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 2022 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates and will be presented for action as a Second Reading at the 2023 Annual Meeting, which will occur on July 21–23, 2023. The Interim 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 VI - House of Delegates, Section 1B
Composition
B. 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 the Association THE COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE ACCREDITATION (COCA) and located in the state represented by that divisional society, such student delegate IS to be elected according to the Bylaws of the American Osteopathic Association.

Article VI - House of Delegates, Section 1D
Composition
NEW ADDITION
D. REPRESENTATION OF OSTEOPATHIC POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES AND NEW PHYSICIANS IN PRACTICE. OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS IN POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING AND NEW PHYSICIANS IN PRACTICE SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY THREE DELEGATES TO BE SELECTED BY THE BUREAU OF EMERGING LEADERS AS PROVIDED IN THE BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION.

Article VII – Officers, Section 2
Administrative Officers
The administrative officers shall be Chief Executive Officer, a controller CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, a General Counsel, and an Editor-IN-CHIEF who shall ALL 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 X - Gender Disclaimer
The American Osteopathic Association is open to ALL persons of both sexes and does not discriminate against any persons because of sex; THEIR GENDER IDENTITY; therefore, the wording herein importing the masculine or feminine gender includes the IS INCLUSIVE OF ALL other gender IDENTITIES and imports no such discrimination.
Proposed Amendments to the AOA Constitution
First Reading

The following proposed amendments to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Constitution will be presented for First Reading at the July 2022 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates which will occur on July 15–17, 2022. 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.

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Article VII – Officers, Section 2
Administrative Officers
The administrative officers shall be Chief Executive Officer, a Controller¹ 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 one year TERM. 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 Bureau of Emerging Leaders. Candidates must be members in good standing of the AOA;

Article VIII - Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Section 1D
Board of Trustees
D. One postdoctoral trainee, to include intern, resident, or a fellow, member elected by the House of Delegates to serve for 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
Board of Trustees
E. One student member elected by the House of Delegates to serve for one year. Candidates for the student position shall be nominated, in alternating ALTERNATING years, by the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) and the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA).

¹ The title of Controller to Chief Financial Officer is under review as a second read in 2023.
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 communication to each divisional SOCIETY and AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION specialty society entitled to and voting representatives to the House of Delegates, posted on the AOA’s website, and COMMUNICATED IN AN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE ASSOCIATION published in the on-line edition of 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.

2 Should this section be approved for removal, all references to ‘his’ within the Constitution will be adjusted to ‘they’, ‘them’, ‘theirs’ as appropriate.