

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE American Pharmaceutical Association

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND CODE OF ETHICS

CONSTITUTION

(As amended at the Des Moines meeting of the A. PH. A., August 24-28, 1925.)

ARTICLE I. *Name and Objects.* This Association shall be called the "American Pharmaceutical Association." Its aim shall be to unite the educated and reputable Pharmacists and Druggists of America in the following objects:

1. To improve and regulate the drug market by preventing the importation of inferior, adulterated or deteriorated drugs and by detecting and exposing home adulterations.
2. To encourage such proper relations among Pharmacists, Druggists, Physicians and the people at large, as may promote the public welfare, and tend to mutual strength and advantage.
3. To improve the science and art of Pharmacy by diffusing scientific knowledge among Pharmacists and Druggists, fostering pharmaceutical literature, developing talent, stimulating discovery and invention, encouraging home production and manufacture in the several departments of the drug business.
4. To regulate the system of apprenticeship and employment, so as to prevent, as far as practicable, the evils flowing from deficient training in the responsible duties of preparing, dispensing and selling medicines.
5. To suppress empiricism, and to restrict the dispensing and sale of medicines to regularly educated Pharmacists and Druggists.
6. To uphold standards of authority in the Education, Theory and Practice of Pharmacy.
7. To create and maintain a standard of professional honesty equal to the amount of our professional knowledge with a view to the highest good and greatest protection to the public.

ARTICLE II. *Membership.* This ASSOCIATION shall consist of active, life and honorary members, and shall hold its meetings annually.

ARTICLE III. *Officers.* The officers of the ASSOCIATION shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Editor of the JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION, an Editor of the YEAR BOOK, also an Honorary President, all of whom shall be elected annually. They shall hold office until the installation of their successors.

ARTICLE IV. *Investment of Moneys and Funds.* All moneys received from life membership, together with such funds as may be bequeathed, or otherwise donated, to the ASSOCIATION, may be invested by the Treasurer in United States Government, State, Municipal, County or other securities acceptable as security for postal savings deposits, the interest of which for any current year only may be used by the ASSOCIATION for its expenses.

ARTICLE V. *Amendments.* Every proposition to alter or amend this Constitution shall be printed in the JOURNAL, at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting, shall be read at the first general session of the annual meeting, and shall be balloted upon at a subsequent general session, when, upon receiving the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members present, it shall become a part of the Constitution. Any proposition to amend the Constitution for the purpose of permitting the expenditure of the permanent invested funds of the ASSOCIATION shall require a majority of seven-eighths for its passage.