



## Proposed Amendments to the AOA Bylaws

The following proposed amendments to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Bylaws will be presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting, 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.

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

### Article II and Article VIII

#### Article II, Section 2-Membership Requirements and Article VIII, Section 2

Removal of: Special listing in the *AOA Yearbook and Directory* shall be provided

#### d. Associate Member

Associate members shall not be eligible for membership in the House of Delegates or the Board of Trustees, or to hold any elective offices of this Association. ~~Special listing in the AOA Yearbook and Directory shall be provided.~~

#### e. Student Member

At such time as a student member graduates from his osteopathic college, he shall automatically become enrolled as a regular member of the Association. Each student member shall receive such publications and other literature, ~~Special listing in the AOA Yearbook and Directory shall be provided~~ as may be directed by the Board of Trustees or the House of Delegates.

#### f. Honorary Member

By specific action of the Board of Trustees, honorary membership may be granted to individuals, not eligible for any other category of membership, who support the goals and objectives of this Association. Such honorary members shall not be required to pay dues or assessments. They shall receive complimentary copies of the Association's publications and such other services as authorized by the Board of Trustees. Honorary members shall not be eligible for membership in the House of Delegates or the Board of Trustees or hold any elective offices of this Association. ~~Special listing in the AOA Yearbook and Directory shall be provided~~

Such membership, when conferred, shall remain in full force and effect unless revoked by action of the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association.

#### g. International Physician Members

International Physician Members shall not be eligible for membership in the House of Delegates or the Board of Trustees, or to hold any elective offices of this Association. ~~Special listing in the AOA Yearbook and Directory shall be provided~~

#### h. Allied Member

Allied members shall not be eligible for membership in the House of Delegates or the Board of Trustees, or to hold any elective offices of this Association. ~~Special listing in the AOA Yearbook and Directory shall be provided.~~



Article VIII - Duties of Officers - Section 2 – Editor

The Editor shall:

Have the editorial direction, in accordance with the established policies of the Board of Trustees and House of Delegates, of The Journal of Osteopathic Medicine, AND other periodical publications of the Association ~~and of the AOA Yearbook and Directory~~, under the general supervision of the Chief Executive Officer, and shall cooperate with all departments of the central office.

**Article II – Membership**

Section 1 – Classification

~~f. Honorary Members~~

g. F. International Physician Members

h. G. Allied Members

Section 2, Membership Requirements, f. Honorary Member

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**Article II - Membership**

Section 2, Membership Requirements, h. Allied Member

Individuals who have received their training and/or degree in osteopathic medicine from a school that is not accredited by the ~~AOA Bureau of Professional Education~~ COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE ACCREDITATION (COCA) are not eligible for membership in the AOA.

**Article VI - Elections**

Section 1 - Qualifications FOR ELECTED POSITIONS

~~Except where positions are designated as public members, m-Membership in both the AOA and a divisional society shall be a requisite for qualification for any officer. or for any member of any department, division, bureau or committee of the Association, however selected, if the incumbent shall be an osteopathic or allopathic physician~~



Section 4 - Installation

THE AOA PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT SHALL BE INSTALLED IN THEIR POSITIONS DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING AT A TIME TO BE DESIGNATED IN THE OFFICIAL MEETING AGENDA. ALL OTHER ~~The officers who have served throughout that meeting shall complete all business of the annual meeting so far as is practicable. The officers-~~ elect AND TRUSTEES-ELECT shall be installed as the final order of business and shall assume the authority of their respective offices upon adjournment of the meeting.

**Article VII - Board of Trustees**

Section 1 - Duties

The Board of Trustees shall:

b. Appoint a Chief Executive Officer, ~~a Controller~~ CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, a General Counsel, and an Editor-IN-CHIEF, and shall fix the amount of their salaries and the length of their terms of office. It shall fix the duties of the Chief Executive Officer, ~~Controller,~~ CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, General Counsel, Editor-IN-CHIEF and all other officials, committees, departments and bureaus necessary to the proper execution of the policies of the Association and not fixed by these Bylaws.

c. Have the responsibility of management of the finances of the Association and shall authorize and supervise, the House of Delegates concurring, THE ANNUAL BUDGET ~~all expenditures thereof.~~ It shall appoint a certified public accountant to audit the financial records of the Association and certify to the accuracy of the statement of financial condition of the Association to be reported at the annual meetings.

e. Maintain and revise the Administrative Guide annually. The general purpose of this manual shall be to provide a handy reference book of concise statements of the duties of all officials, committees, departments, bureaus and employees of the Association, to the end that there shall be no conflict of jurisdiction or duplication of effort. Copies of such Guide shall be ~~furnished~~ PUBLISHED ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE AND THEREBY MADE AVAILABLE to each divisional society and affiliated organization as well as officers of the American Osteopathic Association and other groups or individuals as directed by the Board of Trustees of the Association.

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers**

There were two number 4's. The numbering to be adjusted

Section 4 5 - Speaker/Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates

Section 5-6 - Chief Executive Officer

Section 6-7 - Controller

Section 7 8 - General Counsel

Section 8-9 - Editor



## **Article VIII - Duties of Officers**

### Section 6-7 – Controller – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The ~~Controller~~ CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER shall:

### Section 8-9 - Editor-IN-CHIEF

The Editor-IN-CHIEF shall:

a. Have the editorial direction, in accordance with the established policies of the Board of Trustees and House of Delegates, of The *Journal of Osteopathic Medicine*, AND other periodical publications of the Association ~~and of the AOA Yearbook and Directory~~, under the general supervision of the Chief Executive Officer, and shall cooperate with all departments of the central office.

## **Article IX - Departments, Bureaus, and Committees**

NEW ADDITION

EXCEPT WHERE POSITIONS ARE DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC MEMBERS (I.E., A NON-PHYSICIANS SERVING ON A BUREAU OR COMMITTEE WHO ARE INTENDED TO REPRESENT AND SPEAK FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND CONSUMERS OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SERVICES), MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH THE AOA AND A DIVISIONAL SOCIETY SHALL BE A REQUISITE FOR QUALIFICATION FOR SERVICE ON A BUREAU, COUNCIL, OR COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION, HOWEVER SELECTED, IF THE INCUMBENT SHALL BE AN OSTEOPATHIC OR ALLOPATHIC PHYSICIAN.

## **Article XI – Amendments**

### Section 2--Articles of Incorporation

The Articles of Incorporation of this Association may be amended by the adoption of a resolution by the Board of Trustees setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that the amendment be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the House of Delegates, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be posted on the AOA's website and delivered not less than ~~five~~ TWO WEEKS nor more than 40 days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the President, or the Chief Executive Officer, or the officers or persons calling the meeting, to each delegate entitled to vote at such meeting.

Written or printed notice shall include the printing of the amendment in the electronic and/or printed issue of The *Journal of Osteopathic Medicine* published not less than ~~five days~~ TWO WEEKS or more than 40 days before the date of the meeting. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by the total number of delegates accredited for voting.

## **Article XII - Gender Disclaimer**

The American Osteopathic Association is open to ALL persons of ~~both sexes~~ and does not discriminate against any person 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.