

## CONSTITUTION OF THE A.N.A.

### **Article 1. Name.**

The name and title of this organization shall be the AMERICAN NATUROPATHIC ASSOCIATION (henceforth referred to as the A.N.A.).

### **Article 2. Object.**

The object of the American naturopathic association shall be:

1<sup>st</sup> To federate and organize the profession in the states, provinces, and foreign countries.

2<sup>nd</sup> To advance the Naturopathic and Biological Sciences, and to elevate professional standards.

To safeguard the material interests of this profession, and to promote friendly relations among its members.

To educate the public in preventive healing, in hygiene, and to make the naturopathic profession most capable of rendering service to humanity.

3<sup>rd</sup>. To educate the public as to the merits of naturopathy and encourage normal life.

### **Article 3. State Societies.**

These societies which hold charters from the A.N.A., shall be known and referred to in the constitution and by-laws by the title of state societies.

### **Article 4. Composition of the A.N.A.**

1<sup>st</sup>. Shall be composed of officers, members, life members, honorary members and associate members in good standing in their respective societies.

2<sup>nd</sup>. The officers shall be the National President, National Vice President, Regional Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. Each president of a state society shall hold office in the national body as a Vice President.

The National President, National Vice President, regional Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Trustees.

The members shall be practitioners of the healing art or followers of some allied science or art.

3<sup>rd</sup>. *Delegates.*

Each state society shall be entitled to one delegate for each ten members. Each delegate of the state society shall present a certificate signed by the president and secretary of his state society, in the following form:

State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_

Is elected as a delegate to the A.N.A. on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

by the \_\_\_\_\_ according to the requirements of the Charter, Constitution, and By-laws of the A.N.A.

\_\_\_\_\_, Pres.

\_\_\_\_\_, Sec.

The delegates selected by and from the respective state societies shall lose their status as such,

- a. In the event that the state society selecting them shall be declared delinquent by the A.N.A. period the entire delegation of such society shall lose its status during the period of such delinquency.
- b. In the event that a delegate shall cease to be in good standing of his state society, then a vacancy shall exist in the delegation of the state society.
- c. In the event of the resignation of a delegate a vacancy shall exist in the delegation of the State Society.

In the event that a vacancy shall occur as aforesaid in the delegation of any state society, the secretary of the AMA shall notify the secretary of the state Society of such vacancy, and thereupon, the State Society shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term period.

4<sup>th</sup>. All members of the State Societies in good standing, not otherwise included in the membership of the A.N.A., may participate in all the privileges of the general session. Any member failing to pay his dues within 60 days after same or do, shall be denied all privileges of the state society and the A.N.A.

5<sup>th</sup>. Honorary members shall be persons who have attained distinction in the healing or allied professions, and may be elected by two third vote of the board of trustees, provided they shall have been recommended for election by the committee on honorary membership. They shall have the privilege of discussing all scientific questions presented at the sessions of the A.N.A..

6<sup>th</sup>. Any person may upon invitation of the AMA, or of the board of trustees become a guest during the annual meeting and shall be afforded the privilege of participating in the scientific work of the A.N.A..

**Article 5. *Research committee.***

The president shall appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to approve foods, herbs and appliances and to stamp said article so approved with an appropriate Insignia. Said committee shall hold office for a period of one year and said committee shall be appointed each year at the annual meeting by the president.

**Article 6. *Meetings.*** The A.N.A. shall hold an annual convention during which there shall be held daily no less than one session which shall be opened to all registered members.

The time and place for holding the annual convention shall be decided by the majority of the members present at the business meeting. The board of trustees may change time in place if deemed expeditious.

**Article 7. *Officers.***

1<sup>st</sup>. All officers of the A.N.A. shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected or appointed.

2<sup>nd</sup>. The officers of the A.N.A. shall be elected at the annual business meeting of the convention by ballot; being hereby provided that no member shall be eligible to more than one office at the same time, except the national president the first national vice president, the secretary and the treasurer, and in the event of a vacancy occurring between the annual convention, the said vacancy shall be filled add interim by the national president.

**Article 8. *Funds and expenses.***

1<sup>st</sup>. Funds for meeting the current expenses of the A.N.A. shall be provided for by an annual per capita assessment upon each state society by donation, by sale of its publications and from miscellaneous revenue. During the annual meeting funds may be appropriated by the board of trustees for the expenses of the annual convention for publications, for expenses of officers and committees, but for no other purposes, unless authorized by a 2/3 vote of the board of trustees.

2<sup>nd</sup>. The board of trustees may incur any necessary expenses at interim.

**Article 9. *Seal.***

The seal of the A.N.A. as adopted by the Board of Trustees shall constitute the official seal of the association.

**Article 10. *Constitution.***

This constitution may be amended by the A.N.A., by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present at any annual convention, provided that the same has been approved by the committee on constitution and bylaws.