

SUBJECT: MDs as ACOFP Active Members

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Constitution and Bylaws/Policy and Organizational Review Committee

REFERRED TO: 2021 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates (*submitted in 2020*)

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RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 WHEREAS, 2019 ACOFP Congress of Delegates Resolution 25 directed the ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws  
2 Committee/Policy & Organization Review Committee to propose amendments to allow MDs to have  
3 Active Members status; and

4 WHEREAS, ACOFP notified the membership of the College in writing at least 30 days preceding the first day of  
5 the meeting of the Congress of Delegates; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, that Congress of Delegates of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)  
7 approves the following amendment as recommended and submitted by the ACOFP Constitution &  
8 Bylaws/Policy & Organization Review Committee.

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10 **CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY PHYSICIANS, INC.**

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12 **ARTICLE II – MISSION AND OBJECTIVES**

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14 **Section 2.**

15 The objectives of the College are:

- 16 3. To support high standards of ongoing osteopathic education for family physicians;  
17 5. To encourage and improve the educational opportunities for the training of family physicians in  
18 all branches of osteopathic medicine and surgery, including family medicine training programs  
19 with osteopathic recognition status;

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21 **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

22 The membership of this College shall consist of osteopathic family physicians, allopathic family physicians and  
23 such other persons who have met the requirements of membership prescribed by the ACOFP Bylaws.

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25 **ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

26 **Section 1.**

27 The Board of Governors shall be composed of the President, President-Elect, the Past Presidents  
28 for the preceding two years, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, six (6) Governors-at-large, one  
29 osteopathic Resident Governor, or an allopathic Resident Governor in osteopathic focused  
30 education at a family medicine residency with ACGME osteopathic recognition status, one  
31 osteopathic Student Governor, and the Speaker of the Congress of Delegates, all to be selected as  
32 provided in the Bylaws. The Speaker has voice but no vote.

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38 **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

39 **Section 1. Qualifications**

40 An applicant for membership, except as provided herein, shall be a graduate of a college of osteopathic  
41 medicine approved by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) or a graduate of a  
42 college of allopathic medicine approved by the liaison committee on medical education at the time of  
43 graduation and shall be licensed to practice medicine. Each applicant shall be of good moral character,  
44 and shall conform to the ACOFP Code of Ethics.

45 **Section 3. Active Members in Good Standing**

46 The phrase "in good standing" shall describe only those active members whose dues and assessments are  
47 current, and who document CME hours consistent with the American Osteopathic Board of Family  
48 Physicians (AOBFP) or American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) requirements, and who are in  
49 compliance with the ACOFP Code of Ethics. National officers, affiliate officers, and residency program  
50 directors must be members in good standing.

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52 **ARTICLE V – CONGRESS OF DELEGATES**

53 **Section 1. Composition**

54 (4) Each affiliate society shall be entitled to one voting family medicine resident delegate who meets the  
55 following criteria.

56 (a) Be currently enrolled and in good standing in an AOA or ACGME residency program in  
57 the state which the delegate represents.

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59 (b) Be a member in good standing of the ACOFP affiliate society in the state (if such an  
60 affiliate society exists).

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62 (c) Be a member in good standing with ACOFP.

63 **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

64 **Section 2. Composition**

65 A. The Board of Governors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, the Past Presidents for the  
66 preceding two years, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, six (6) Governors-at-large, one  
67 Osteopathic Resident Governor, or an allopathic Resident Governor in osteopathic focused  
68 education at a family medicine residency with ACGME osteopathic recognition status, and one  
69 Osteopathic Student Governor as provided for in the Bylaws.

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71 **ARTICLE X - DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES**

72 **Section 2. Qualifications of Committee Chairs and Members**

73 Committee chairs shall be osteopathic physicians who are active members of this College in good  
74 standing, or academic or associate members of this College, or allopathic physicians who meet  
75 these requirements and have completed osteopathic focused education at residency programs  
76 with ACGME osteopathic recognition status.

77 Committee members shall be osteopathic or allopathic physicians who are active members of this  
78 college in good standing, or academic or associate members of this college.