

Proposed Amendments to the AOA Constitution and Bylaws to Implement Changes to Governance Structure

Consistent with the requirements for amending the Constitution of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the following proposed amendments to the AOA Bylaws have been submitted to the AOA chief executive officer, who has arranged for their publication in The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, distribution to AOA state and specialty affiliates, and posting to the Governance Documents on the AOA website before the October Special Meeting of the AOA House of Delegates (HOD), which will occur Tuesday, October 13, 2020, and Wednesday, October 14, 2020, virtually.

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

1. AOA Bylaws, Article IX - Departments, Bureaus, and Committees

The Board of Trustees and House of Delegates, consistent with the powers given to it by these Bylaws, shall establish and determine the duties of departments, bureaus, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces necessary to further the policies of the Association. The Association's departments shall include the Departments of ~~Affiliated~~ ~~RELATIONS Affairs~~, ~~FINANCE Business Affairs~~, ~~EDUCATION Educational Affairs~~, Governmental Affairs, MEMBERSHIP ~~Professional Affairs~~, and Research, ~~Quality &~~ AND Public Health. The activities of all departments, bureaus and committees shall, so far as possible, be executed in close cooperation with the Chief Executive Officer. Upon the expiration of the terms of office of chairs and members of the departments, bureaus, or committees, all records of the same shall be delivered by the chairs to the Chief Executive Officer. All employed staff of departments, bureaus, and committees in the offices shall be under the jurisdiction of the Chief Executive Officer.

2. AOA Bylaws, Article II (Membership), Section 2-Membership Requirements

- a. Applicants for Regular Membership . . . Such information and application shall be carefully reviewed by the ~~BUREAU OF~~ ~~Committee on~~ Membership, which shall make an appropriate recommendation for reinstatement to the Board of Trustees. An applicant whose license to practice is revoked or suspended, or who is currently serving a sentence for conviction of a felony offense, shall not be considered eligible for membership in this Association.
- b. Honorary Life Member Honorary life membership may also be conferred by the Board of Trustees on a regular member who has been in good standing for 25 consecutive years immediately preceding, and who has rendered outstanding service to the profession at either the state or national level, or who is recommended for such a membership by official action of his divisional society and the ~~BUREAU OF~~ ~~Committee on~~ Membership. Such honorary life members shall have the privileges and duties of regular members including the payment of assessments levied by the Association, but shall not be required to pay dues.
- c. Life Member The ~~BUREAU OF~~ ~~Committee on~~ Membership may waive this requirement on individual consideration. Such members shall have the privileges and duties of regular members, but shall not be required to pay dues or assessments beginning the year AOA Constitution & Bylaws 6 in which the age of 70 is attained.

4. **AOA 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 ~~first class mail, postage paid,~~ 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 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.