MISSISSIPPI DENTAL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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Article I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Mississippi Dental Association, hereinafter referred to as "Association".

Article II
Object

The object of this Association shall be to encourage the improvement of the health of the public, to promote the art and science of dentistry and to represent the interests of the members of the dental profession and the public which it serves.

Article III
Organization

Section 1. **Incorporation**
The Association is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi with such authority as is granted to it by its Charter of Incorporation and the laws of Mississippi.

Section 2. **Dissolution**
If this corporation shall be dissolved at any time, no part of its funds or property shall be distributed to, or among, its members; but after payment of all indebtedness of the corporation, its surplus funds and properties shall be used to foster the art and science of dentistry, in a manner to be determined by the then governing body of the Association.

Section 3. **Executive Office**
The registered office of this Association shall be known as the Central Office and shall be located at a place to be designated by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. **Membership**
The membership of this Association shall consist of dentists and other persons whose qualifications and classifications shall be established in Article I of the *Bylaws*.

Section 5. **Status as Constituent Society**
This Association is a chartered constituent society of the American Dental Association. As such, it is subject to the provision of Chapter II of the *Bylaws* of the American Dental Association.

Section 6. **Component Societies**
Component societies of this Association shall be those dental societies chartered and organized as such in conformity with Article III of the *Bylaws* of this Association, and with Chapter III of the *Bylaws* of the American Dental Association.

Section 7. **Districts**

The component societies of this Association are to be grouped into districts by county as follows:

First District (District I): Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster.

Second District (District II): Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Montgomery, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, Washington, Yalobusha, Yazoo.

Third District (District III): Attala, Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Jasper, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Perry, Scott, Smith, Wayne, Winston.

Fourth District (District IV): Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Warren.

Fifth District (District V): George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Stone.

Sixth District (District VI): Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pike, Simpson, Walthall, Wilkinson.

Article IV
Government

The governing body of this Association shall be the General Assembly, the Board of Trustees, and the Executive Committee, as provided in the *Bylaws* of this Association.

Article V
Officers

Section 1. **Elective Officers**

Elective officers of this Association shall be a President, a President-elect, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Speaker of the General Assembly, and the Immediate Past President of the Mississippi Dental Association, as provided in Article VII of the *Bylaws*.

Section 2. **Appointive Officer**

The appointive officer of this Association shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees as provided in Article VIII of the *Bylaws.*

Article VI
Meetings

Section 1. **Annual Sessions**

Annual sessions of this Association shall be conducted as provided in Article IV of the *Bylaws*.

Section 2. **Business Sessions**

Business sessions of this Association shall be conducted as provided in Article V of the *Bylaws*.

Article VII
Principles of Ethics

The Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association shall be the *Principles of Ethics* of the Association and its component societies and shall govern the professional conduct of the membership. Additional principles, not in conflict with the *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* of the American Dental Association, may be adopted by this Association and the component societies, to further govern the professional conduct of its members.

Article VIII
Seal

This Association shall use a common seal, to be known as the Seal of the Mississippi Dental Association.

Article IX
Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of this Association present and voting at any session, provided that the proposed amendments have been filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association and distributed by him/her to the membership at least sixty (60) days prior to such session. All amendments to and/or changes in the Constitution of the Association shall become effective immediately upon ratification by the membership unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

Article X
Conflicts

No provisions in the *Bylaws* of the Mississippi Dental Association shall be in conflict with any of the provisions in the *Bylaws* of the American Dental Association and all such conflicting provisions in the *Bylaws* of the Mississippi Dental Association are expressly repealed. In the event that the *Bylaws* of the Mississippi Dental Association are silent with reference to a question in issue, and in the further event that the *Bylaws* of the American Dental Association contain provisions pertaining to said question, the provision of the *Bylaws* of the American Dental Association shall apply until controlling provisions may be enacted by the Mississippi Dental Association.

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