ARTICLE I—Name
The name of this society shall be the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine Alumni Society.

ARTICLE II—Objects
The objects of this Society shall be: to further the interests and extend the influence of the School of Dental Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania; to advance continuing dental education for our Alumni, thereby furthering the art and science of dentistry; to promote and encourage qualified undergraduate students to seek dental education at the School of Dental Medicine; and to promote good fellowship among all members of the Society, the Faculty, the Student Body and the Dental Hygiene Alumni Association.

ARTICLE III—Membership
The membership of this Society shall consist of all persons who have successfully completed one or more of the accredited programs of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. See By-Laws, Chapter I.

ARTICLE IV—Government
A. LEGISLATIVE BODY: The legislative and governing body of this Society shall be active members legally assembled at the Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting.
B. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY: The Administrative Body of this Society shall be the Executive Committee as provided in Chapter III of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V—Officers
The officers of this Society shall be the President, President-Elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI—By-Laws
The By-Laws of this Society shall be consistent with the By-Laws and the Code of Ethics of the American Dental Association. Persons in current violation of the American Dental Association Code of Ethics may not be eligible for membership in this Society.

ARTICLE VII—Amendments
This Constitution may be amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of those present at the Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for that purpose provided that the proposed Amendments or Revisions shall have been presented in writing and reviewed by the Executive Committee. Notice of such proposed Amendments or Revisions shall be presented in writing to the members of the Executive Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

CHAPTER I—Membership
A. CLASSIFICATION: The members of this Society shall be classified as follows: ACTIVE Members and HONORARY Members.
B. QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Active Members: All persons who have been graduated from the School of Dental Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania with a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree; all who have received a Certificate of Proficiency in Dental Hygiene; all who have received Certification from any one of the School's Departments of Advanced Dental Education, but who may have received their D.D.S. or D.M.D. degrees elsewhere, may become Active Members of this Society.

G. By-Laws
1. This Committee shall review and revise the By-Laws at least every five years.

H. Nominating
1. The Chairperson of this Committee shall be the most immediate and available Past President. The remaining four committee members shall be chosen from among the at-large membership of the Executive Committee for a total of five (5).

CHAPTER VI—Dental Alumni Society Awards
A. Alumni Award of Merit: The Alumni Award of Merit recognizes love for and loyalty to the School of Dental Medicine, excellence in the profession of dentistry, and community involvement. The award is given to those graduates who have maintained their ties with the School through their support of alumni activities, who have demonstrated leadership in the dental profession, and who have fostered and maintained the ideals that the School of Dental Medicine has stood for since its founding. No more than five (5) persons per year shall be honored with the Alumni Award of Merit.

B. Thomas Evans Achievement Award: The Thomas Evans Achievement Award, established in 1993, honors alumni who have shown innovation, excellence, and leadership in the profession of oral health care nationally and internationally. The award, which is the Alumni Society's highest award of recognition, is to be given only when the Executive Committee feels such a person should be so honored. The person may not have an intimate involvement at the School of Dental Medicine but should be looked upon as a role model to be studied, a person who has inspired others in the profession to reach greater heights, a person who personifies a School of Dental Medicine graduate.
CHAPTER V—Committees

The President shall appoint chairpersons to the following standing committees of this Society.

A. Annual Fund

1. The chairperson of this committee shall assist the Dean and Office of Development in attaining the annual fundraising objectives for the year and in providing appropriate recognition for donors.

B. Regional Groups

1. The chairperson of this committee shall foster and encourage the formation of local or regional alumni groups outside the Philadelphia area in order to promote the interests of the Alumni Society and the School of Dental Medicine in their respective areas.
2. The chairperson shall maintain close and frequent contact with these regional Alumni groups.

C. Alumni-Faculty-Senior Dinner

1. The function of this committee shall be to plan and coordinate all activities pertaining to the AFS annual dinner (which recognized senior students) including but not limited to, meeting place, meeting date, menu, program, entertainment, speakers, guest invitation, and seating of guest and senior students.

D. Alumni Weekend

1. The Chairperson, with the assistance of the Committee, shall make all arrangements for registration, program, and luncheon at the Annual Alumni Reunion of the School of Dental Medicine.
2. This committee shall arrange and be responsible for the Annual Alumni Reunion Banquet.
3. This Committee shall work in cooperation with the General Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania to promote participation in the University's Alumni Weekend activities.
4. This committee shall work in cooperation with the Class Reunion Chairperson so that the program of the five-year classes will integrate with the total program.
5. The Chairperson shall appoint or recruit a student subcommittee whose duty will be to escort returning alumni on a tour of the school.

E. Alumni Award of Merit

1. The Committee shall seek, solicit, encourage, and receive or recommend nominations for these Awards from carefully prepared biographies.
2. The committee shall screen and review nominee biographies in accordance with the scope of this award as outlined in Chapter VI of the By-Laws.
3. The Committee shall mail its report recommending the name or names of qualified prospective recipients to the Executive Committee two weeks prior to the March meeting of the Executive Committee.

F. Budget

1. This Committee shall review the financial reports of the activities of the previous year and prepare a comprehensive proposed budget for the forthcoming year with the staff of the Alumni Office.
2. The proposed and/or suggested budget for the coming year shall be submitted at the last meeting of the executive Committee prior to the Annual Meeting.

2. Honorary Members: Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the arts and science of dentistry and who have been elected by the membership at an Annual Meeting shall be classified as Honorary Members of this Society. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office in this Society.

CHAPTER II—Meetings

A. ANNUAL MEETING

1. Composition: The Annual Meeting of active members shall be convened at a specified time during the Annual Reunion Weekend.
2. Purposes: Those present at the Annual Meeting shall act as the legislative body of this Society.
   a) They shall determine the legislative powers of the Society.
   b) They shall determine the policies which shall govern this Society in all of its activities.
   c) They shall have the power to elect honorary members to this Society.
   d) They shall have the power to create special committees of the Society.
   e) They shall have the power to approve all memorials, resolutions, or opinions in the name of the Society.
   f) They shall elect the Officers and At-Large Executive Committee members of the Society.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of this Society may be called by the President, upon written request of a majority of the Executive Committee, or upon written request of twenty-five (25) or more active members.

C. QUORUM: Fifteen (15) or more active members of this Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

D. ANNUAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS: The order of business for Annual Meetings shall be:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Reports of Officers and Committees
4. Report of the Dean
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Election of Officers and Executive Committee
8. Installation of Officers
9. Adjournment

This order of business may be changed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present.

E. SPECIAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS: The order of business for any Special Meeting shall be:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of call for Special Meeting
3. Transaction of business as provided in the call
4. Adjournment

F. RULES OF ORDER: The rules contained in “Roberts Rules of Order, Revised” shall govern the deliberations of meetings of this Society.
CHAPTER III—Executive Committee

A. COMPOSITION: The voting members of the Executive Committee shall be comprised of the elected officers and twenty-five (25) members elected At-Large. All past presidents will remain voting members of the Executive Committee for seven (7) years following their term as president; thereafter, they become Ex-Officio. Additional Ex-Officio members shall include: a Representative of the General Alumni Society, a Representative of the Dental Hygiene Alumni Association; any member or members of this Society on the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and/or any of the university's major committees; a member of the Board of Overseers for the School of Dental Medicine, the current President of the Student Council and a representative from the first, second, third and fourth year classes of the School of Dental Medicine.

B. TERMS OF OFFICE: Twenty-five (25) members of the Executive Committee are to be elected at large for three-year terms and may stand for re-election nine (9) consecutive years, at which time a hiatus of one year must occur before qualifying to stand for re-election. Members shall be re-elected based on established nominating procedures. Members are required to make a personally significant financial contribution to the School of Dental Medicine each year based on minimum giving requirements stipulated in the Society’s nominating procedures. Members are expected to attend a majority of the meetings of the Executive Committee.

C. POWERS AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. The Executive Committee shall be the administrative body of the Society, vested with full authority to conduct all business of the Society between Annual Meetings and consistent with these By-Laws.

2. The Executive Committee shall establish the rules and regulations (consistent with the By-Laws) to govern its organization, procedure and conduct.

3. The Executive Committee shall receive nominations and elect recipients of awards or other recognition for outstanding contributions to the welfare of the School of Dental Medicine. The highest award of recognition shall be the Thomas Evans Achievement Award.

4. The Executive Committee shall encourage the establishment of Dental Alumni Clubs in regional areas.

5. The Executive Committee shall determine the time for the convening of each Annual Meeting of the Society.

6. The Executive Committee shall act as a sounding Board for the Dental Alumni.

D. MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at such time as the President of the Society shall direct.

2. At their discretion, nine (9) members of the Executive Committee may call a meeting of the entire Executive Committee.

E. QUORUM:

1. Nine (9) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

CHAPTER IV—Elected Officers and At-Large Members of the Executive Committee

A. OFFICERS: The elected officers of this Society shall be President, President-Elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Officers shall serve for two-year terms.

B. NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee shall present its report of candidates for Officers and At-Large members of the Executive Committee at the Executive Committee meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor immediately following the report of the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting.

C. DUTIES: The duties of the elected officers shall be:

1. President
   a) To serve as the official representative of this Society to advance the objects and policies of this Society.
   b) To supervise the activities of the Society, enforce its laws, preside at all meetings of the Society and Executive Committee, call Special Meetings as provided in these By-Laws; sign all official papers, appoint Committees not otherwise provided for, submit a report to the Annual Meeting of the Society.
   c) Appoint an active member, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to fill any appropriate vacancy that may occur on the Executive Committee, such appointee to serve until the next Annual Meeting.
   d) Perform other such duties that pertain to the Office of President.

2. President-Elect
   a) In the absence of the President shall preside and assume all duties of the President.
   b) Present to the Executive Committee a suggested program of activities for the Society for that term of office.
   c) Act as parliamentarian.
   d) Succeed to the Office of Presidency in case of vacancy for any cause.

3. First Vice-President
   a) In the absence of the President and President-Elect shall preside at meetings and assume the duties of the President.

4. Second Vice-President
   a) In the absence of the President and President-Elect and First Vice-President shall preside at meetings and assume the duties of President.

5. Secretary-Treasurer
   a) Initiate and maintain correspondence as required.
   b) Exhibit an accurate statement of receipts and payments at all regular and Special Meetings.