



## Proposed Amendments to the AOA Constitution

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### Article VI - House of Delegates, Section 1B

~~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.

### Article VIII, Section 1-C

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) **SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE BUREAU OF EMERGING LEADERS. CANDIDATES MUST BE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THE AOA; or received the DO degree within the previous ten years shall be nominated by the council of new physicians in practice;**

### 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 MAIL, ~~communication~~ 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.



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### Article V - Membership

The membership of this Association shall consist of Osteopathic and ~~allopathic~~ physicians and of such others who meet the requirements prescribed by the Bylaws of the American Osteopathic Association.

### Article VI - House of Delegates

Section 1-Composition

#### B. Student Council Representation in Divisional Societies

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### Article VI - House of Delegates

Section 1-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 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.