

VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name, Objectives, and Definitions

(a) This organization shall be known as the "Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists," hereinafter referred to as the State Society.

(b) Objectives

The objectives of the State Society shall be:

1. Establish proactive stances on issues affecting the profession at the state level in order to develop a system to provide timely responses to public professional concerns/inquiries.
2. Remove barriers to the use of technical support in the safe and efficient distribution of medications in organized health-care organizations.
3. Support increased/standardized education of pharmacy technicians to meet current and future responsibilities.
4. Expand public information activities (designed to communicate the positions and actions of the VSHP) to members, health-care practitioners, policy makers, and consumers.
5. Provide timely and accessible continuing education that addresses the needs and interests of the members.
6. Assure that professional service and dedications to safe/effective drug use are afforded high visibility to persons considering pharmacy as a career path.
7. Provide the VSHP membership with a unified voice on professional practice issues which are the subject of legislative/regulatory actions.
8. Build effective liaisons/associations which will allow VSHP to access to/input into the decision making process for pertinent legislative and regulatory actions.
9. Provide opportunities for VSHP members to "network" ideas related to pharmacy practice issues.
10. Perpetuate high quality membership service and representation through effective leadership promotion within VSHP.
11. Accurately represent and advance the interest of the membership.
12. Determine and develop guidelines to maximize VSHP investment income and determine acceptable levels of risk.
13. Maintain a reserve fund for contingency purposes.

ARTICLE II. Membership

The membership of the State Society shall consist of active, associate and honorary members as provided in the Bylaws. Active members shall be licensed pharmacists who have paid dues as established by the

State Society and support the purposes of the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists as stated in Article I of the Constitution. Other requirements for active membership shall be stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. Officers

The officers of the State Society shall be a President, an Immediate Past President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and Treasurer,. The President-Elect shall be elected annually for a term of one year and shall ascend successfully to the office of President and Past President, serving one year in each position. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected on alternate years for two-year term of office.

ARTICLE IV. Affiliated Regional Chapters

There shall be geographic regions with each region having a chapter and officers as defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. Affiliated Student Chapter

There shall be an affiliated student chapter or chapters as defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors of the State Society consisting of Officers, Regional Presidents, and Ex-Officio members as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. Amendments

Every proposition to alter or amend this Constitution shall be submitted in writing by two or more voting members at any Board of Directors business meeting and shall be approved by a majority of votes cast. A copy shall be submitted to the American Society of Health System Pharmacists before it is submitted to the active membership for vote bymail ballot, in the same manner as in the balloting for officers as provided in the bylaws, and shall be sent out as part of the ballot for officers.