



Society for Clinical Trials
Proposed Constitution – June 2009

Article I – Preamble

The Society for Clinical Trials is an educational, charitable, and scientific organization for the purpose of working internationally to advance human health through advocating the use of clinical trials, leading the development and dissemination of optimal methods and practices in clinical trials, and educating and developing all clinical trial professionals.

Article II – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Society for Clinical Trials.

Article III – Objectives

- Section 1 To promote optimal clinical trial practice emphasizing design, organization, operations, and analysis.
- Section 2 To serve as a resource for guidance on methodology, continuing education, and training to medical professionals regarding clinical trials.
- Section 3 To promote methodologic research into design, organization, operations, and analysis of clinical trials.
- Section 4 To promote a better understanding by government, regulators, the medical community, and the general public of the importance of clinical trials for the evaluation of health care procedures.

Article IV – Organizational Structure

The organizational structure of the Society for Clinical Trials shall consist of a president, president-elect, past-president, secretary, treasurer, board of directors, and multiple committees, which will be defined in the Bylaws.

Article V – Officers

The Officers shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These individuals plus the Past President of the Society will constitute the Executive Committee of the Society. All Officers must be members of the Society.

Article VI – Board of Directors

- Section 1 The affairs of the Society of Clinical Trials shall be managed by, and all powers exercised by, the Board of Directors.
- Section 2 The Board of Directors shall consist of at least seven (7), but not more than twenty (20) individuals who are Members of the Society. The members of the Executive Committee shall be Directors by virtue of their office. Termination of Membership in the Society shall automatically terminate the tenure of office of a Director. Except for those individuals who are Directors by virtue of their office, each Director shall be elected for a four (4) year term or until a successor is duly elected. An individual shall be eligible to serve as a Director for an unlimited number of consecutive terms. The Editor of the Society journal shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. Members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings. Members of the Board who are unable to attend a Board meeting shall notify the President in advance of the meeting. Members who miss multiple Board meetings during the same term of office may be asked by the President to resign. If necessary, the President shall appoint a replacement to serve during the remainder of the term.

Article VII – Society Membership

- Section 1 Membership in the Society shall be available to all interested individuals who share the objectives of the Society as set forth in Article III of this Constitution.
- Section 2 The Society may establish Honorary and/or Emeritus Memberships.

Article VIII – Amendments

The Constitution may be amended upon (a) either the written recommendation of a majority of the Directors present at any annual or special Board of Directors meeting at which a quorum is present or upon the written petition by fifteen (15) Members, provided that such written recommendation by the Directors or written petition by the fifteen (15) Members is filed with the Secretariat at least one hundred twenty (120) days before the call of any annual or special Membership meeting, and (b) the vote of two-thirds of those Members present at any annual or special Membership meeting in which there is a quorum present. At least thirty (30) days' written notice shall be given, and a copy of the proposed amendments shall be sent with such written notice, to the Membership of any meeting in which there is to be a vote to amend the Constitution.

Article IX – Ratifying the Constitution

The Constitution and any subsequent amendments shall be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.