

FOMA Proposed Bylaw Changes: 9.24.2022

- Article III – MEMBERSHIP – Section 2 – Membership Requirements and Privileges – Part b. – Active Faculty Members
 - Editorial: Active Faculty Members – Applicants for Active Faculty Membership shall be graduates of ~~AOA approved AOA~~ COCA ACCREDITED OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL schools ~~of osteopathic medicine~~, full-time paid faculty...

- Change Article III. Section 2 (h), to read:

(h) Intern, Residents, Preceptees in ACGME accredited training programs in Florida who have graduated from a COCA accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Students currently enrolled in a COCA accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine may be granted membership by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees who are present and voting at any regularly scheduled meeting even though they may not hold a license to practice in Florida.

Any such application must be endorsed by the President or Dean of the applicant's College, and the authority in the hospital or office in which applicant is working.

Such members shall have neither voice nor vote and may not hold office except as noted in Article V. Section 2. They may receive publications of the association and may attend the state convention at fees prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

- Article VI – OFFICERS – Section 6 – Part a.
 - All officers and directors of the Association (except the Executive Director), shall be Active Members and/or U.S. Public Health Service/Military members and shall be members of the District Society, unless there is no active district society in their area, and A MEMBER OF the American Osteopathic Association.
- Article VI OFFICERS – Section 6 – Part e.
 - Editorial: The President Elect automatically becomes President the year following ~~his or her~~ THEIR election as President Elect.

Change Article V, Section 2, (c) as follows:

~~(c) Each District should nominate Alternate Trustees equal in number to at least one-half their allowed number of Trustees, but not to exceed the allowed number of Trustees. These Alternate Trustees are to serve in the absence of the regular Trustees. They are to be elected and hold office in the same manner as the Trustees. The Alternate Trustees shall be designated by their respective districts as Alternate Trustee Seat #1, #2, #3, etc., for the purposes of being seated at the Board of Trustees meeting or in the event the office of Trustee is vacant for any reason.~~

(c) Nomination of Trustees and Alternate Trustees

1. Trustees and Alternate Trustees who represent a district with an active District Society shall be nominated by their District Society.

2. Trustees and Alternate Trustees whose primary residence or whose primary physical employment location is within a district without an active district society may be nominated by the Executive Board to represent the district that has no active district society. The Executive Board will establish policy to secure recommendations for and nominations of the Trustees and Alternate Trustees for Districts that have no District Society.
3. Each District should nominate Alternate Trustees equal in number to at least one-half their allowed number of Trustees, but not to exceed the allowed number of Trustees. These Alternate Trustees are to serve in the absence of the regular Trustees. They are to be elected and hold office in the same manner as the Trustees. The Alternate Trustees shall be designated by their respective districts as Alternate Trustee Seat #1, #2, #3, etc., for the purposes of being seated at the Board of Trustees meeting or in the event the office of Trustee is vacant for any reason.

Article V – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Section 2 – Trustees – Part (k)

- Unless seated as a Trustee or an Alternate Trustee for their District who would be eligible to vote, OR UNLESS THEY CHOOSE TO RESIGN FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ~~Past Presidents of the Association~~ ~~WOULD STILL shall~~ be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees ~~who shall have voice but no vote.~~

Article V, Section 2, **create** (l)

(l) The Board of Trustees shall include an additional seat designated for a Resident Trustee.

1. The Resident Trustee shall have a seat, a voice and a vote. In the event the Resident Trustee is unavailable for a meeting or a vote the Alternate Resident Trustee shall have both voice and vote for that period of time, and may serve as a delegate to the House of Delegates.
2. The Resident Trustee and Alternate Resident Trustee shall be nominated by the Executive Board and elected by the Board of Trustees. The Executive Board will establish policy to secure nominations and recommendations for the selection of the Resident Trustee and Alternate Resident Trustee.
3. The Resident Trustee and Alternate Resident Trustee shall serve a one year term from July 1 until June 30. The Resident Trustee and Alternate Resident Trustee must be enrolled and in good standing in an ACGME residency as of July 1 of their term.
4. The Resident Trustee and Alternate Resident Trustee must be Resident Members of the FOMA in good standing.

Change Article VI. Section 5, (d), to read:

~~(d) A delegate or alternate delegate to the AOA House of Delegates must be either a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association, a Past President of the Association, or an Active Member of a Florida licensing board.~~

(d) The Executive Board will establish policy to secure recommendation for and the selection of the Delegates.

1. The policy shall allow the consideration of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Association, including the Resident Trustee and Alternate Resident Trustees, the Past Presidents of the Association,

or an Active Member currently serving on a Florida licensing board without the need for additional nomination.

2. The policy may allow the consideration of any other Member who is able to be qualified by the American Osteopathic Association to serve as a Delegate with a nomination process to be established within the policy.

Change Article V. Section 2 (k) as advised by the AOA:

(k) Unless seated as a Trustee or an Alternate Trustee for their District who would be eligible to vote, Past Presidents of the Association, who are members in good standing, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees who shall have voice but no vote.