Universal skein theory for finite depth subfactor planar algebras

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For a planar algebra $P$ and each $k$, the vector space $P_k$ acquires an associative algebra structure for the action of the tangle $M^k$ with a unit given by the tangle $1^k$ and algebra homomorphism $P_k \rightarrow P_{k+1}$ given by $I^{k+1}$.
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Jones’ theorem (1999)

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In any planar algebra $P$ there is a notion of a planar ideal. For a subset $R \subseteq P(L)$, if the planar ideal that it generates is $I(R)$, the quotient planar algebra $P(L)/I(R)$ is denoted $P(L, R)$ and $(L, R)$ is said to present the quotient. Such a presentation is also known as a skein theory for the planar algebra.
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Here are two examples of templates.

We call these the multiplication and depth templates.
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$$P_m \otimes_{P_{k-1}} P_n \rightarrow P_{m+n-(k-1)}.$$
Step V : Single generation
Suppose that $P$ is a subfactor planar algebra of depth $k$. Certainly, it is generated as a planar algebra by $P_k$. Since $P_k$ is a finite-dimensional $C^*$-algebra it is singly generated by say, $x$, which we may assume has a non-zero trace.
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**Corollary**

If $P$ is a subfactor planar algebra of depth $k$ and $2t$ is the even number in $\{k, k + 1\}$, then $P$ is generated by a $2t$ box.