



Proposed Amendments to the AOA Constitution

The Chief Executive Officer of the American Osteopathic Association has arranged for their posting on the AOA's website, and distribution to the specialty and divisional societies that will be eligible to send representatives to the AOA's House of Delegates, which will occur on July 16–18, 2021.

The following proposed amendments to the AOA Constitution will be presented for first reading at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Old material is crossed out and new material is capitalized.

Article IX – Amendments – First Read for July 2021

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 US mail or electronic mail, to each divisional and specialty society entitled to and voting representatives to the House of Delegates, posted on the AOA's website, and published in the on-line edition of *the Journal of OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE* ~~the American Osteopathic Association~~ not less than two months nor more than four months prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

Article VIII, Section 1-C – First Read for July 2021

One new physician in practice member elected by the House of Delegates to serve for 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 ~~or received the DO degree within the previous ten years~~ shall be nominated by the council AOA Constitution & Bylaws of new physicians in practice.

Article VI - House of Delegates, Section 1B – First Read for July 2021

Student ~~Council~~ Representation in Divisional Societies: Divisional societies shall be awarded one additional delegate as a student ~~council~~ representative for each college of osteopathic medicine accredited by this Association and located in the state represented by that divisional society, such student delegate to be elected according to the Bylaws of the American Osteopathic Association.



Proposed Amendments to the AOA Constitution (Continued)

The following proposed amendments to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Constitution were presented for First Reading at the July 2020 annual meeting of the House of Delegates and will be presented for action at the 2021 Annual Meeting, which will occur on July 16–18, 2021. 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 (f/k/a The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association) 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.

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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 US MAIL OR ELECTRONIC ~~first class~~ mail, ~~postage prepaid~~, to each divisional and specialty society entitled to and voting representatives to the House of Delegates, posted on the AOA's website, and published in the ON-LINE EDITION OF THE Journal of the American Osteopathic Association not less than two months Nor more than four months prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

Article VIII - Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Section 2 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of this Association shall consist of the President, President-elect, Past Presidents for the preceding two years, the chairs of the Departments of Affiliate Relations, FINANCE ~~Business Affairs~~, EDUCATION ~~Educational Affairs~~, Governmental Affairs, MEMBERSHIP ~~Professional Affairs~~, and Research, ~~Quality~~ and Public Health.



Proposed Amendments to the AOA Bylaws

The following proposed amendments to the AOA Bylaws will be presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting. The Chief Executive Officer of the American Osteopathic Association has arranged for their posting on the AOA's website, and distribution to the specialty and divisional societies that will be eligible to send representatives to the AOA's House of Delegates, which will occur on July 16–18, 2021.

All amendments require a two-thirds vote by the HOD for approval. Old material is crossed out and new material is capitalized.

Article II—Membership, Section 2 - Membership Requirements, Part e. Student Member

Student membership shall be granted to each ~~undergraduate~~ OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL student in A ~~an approved~~ college of osteopathic medicine ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE ACCREDITATION.

Section 12 – Dues Rates

a. Members

The annual dues of all members of the Association (except for allied members discussed in section ~~2-1c~~ and student members discussed in section ~~2 1d~~, below) shall be determined by the House of Delegates. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF DUES, INCLUDING DETERMINATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR, THE SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT OF DUES, AND THE SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES. A SUSPENDED MEMBER MAY BE REINSTATED UPON PAYMENT OF DUES AND ASSESSMENTS, PROVIDED SUCH PAYMENT IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE END OF THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

Article V - House of Delegates, Section 10

Representation of THE Student ~~Councils~~ BODY : The student BODY ~~council~~ of each accredited college of osteopathic medicine, each branch campus and each additional location may be represented in the House of Delegates by ~~its president (and such president's alternate elected by such student council)~~ as a STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AS A member of the delegation of the divisional society representing the state in which such college of osteopathic medicine and branch campus is located. Each such student delegate shall be accredited in the same manner and have the same privileges as the other members of the divisional society delegation; however, the chief administrative officer of each accredited college of osteopathic medicine and each branch campus shall certify the student REPRESENTATIVE ~~council president~~ and alternate to the Chief Executive Officer of this Association in writing or by electronic communication at least 30 days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and such Chief Executive Officer shall forthwith similarly certify each student REPRESENTATIVE ~~council president~~ and alternate to the secretary of the appropriate divisional society.



Proposed Amendments to the AOA Bylaws (Continued)

Article V - House of Delegate, Section 12

Representation of Student Osteopathic Medical Association: The Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) may be represented in the House of Delegates by one member of the SOMA Board selected by vote of the SOMA Board (or such SOMA member's alternate, who shall also be a member of the SOMA Board selected by the SOMA Board). THE SOMA DELEGATE CHOSEN MAY NOT ADDITIONALLY SERVE AS A DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE OF A DIVISIONAL SOCIETY'S DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE IN WHICH THE SOMA DELEGATE'S COLLEGE IS LOCATED. ~~No SOMA delegate or alternate shall also be a member of a divisional society's delegation representing the state in which such SOMA Board member's osteopathic college is located.~~ The SOMA delegate shall be accredited in the same manner and have the same privileges as the other members of the divisional society delegation; however, the Chief Administrative Officer of SOMA shall certify the SOMA delegate and alternate to the Chief Executive Officer of this Association in writing or by electronic communication at least 30 days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

Journal of the American Osteopathic Association Name

1. Bylaws, Article IV (Code of Ethics), Section 2 (Amendments to Code)
It shall be the duty of the Chief Executive Officer to have the proposed amendment . . . published in the *Journal of ~~the American Osteopathic Association~~ MEDICINE* not later than one month before the annual meeting at which the amendment is scheduled for consideration.
2. Bylaws, Article VIII (Duties of Officers), Section 8 (Editor), part a
The Editor shall
 - a. Have the editorial discretion, in accordance with the established policies of the Board of Trustees and House of Delegates, of the *Journal of ~~the American Osteopathic Association~~ MEDICINE*, other periodical publications of the Association . . .
3. Bylaws, Article XI (Amendments), Section 1 (Bylaws)
These Bylaws may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the House of Delegates by a two-thirds vote of the total number of delegates accredited for voting, provided that the amendment shall have been filed with the Chief Executive Officer at least two months before the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon. Upon receiving a copy of the amendment, it shall be the duty of the Chief Executive Officer to cause it to be distributed by US mail or electronic mail to each divisional and specialty society entitled to send voting representatives to the House of Delegates, posted on the AOA's website, and published in the on-line edition of *The Journal of OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE ~~the American Osteopathic Association~~* at least one month before the meeting. The Board of Trustees may revise the proposed amendment if necessary to secure conformity to this Constitution and Bylaws and shall then refer it to the House for final action not later than the day prior to the end of the meeting.



Proposed Amendments to the AOA Bylaws (Continued)

Article V - House of Delegate, Section 12 (Continued)

4. Bylaws, Article IX (Amendments), Section 2 (Articles of Incorporation)

Written or printed notice shall include the printing of the amendment in the electronic and/or printed issue of *The Journal of the American Osteopathic MEDICINE Association* published not less than five days or more than 40 days before the date of the meeting.