Proposed Amendments to the AOA Bylaws

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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.

Article III – Dues and Assessments Section 1 – Payment of Dues

~~The annual dues of regular members of the Association shall be payable in advance on or before 1 June, the beginning of the fiscal year.~~

~~A member whose dues shall remain unpaid for three months shall become suspended. He may be reinstated upon payment of dues and assessment provide such payment are not received prior to the end of the current fiscal year or, if later, by applying as a new member.~~

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.

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.
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.