

South Carolina Society for Vascular Ultrasound

BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY for VASCULAR ULTRASOUND

Article I Organizational Name

The society shall be known as the "South Carolina Society for Vascular Ultrasound or SCSVU."

Article II Purpose

1. To provide support to area vascular technologists by means of educational programs and sharing of information.
2. To provide an opportunity for continuing education.
3. To operate as a non-profit organization for scientific and/or educational purposes.

Article III Elections, Terms, and Discipline of Officers

1. The Board of Directors is the governing body consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer/Membership Contact Person. The Board of Directors shall meet once a year. The immediate past President shall serve as an ex officio member.
2. Nominations and elections will be held during the business meeting at the annual symposium. Nominations may be submitted through the SCSVU website prior to the annual symposium or submitted on the ballot during the board meeting at the annual symposium.
3. Two officers will be elected to the Board of Directors every year. Term of office shall be two years.
4. A candidate for office shall be an active member in good standing and must abide by the by-laws of the SCSVU.
5. Elections will be held by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the majority of votes shall be elected.
6. Vacancies in office shall be filled by election. This election is to be held at either the next scheduled business meeting or at a special meeting as described in Article VII, paragraph 3. The new officer will complete the scheduled term of the office.
7. Resignation from office must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.
8. Officers who fail to perform the required duties may be counseled by the Board of Directors. If an officer fails to respond appropriately to such counseling, then her/his resignation will be required.

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Article IV Duties of the Officers

1. President
 - a. Serves as chairman of meetings, Board of Directors, By-laws Committee, and the Program Planning Committee.
 - b. Chief Executive Officer of SCSVU and an ex officio member of all committees.
 - c. Presides at regular and special meetings.
 - d. May call special meetings of membership.
 - e. Shall perform other duties as are necessary and incidental of that office including appointing committee chairpersons, appointing SCSVU members to present the society to the public, and organizing and planning a yearly calendar.
 - f. Applies for CME's through the SVU. Keeps a record of such application and fees for applications, etc., and distributes credits once awarded.
 - g. Serves as Program Director.
2. Vice-President:
 - a. Assumes the duties of the President in his/her absence.
 - b. Assists the President in her/his duties.
3. Secretary:
 - a. Keeps accurate records of all chapter meetings.
 - b. Determines that a quorum is present for each meeting.
 - c. Maintains a copy of the by-laws.
 - d. Distributed the notices of meetings in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 2.
 - e. Conduct correspondence in accordance with direction from the president.
 - f. Distributes minutes of the meetings within 60 days of the meeting date.
 - g. Is in charge of the newsletter, which is to be published quarterly. Mailing distribution is to be determined by the Board of Directors.
4. Treasurer/Membership Contact Person
 - a. Maintains a roster of members and their status.
 - b. Shall have custody of all funds of the organization, making payments by check as authorized.
 - c. Gives a financial report at each business meeting.
 - d. Keeps an accurate record of all monies received or dispersed.

Article V Membership

1. Membership shall be known as either active, associate, charter, or life-term.
 - a. Active members are those persons actively credentialed in performing diagnostic studies in the field of non-invasive vascular technology and whose duties are paid and current. Active members may hold office and vote.
 - b. Associate members are those persons interested in the field of vascular technology who do not qualify for active membership, equipment representatives, and students. Associate members are required to pay dues but may not vote or hold office in SCSVU.

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- c. Charter members are those persons who participated in the organization and development of the SCSVU in 1980. Active charter members may also vote and hold office.
- d. Lifetime members are those who have shown extraordinary dedication and services to vascular technology. Lifetime membership is awarded on an individual basis. The candidate must be nominated by an active member and receive a majority of votes from the SCSVU.
 - i. Candidates must meet the following criteria:
 - i.15 years experience in the in the field of vascular ultrasound
 - ii.10 years active membership of the SCSVU
 - iii.Must be a current active member in good standing

Article VI Dues and Fiscal Year

1. Dues shall be submitted to the Treasurer and are non-refundable.
2. The fiscal year will run from Symposium to Symposium.

Article VII Meetings

1. Notice of meetings shall be sent to persons on the mailing list (as established by the Executive Board) at least 30 days prior to each meeting.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President: or one third of active membership providing that seven days' notice has been given to the members.
3. A quorum shall consist of 20% of the active membership present for the purpose of conducting business of SCSVU.
4. Yearly business will be conducted at the business meeting at the annual symposium.
5. Programs that will help meet continuing educational requirements will be presented at the annual symposium.

Article VIII Dissolution

1. In the event of the dissolution of the SCSVU, the Board of Directors shall, after paying any outstanding debts, donate all remaining assets to such charitable causes as is designated by a majority of members present and eligible to vote at a meeting called for this purpose.

Article IX Amendments of the By-Laws

1. These by-laws will be reviewed annually and may be amended by a quorum of the active membership.