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The Middlesex South Medical District was established by a vote of the Councillors of the Massachusetts Medical Society, passed October 2, 1850.

The first meeting in this district was held at Waltham, February 19, 1851. This Society was then organized by the choice of officers as follows:—

DR. JOSIAH BARTLETT, *President.*

DR. J. W. BEMIS, *Secretary.*

DR. R. S. WARREN, *Treasurer.*

COUNCILLORS.

Horatio Adams,
Josiah Bartlett,
Luther V. Bell,
Jonathan W. Bemis,
Anson Hooker,

Hiram Hosmer,
Josiah S. Hurd,
Timothy Wellington,
Simon Whitney,
Samuel Richardson.

CENSORS.

Luther V. Bell,
Morrill Wyman,
Simon Whitney.

Anson Hooker,
James M. Whittemore,

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Middlesex South District Medical Society.

ARTICLE I.

FELLOWSHIP.

The Middlesex South District Medical Society shall consist of all the Fellows of the Massachusetts Medical Society residing in the Middlesex South District,* and none other. (M. M. S. By-Law XII.)

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Every member is expected to attend all the meetings of this Society, and to communicate any instructive case that may occur in his practice, any useful discovery that he may make in medicine or surgery, or the allied sciences, and any invention that may have practical application in the same.

ARTICLE III.

ASSESSMENTS.

Every member of this Society, unless honorary or retired, shall annually be assessed such sum as the Councillors shall

*The District now includes the following cities and towns: Arlington, Ashland, Belmont, Brighton, Cambridge, Charlestown, Concord, Everett, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden Marlborough, Medford, Natick, Newton, Sherborn, Somerville, Stow, Sudbury, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland and Weston.

* Wayland

from time to time determine (M. M. S. By-Law V.); and, in addition, such sum as may be authorized by vote of this Society at any stated meeting, for the payment of its own expenses, in case the reversions from the State Society shall at any time prove insufficient for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV.

ETHICS.

The members of this Society shall, in their relations with each other, with their patients, the profession at large and the public, be guided by the Code of Ethics of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

There shall be two stated meetings in each year. The annual meeting shall be held on the *third* Wednesday in April, and the semi-annual meeting on the *second* Wednesday in October. Unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Society, these meetings shall be held respectively at Watertown and Cambridge.

Special meetings shall be called on the written application of five members. No business shall be introduced at a special meeting, unless it shall have been announced in the call issued therefor.

Seven members shall constitute a quorum; but a less number may adjourn a meeting from time to time.

Meetings for scientific improvement may be held at such times and places (within the District) as the Society shall determine.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting there shall be elected by ballot the

following officers (M. M. S. By-Law XIII.), viz.: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Commissioner of Trials, a Reporter and an Orator; also, *by ballot* (M. M. S. By-Law XIII. and Digest XV.), five Censors, of whom three at least shall be re-elected from the old board (M. M. S. Councillors' Proceedings, Oct. 7, 1874); and Councillors in the proportion of one to every eight Fellows, as nearly as may be* (M. M. S. By-Law XVII.)

From the Councillors thus elected, the Society shall select one to be its representative in the committee which is to nominate the officers of the State Society. (M. M. S. Councillors' Proceedings, Feb. 4, 1874.)

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings, and, at his discretion, approve all bills against the Society. At each stated meeting he shall name one or more members, each of whom shall be prepared to read at the next stated meeting an original paper upon some topic connected with the practice of medicine or surgery. He shall also perform such duties as may devolve upon him as Vice-President *ex officio* of the State Society (M. M. S. By-Law XXIII.). In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside. If both are absent a Chairman shall be chosen.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society, and read the same upon due requisition. He shall

*The words in question shall be held to mean, that whenever the number of members of a District Society exceeds a multiple of eight, such excess, provided that it be not less than five, may be represented by one Councillor. (M. M. S. Councillors' Proceedings, February 5, 1879.)

announce each meeting of the Society by sending a printed notification to every Fellow at least seven days before the time appointed for such meeting. He shall give immediate notice to all who shall receive any election or appointment in the Society. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him, in addition to those which are or may be required of him by the By-Laws of the State Society (M. M. S. By-Law XV.), or by any vote that may be passed by the said Society or its Councillors.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect all assessments within the District as soon as may be, make such disbursements as may be ordered by the Society, pay such bills as may be approved by the President, and keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures. He shall, at the annual meeting of the Society, present an exact report of the said receipts and expenditures, and of the condition of the treasury, and shall submit his accounts to such examination as the Society shall order.

He shall also perform such duties as may be required of him by the By-Laws of the State Society (M. M. S. By-Law XVI.), or by any vote that may be passed by the said Society or its Councillors.

ARTICLE X.

DUTY OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Whenever the Librarian receives authentic information that any publication has been sent out to the Fellows of the State Society, he shall, at the next meeting of the District Society, give due notice of such distribution. (M. M. S. Councillors, Proceedings, June 13, 1876.)

ARTICLE XI.

DUTY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TRIALS.

The Commissioner of Trials, whenever called upon by the President of the State Society, shall serve as a member of a Board of Trial, to try any Fellow charged with infraction of the By-Laws of the State Society. (M. M. S. By-Law XXXI.)

ARTICLE XII.

DUTY OF THE REPORTER.

The Reporter shall prepare and present at the annual meeting of the State Society a report on cases of importance in the District, the public health thereof, or any subject of local interest connected with the practice of medicine or surgery. (M. M. S. Councillors' Proceedings, Feb. 3, 1875.)

ARTICLE XIII.

DUTIES OF THE COUNCILLORS.

The Councillors shall attend each stated meeting of the Council at the time and place specified in the By-Laws of the State Society, and such special meetings as may be called by the President, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in Articles XVIII. and XIX. of the By-Laws of the State Society.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUTIES OF THE CENSORS.

The Censors shall, according to the Rules and By-Laws of the Massachusetts Medical Society, examine for admission to that Society such candidates residing within the Middlesex South District as have received the education required, and are otherwise duly qualified for examination, and

none other. *Their meetings* shall be held at the same place and on the same day as the stated meetings of this District Society.* Three Censors shall constitute a quorum, and the senior Censor shall preside. Unless a quorum be present, no vote shall be taken, except on the question of adjournment. Any meeting of the Censors, whether a quorum be present or not, may be continued by adjournment to such time and place within the District as *may be determined by the Censors present.* (M. M. S. By-Laws XX., XXI.)

ARTICLE XV.

SECRETARY OF THE CENSORS.

The Secretary of this Society shall be Secretary of the Board of Censors for this District, and shall call and attend all the meetings of the Board. He shall report all unexcused absences to the Treasurer of the State Society. He shall keep a faithful record of the meetings and transactions of the Board in the Record Book of this Society. He shall obtain for successful candidates, from the Recording Secretary of the State Society, properly prepared certificates of Fellowship, for which he shall be responsible; and shall personally see that all the formal requirements of the By-Laws [I. and II.] of the State Society have been complied with by each candidate before giving the latter such certificate. (M. M. S. By-Law XXII.)

ARTICLE XVI.

PRIVILEGES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CENSORS.

The Board of Censors, including the Secretary, shall receive from the treasury of the State Society the sum of three dollars for each and every candidate examined by them; provided,

* The Board cannot advertise its meetings at the expense of the Society, unless it be authorized thereto by vote of the Society. (M. M. S. By-Law XX.)

however, that the whole amount paid to the Board shall not exceed the sum of sixty dollars for any single year; and each Censor who shall neglect or refuse to attend a meeting of the Board, for which he has been duly notified, without offering an excuse which shall be satisfactory to those who do attend the same, shall pay a fine of five dollars to the Treasurer of the State Society. (M. M. S. By-Law XX.)

ARTICLE XVII.

DUTY OF THE ORATOR.

The Orator shall deliver at the annual meeting an original address upon some subject connected with Medical Science.

ARTICLE XVIII.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

This Society shall, at its discretion, incorporate into its By-Laws, as soon as practicable at a stated meeting, by a majority vote and without previous notice, the substance of any vote or resolution passed by the Councillors or the State Society, and affecting the duties, rights or privileges of this Society or of any of its officers. Otherwise these By-Laws may be amended at any stated meeting by a vote of three-fourths of the members present; provided, that the amendment is proposed in writing at the previous stated meeting, and notice of the same sent by the Secretary to each member of the Society.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMMITTEE OF NECROLOGY.

The President, Secretary and one associate, as they may choose, shall constitute a Committee of Necrology, whose duty it shall be to prepare a short biography of every deceased member, which shall go on the records of the Society.

RULES AND ORDERS.

I.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the meeting to order.
2. Reading, correction and acceptance of the Secretary's record.
3. Report of the Librarian.
4. Report of the Treasurer. } At the annual meeting.
5. Election of officers. }
6. Appointment of Essayists.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Reading of appointed papers, with discussion and action thereon.
10. Voluntary communications, with discussion and action thereon.
11. Introduction of newly elected officers.
12. Adjournment.

II.

To the notice issued for the annual meeting, the Secretary shall append a list of the names and residences of all the members of the Society.

III.

The delivery of the annual address shall commence at least one hour before the time fixed for dinner.

IV.

Unless the Society shall make a special appointment, the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be a Committee of Arrangements for each and every meeting.

V.

Any one of the foregoing rules may be suspended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present at any meeting.

[These blank pages are for the use of those who desire to make a memorandum of such alterations as shall be made in the foregoing By-Laws.]

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 such a conventional way of things as shall be said in
 the following chapter.

STANDING VOTES.

DISTRICT SOCIETY.

1. *Voted*, That at the semi-annual meeting a Committee of three shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to nominate a list of officers for the ensuing year. That Committee shall transmit its report to the Secretary on or before the first day of the next April, and a printed copy of that report shall be sent by him to each Fellow, at least seven days before the annual meeting. (October 8, 1879.)

2. *Voted*, That on the third Wednesdays of July and January, this Society will hold meetings for medical improvement, at Natick, if no other place is designated. (October 8, 1879.)

3. *Voted*, That at each annual meeting delegates, in the proportion of one to every ten Fellows, as nearly as practicable,* may be chosen to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association. (October 8, 1879.)

4. *Voted*, That the Secretary be instructed to append to the notices of the stated meetings of the Society, the names of the readers and the titles of their papers, so far as can be ascertained. (April 21, 1880.)

5. *Voted*, That the Secretary be instructed, on or before the first day of February in each year, to certify to the Nominating Committee the number of Councillors to which the Society is entitled. (October 12, 1881.)

STATE SOCIETY.

1. *Voted*, That the Secretaries of the District Societies be instructed to notify Delegates to the American Medical Association, that they must inform the Recording Secretary of the State Society, if they intend to be present at the meetings of

* See note on page 5.

the Association, in order that credentials may be sent to them. (June 13, 1876.)

2. *Voted*, Whenever a Fellow of this Society, owing more than one assessment, pays for one year or more, the payment or payments so made shall be invariably considered as for the assessments longest due, and for none others. (June 13, 1876.)

3. *Ordered*, That at the end of the present financial year of the Massachusetts Medical Society (May 31, 1877), and thenceforward annually, there shall be set aside, as a dividend, such portion of the balance remaining in the treasury as the Committee on Finances, in consultation with the Treasurer, shall determine (subject to the approval of the Council at its annual meeting), to be distributed to the several District Societies, in proportion to the number of the annual assessments which have been paid in advance by the said Societies respectively. (October 4, 1876.)

