

Northeast Chapter of the Society for Vascular Nursing (NESVN)

Bylaws

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1.

The name of this Society shall be the Northeast Chapter of the Society for Vascular Nursing (NESVN).

Section 2.

The Society shall be a local body, organized and administered on the local level and affiliated with the International Society for Vascular Nursing.

ARTICLE II

Mission and Goals

Section 1. Mission Statement

The Northeast Chapter of the Society for Vascular Nursing is a professional nursing organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the care of individuals with vascular disease and their families by providing education, fostering clinical expertise, supporting nursing research and contributing to the prevention of vascular disease.

Section 2. Goals

The goals of the chapter shall be to:

Assume the leadership role in defining the vascular component of fundamental nursing education;

Establish and implement research-based standards of practice for vascular nursing;

Collaborate with other professions to address the unique needs of the individual with vascular disease;

Enhance public awareness of vascular disease.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Classification of membership

1.1 Active member

RN's who are members of the International Society for Vascular Nursing will be charged an annual fee determined by membership. These individuals are entitled to hold office and vote on local chapter issues and in elections.

1.2 RN Associate Members

RN's who are not members of the international Society for Vascular Nursing will be considered an associate member. Associate members will receive all the benefits of the membership but may not hold office. An annual membership fee determined by the membership will be charged.

1.3 Non-RN Associate Members

Those interested in supporting the purposes of the Society, but who are not registered nurses, may be Non-RN Associate members. Non- RN Associate members receive all benefits of membership but may not hold office. An annual membership fee determined by the membership will be charged.

1.4 Student Members

Nursing students who are enrolled in a nursing program. Student members must provide proof of student status with their application to receive the discounted student rate. Student members receive all benefits of membership but may not vote or hold office.

Section 2. Dues

The Executive Committee shall determine membership dues.

Section 1. Meetings

The Chapter shall meet at least twice a year. Chapter business will be discussed, and an educational program will be presented.

Section 2. Special Meetings

The Executive Committee may call a special meeting of the membership for any purpose so long as notification of the special meeting is given 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. Quorum

For all meetings, a simple majority present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V

Elected Officers

Section 1. Structure of Governance

The governing body of the Chapter is the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary. It has power and authority over the affairs of the Chapter between and during meetings.

Section 2. Eligibility

Active RN members who have been members for at least one year are eligible for elective office.

An Officer can hold only one office, at any one time

Section 3. Terms of Office

The President-elect shall be elected for a commitment of two years in office (one year as President-elect and two years as President). The Secretary shall hold office for two years and shall be elected in odd numbered years. Treasurer shall hold office for two years and be elected in even numbered years. No officers shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Terms of office shall commence in the month of September.

Section 4. Resignation

When a member of the Executive Committee is unable to meet the requirement of the position, that person may submit a resignation to the Executive Committee. Resignation may be called for by two-thirds vote of the remaining Executive Committee.

Section 5. Vacancy

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the duties of the office shall be assumed by the President-elect. For vacancies in any other elected position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified member of the Chapter to the position. He/she will assume this position for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.

Article VI

Duties of Officers

Section 6.1 President

The functions of the President shall be to promote and keep safe the purposes and goals adopted by the Chapter, act as the chief elected officer of the Chapter, preside at all business meetings officially held by the Chapter, act as an ex-officio member of all committees and perform such other duties as prescribed by the Executive Committee.

Section 6.2 President Elect

The functions of the President Elect shall be to fulfill duties in the absence of the President, monitor committee activities, and perform other such duties as prescribed by the Executive Committee or as delegated by the President.

Section 6.3 Secretary

The functions of the Secretary shall be to ensure that minutes are recorded and distributed, maintain records and archives for the Chapter, complete correspondence as delegated, and to perform such other duties as assigned.

Section 6.4 Treasurer

The functions of the Treasurer shall be to review and monitor finances of the Chapter, to present written reports of the financial status of the Chapter at meetings and to perform other such duties as assigned.

Article VII

Elections

Section 1 Eligibility

All members are eligible to participate in election.

Section 2. Manner of Election

Manner of election will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee

A plurality vote for any office shall constitute an election. In case of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII

Awards

Section 1. Clinical Excellence in Vascular Nursing Award

The award for Clinical Excellence in Vascular Nursing was established in 2010 to recognize a Registered Nurse or a Licensed Practical Nurse for outstanding clinical skill and direct patient care delivery in the specialty area of Vascular Nursing.

Section 2. Eligibility

The nominee for the Clinical Excellence in Vascular Nursing Award must meet the following criteria:

- Registered/Licensed and currently active and in good standing in the state.
- Be involved in direct patient vascular nursing care, for a minimum of 5 years, including: hospital, clinic, procedural, homecare or office setting.
- Nominee must be an active, local NESVN member.

Section 3. Manner of Selection

Selection will be made by the Executive Committee

Article VIII

Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. Process of Amendment

These Bylaws can be amended at any NESVN business meeting by a majority vote of those present, provided the amendment is submitted in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance.