

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Bylaws of the
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Inc.

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Board of Governors

REFERRED TO: 2015 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 RESOLVED, that Congress of Delegates of the American College of Osteopathic Family
2 Physicians adopts amendments to the Bylaws of the American College of Osteopathic
3 Family Physicians, Inc., as submitted by the ACOFP Board of Governors, in accordance
4 with its amendment requirements.

5 **ARTICLE II - AFFILIATE SOCIETIES** *(old material crossed out, new material capitalized)*

6 A group of osteopathic family physicians desiring a charter as an affiliate society of ACOFP in a state, A
7 DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHICH INCLUDES TERRITORY WITHIN MORE THAN
8 ONE STATE IN WHICH THERE IS NO EXISTING AFFILIATE SOCIETY WITHIN ANY PORTION
9 OF THE DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC AREA, the District of Columbia, or a foreign territory or an
10 organization of osteopathic family physicians serving in the uniformed services of the United States shall
11 submit its request to the Board of Governors of ACOFP for its approval. Following authorization to form
12 a society, the group may organize and then submit its Constitution and Bylaws to the Congress of
13 Delegates for approval before the society may be granted a charter. At any time thereafter, upon demand
14 of this organization, evidence that the approved society's Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and
15 policies conform to those of this organization while said charter is in force shall be furnished to the Board
16 of Governors. Affiliates may be disaffiliated upon recommendation of the Board of Governors and
17 approval of the Congress of Delegates.

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20 **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

21 **Section 2. Membership Classifications**

22 The membership of this College shall consist of the following classes: Active, Academic, and Associate.

23 A. Active members shall have completed AOA-approved post-doctoral training IN FAMILY
24 MEDICINE or Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved post-
25 doctoral training or have been in active family medicine for greater than six years. The
26 Committee on Membership may recommend to the Board of Governors a waiver of these
27 requirements based on individual considerations. Active members are entitled to serve as
28 delegates to the ACOFP Congress of Delegates, hold office, hold committee appointments, and
29 THEY MAY BE included IN ONE OF the following categories:

30 (2) Life membership may be granted by the Board of Governors to any active member who
31 has reached the age of 70 years, ~~or who has completed 50 years of osteopathic family~~
32 ~~medicine, whichever comes first~~, and who has been a member in good standing for 25
33 consecutive years immediately preceding. The Committee on Membership may
34 recommend waiver of these requirements on individual consideration. Life members
35 shall not pay dues or assessments. Life members shall be deemed and have the privileges
36 of active members.

37 (3) Retired membership may be granted by the Board of Governors to active members in
38 good standing in this organization who, because of age or through disability, have
39 discontinued practice. These members shall have the same privileges as active members
40 ~~except they shall not hold office or vote.~~

41 B. Academic members shall be students in ~~pre-doctoral~~ COLLEGES OF osteopathic MEDICINE
42 ~~training programs~~ accredited by ~~AOA~~ THE COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE
43 ACCREDITATION who are also members of their local undergraduate chapter located within the
44 geographic boundary served by the ACOFP affiliate society or interns in post-doctoral programs
45 accredited by AOA or ACGME or residents in family medicine post-doctoral programs
46 accredited by AOA or ACGME. Academic members shall be entitled to serve as committee
47 members, board members and delegates, and shall have voting privileges as set forth in Article V-
48 Congress of Delegates.

49 C. Associate members shall be those persons whose professional activities involve cooperation with
50 osteopathic family physicians through their specialty; or who contribute to some phase of the
51 special field of osteopathic family medicine, such as education and research in scientific fields; or
52 others interested in supporting this College. Associate members may not vote as delegates or
53 hold office. Associate members shall include the following categories:

54 (1) PROFESSIONAL Associate members whose ~~professional~~ activities involve cooperation
55 with osteopathic family physicians, or who contribute to some phase of the special field

56 of osteopathic family medicine, such as education and research in scientific fields, may
57 serve on committees and may vote on committees, but may not vote as a delegate or hold
58 office.

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60 **ARTICLE V - CONGRESS OF DELEGATES**

61 **Section 1.** Composition

62 A. The ACOFP Executive Director shall provide to the Secretary of each ACOFP affiliate society in
63 writing the number of delegates to which that Society is entitled at least 60 days before the first
64 day of the annual meeting of the Congress of Delegates.

65 (1) Each affiliate society shall be entitled to at least one voting delegate ~~whose national/state~~
66 ~~dues are current and, in addition,~~ WHO IS SHALL BE A MEMBER IN GOOD
67 STANDING, AND shall be entitled to ~~at least one~~ AN ADDITIONAL voting delegate
68 for every 25 MEMBERS THEREAFTER, or the majority fraction thereof, active
69 members, plus one voting delegate from each approved undergraduate chapter located
70 within the geographic boundaries served by the ACOFP affiliate society.

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72 **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

73 **Section 2.** Composition

74 A. The Board of Governors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, the Past Presidents for the
75 preceding two years, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, six (6) Governors-at-large, ONE
76 OSTEOPATHIC RESIDENT GOVERNOR and ONE OSTEOPATHIC STUDENT
77 GOVERNOR ~~two Academic members,~~ as provided for in the Bylaws.

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79 **ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS**

80 **Section 1.** Composition

81 The elected officers of the College shall be the President, President-Elect, the Past Presidents from the
82 preceding two years, Vice President, AND Secretary/Treasurer, ~~six (6) Governors-at-large, and Speaker~~
83 ~~and Vice Speaker of the Congress of Delegates.~~

84 **Section 5.** Duties of Officers

85 A. The President:

86 (10) Shall discharge such duties as may be required by the Family ~~Practice~~ MEDICINE
87 Resident Training Program and the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians.

88 E. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND PAST PRESIDENT:

89 THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND PAST PRESIDENT SHALL PERFORM DUTIES
90 AND PROVIDE ADVICE AND COUNSEL AS REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

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92 **ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS**

93 **Section 2.** Terms

94 D. The RESIDENT AND STUDENT Governors ~~representing the Academic members of the College~~
95 shall be elected annually for a one-year term.

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97 **ARTICLE X - DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES**

98 **Section 4.** General Duties

99 The duties of the departments and committees shall be outlined in the OPERATING Policy Manual and
100 shall be reviewed annually for revisions by the Executive Director, who will make recommendations for
101 modification to the Board of Governors.

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103 **ARTICLE XVIII – GENDER DISCLAIMER**

104 The American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians is open to persons of ~~both~~ ALL genders and
105 does not discriminate against any persons because of gender IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR
106 CHOICE; therefore, the wording herein importing the masculine or feminine gender includes the other
107 genderS and imports no such discrimination.

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