committee and Trustee at the Board of Directors meeting at the Annual Session. If the Chairperson is unable to fulfill their duties, the Nominating Committee in consultation with the Executive Committee and Trustee will select a replacement to fulfill the term.

Section E. ALTERNATE DELEGATES: The President shall designate an alternate to serve in place of any delegate unable to attend a meeting of the House of Delegates.

## **ARTICLE VIII — COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEES**

Section A. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: The Council Representatives of this Society and respective duties shall correspond with the Association Councils and Committees:

1. Communications
2. Governmental Affairs
3. Insurance
4. Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns
5. New and Younger Members
6. Orthodontic Education
7. Orthodontic Healthcare
8. Orthodontic Practice
9. Scientific Affairs
10. Technology

Section B. STANDING COMMITTEES: Standing Committees may be formed as needed, with approval of the Board of Directors, in support of and in compliance with the Society's mission.

1. Annual Meeting Planning Committee
2. Budget and Finance Committee
3. Bylaws Committee
4. Communications Committee
5. Investment Committee
6. Leadership Development Committee
7. Management Relations Committee
8. Nominating Committee

Section C. COMMITTEES - PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY: Committees of this Society are advisory, study and working bodies which are constituted to provide input to the Society from all of the component organizations and to provide a medium for communication to and from the Association and the component organizations. Committees shall report, if applicable, both council and committee activity at every Board of Directors meeting. Committee authority is limited to study and recommendation within the organizational structure of the Society and its component organizations, and includes the authority to seek information pertinent to such studies from any source outside the Society, within guidelines as may be established by the Board of Directors. No committees or members of a committee may communicate with any outside person, organization or agency in such a manner as to commit or

contract for goods or services, imply authority to represent the Society or present a Society position without direction, permission and/or authorization by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may assign other duties to committees as it sees fit.

Section D. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND TERM OF OFFICE: The President, with input from the Nominating Committee and Committee Chair, shall solicit nominations from component Presidents and shall appoint the committee members. All NESO members shall be eligible to serve on committees of this Society. In those instances where these *Bylaws* do not designate a chair, the chair shall be appointed by the President for a term of one (1) year. The chair should have had some previous experience or special expertise such as having worked on the committee previously or on a similar committee in another organization. Except as otherwise indicated herein, the term of office of standing committee members shall be one (1) year.

Section E. NOMINATION TO COUNCILS: The Trustee, after consultation with the Nominating and Executive Committees, shall make the nominations to the various Association councils.

Section F. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, CONSULTANTS: The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have the power to appoint consultants to committees. The Trustee will be an ex-officio member of all committees. Consultants and ex-officio members may serve on committees without vote and shall not be counted toward obtaining a quorum.

Section G. SPECIAL COMMITTEES: The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, may appoint Special Committees to perform duties not otherwise assigned by these *Bylaws*. The Board of Directors or the membership may also appoint Special Committees, the purpose and makeup to be determined by the resolution creating such Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX - RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL**

Section A. RESIGNATION: Any elected official may resign at any time by giving written notification to the President or the Secretary of this Society. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or immediately, if no time is specified.

Section B. REMOVAL: Any elected official or representative may be removed from office for cause by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the legal votes cast. The member being voted upon shall be prohibited from voting on the issue. This decision may be appealed to the membership and if so appealed, shall be considered at the next duly scheduled meeting of the membership. A two-thirds vote of the legal votes cast by the membership shall be required to reverse the action taken by the Board of Directors. If a motion to reverse the action of the Board does not carry or if such a motion is not made, the action of the Board shall be considered to be upheld by the membership.

## **ARTICLE X — MEETINGS**

Section A. SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS:

1. Purpose: The scientific sessions of this Society are established to foster the presentation and discussion of subjects pertaining to the improvement of the health of the public and the art and science of orthodontics.
2. Time and Place: The Society shall hold a scientific session annually at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power to change the time and place of the scientific session, or to cancel entirely if deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Section B. BUSINESS MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meetings shall be held annually in October or November unless a different date is ordered by the Board of Directors. Regular sessions may be waived by a majority vote of the membership. This may be accomplished by mail ballot or electronic poll.
2. Special Meetings may be called by the President, or in their absence, by the President-elect, or at the written request of ten percent (10%) of the Active membership.



3. Quorum: Thirty (30) active members shall constitute a quorum.
4. Order of Business at Annual Business Meetings
  - a. The order of business at annual business meetings shall be:
    1. CALL TO ORDER
    2. INTRODUCTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN (IF ANY)
    3. REPORT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
    4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
    5. REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
    6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
    7. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
    8. UNFINISHED (REFERRED) BUSINESS
    9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS AT FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
    10. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AT FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
    11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT A SUBSEQUENT BUSINESS MEETING
    12. ACTION ON NEW BUSINESS AT A SUBSEQUENT BUSINESS MEETING
    13. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
    14. SELECTION OF DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
    15. ADJOURNMENT
  - b. The order of business may be amended by a majority vote or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Active members present.

#### **ARTICLE XI — FINANCES**

The Society shall have the power to provide for its financial support by levying membership dues and assessments in conformity with these *Bylaws*. The fiscal year of the Society shall be January 1st through December 31st. This Society is a nonprofit organization. If it is dissolved at any time, no part of its funds or property may be distributed to, or among, its members; but, after payment of all indebtedness of the Society, its surplus funds and property will be used for orthodontic education and research in such a manner as the then governing body of the Society may determine.

There shall be a fixed reserve fund. The fixed reserves are defined as 2/3 of total reserves and liquid reserves are defined as 1/3 of total reserves.

The monies withdrawn from the fixed reserve fund require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

All monies in excess of the fixed reserve fund and not allocated to the operating budget shall be considered the "additional reserves." The monies withdrawn from the "additional reserves" will only require a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XII — INDEMNIFICATION**

The Society shall indemnify and hold harmless each officer, delegate, member or consultant of the councils or committees, and employees now or hereafter serving the Society, from and against any and all claims and liabilities to which they may be, or become, subject by reason of his now, or hereafter being, or having heretofore been, an officer, delegate, member or consultant of a council or committee, or employee of the Society and/or by reason of his alleged acts, omissions, or commissions as an officer, delegate, member or consultant of a council or committee, or employee, as aforesaid, and shall reimburse each officer, delegate, member and consultant of the councils and committees, and employees of the Society for all legal and other expenses reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with defending against any such claims or liabilities, provided, however, that no officer, delegate, member consultant of a council or committee, or employee shall be indemnified or be reimbursed for any expense incurred in defending against any claim or liability arising out of his gross negligence, want on or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights of officers, delegates, members and consultants of councils or committees and employees shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which they may be entitled lawfully.

#### **ARTICLE XIII — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The current edition of The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern the deliberations of this Society when not otherwise provided for by the *Bylaws*.

#### **ARTICLE XIV — AMENDMENTS**

PROCEDURE: These *Bylaws* may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the active members present at the second business meeting of the annual session of the Society, provided the proposed amendment has been presented to the Society at the first business meeting of the same session, and a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed, by conventional mail or sent electronically, to each active member at least thirty (30) days previous to the date of the annual session at which the amendment is to be voted. The thirty (30) day notification may be waived by a three-quarters affirmative vote of the active members present at the first business meeting of the session at which the amendment is presented. If the thirty-day requirement is waived, the proposed amendment shall be voted upon at the second business meeting and shall also require a three-quarters affirmative vote for adoption.

#### **ARTICLE XV — PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS**

The Principles of Ethics of the American Association of Orthodontists shall be the Principles of Ethics of this Society.

PLEDGE: Every member of the Society shall pledge to adhere to the Principles of Ethics of this Society.

#### **ARTICLE XVI — DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

The Disciplinary Proceedings of the American Association of Orthodontists shall be the Disciplinary Proceedings of the Society.

RESIGNATION: If a member who is the subject of a complaint or other disciplinary or membership action by this Society resigns at any time during the proceeding, the matter shall be dismissed, and the member may not thereafter reapply for any class of membership.