



Proposed Amendments to the AOA Constitution Second Reading

The following proposed amendments to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Constitution were presented for **First Reading** at the July 2023 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates and will be presented for action as a **Second Reading** at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, which will occur on July 19-21, 2024. The Chief Executive Officer of the American Osteopathic Association has arranged for their posting on the AOA's website, publication in the on-line edition of the *Journal of Osteopathic Medicine* and distribution to the specialty and divisional societies that will be eligible to send representatives to the AOA's House of Delegates.

All amendments require a two-thirds vote by the House of Delegates for approval.

Article VII – Officers, Section 2

Administrative Officers

The administrative officers shall be Chief Executive Officer, a Chief Financial Officer **AND** a General Counsel ~~and Editor~~ -who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and employed to serve for such term as the Board shall define. The duties of these officers shall be those usual to such officers in their respective offices and such others as are set forth in the Bylaws. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Secretary of the Association.

Article VIII - Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Section 1C

Board of Trustees

- C. One new physician in practice member elected by the House of Delegates to serve for **A TERM OF** one year. Candidates for the new physician in practice position **SHALL BE** osteopathic physicians who have completed their postdoctoral training within the past five years ~~shall be~~ **AND BE** nominated by **THE** Bureau of Emerging Leaders. Candidates must be members in good standing of the AOA;

Article VIII - Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Section 1D

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- D. One postdoctoral trainee, to include intern, resident, or a fellow, member elected by the House of Delegates to serve for **A TERM OF** one year. Candidates for the postdoctoral trainee position shall be enrolled in an **ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (ACGME)** ~~or AOA-approved~~ internship, residency or fellowship. Candidates for the postdoctoral trainee position shall be nominated by the Bureau of Emerging Leaders. Candidates should be members in good standing of the AOA; and

Article VIII - Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Section 1E

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- E. One student member elected by the House of Delegates to serve for **A TERM OF** one year. Candidates for the student position shall be nominated, in ~~altering~~ **ALTERNATING** years, by the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) and the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA).



Article IX – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by the House of Delegates at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the total number of delegates accredited for voting, provided that such amendments shall have been presented to the House and filed with the Chief Executive Officer at a previous annual meeting, who shall cause them to be distributed by U.S. mail or electronic communication to each divisional **SOCIETY** and **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION** ~~specialty society~~ entitled to and send¹ voting representatives to the House of Delegates, posted on the AOA's website, and **COMMUNICATED IN AN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE ASSOCIATION** ~~published ON-LINE in the on-line edition of THE DO The Journal of Osteopathic Medicine~~ not less than two months nor more than four months prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

Article X – Gender Disclaimer

~~The American Osteopathic Association is open to persons of both sexes and does not discriminate against any persons because of sex; therefore, the wording herein importing the masculine or feminine gender includes the other gender and imports no such discrimination.~~

(Should this section be approved for removal, all references to 'his' within the Constitution will be adjusted to 'they', 'them', 'theirs' as appropriate)