

## **Constitution and Bylaws Amendments**

### **Constitution**

#### **Article IV - Membership**

The active membership in this association shall consist of members who are graduates of an accredited college of osteopathic medicine and who are lawfully licensed to practice in the state of Ohio unless they have voluntarily allowed their license to lapse due to retirement or disability. Persons may be elected to associate or honorary membership in this association, as provided in its bylaws. Any AOA or ACGME accredited hospital or college located in the state of Ohio shall be eligible to become an institutional member of this association.

#### **Article VII - Officers**

The elected officers of this association shall be regular members in good standing and shall be: a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Speaker of the House of Delegates, and a Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates. Non-elected officers shall include the-Immediate Past President and an Executive Director. A President-Elect shall be elected annually by the House of Delegates to serve for one year. He/she shall succeed to the office of President at the next annual election. The Vice President, Treasurer, Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates shall be elected annually by the House of Delegates to serve for one year, or until successors are installed. An Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve for such term as the Board of Trustees shall define. The duties of these officers shall be those usual to such officers in their respective offices and such others as are defined by the bylaws. In the case of inability upon the part of the President to serve during the term of office for which he has been elected, the responsibility of filling the office of President shall devolve upon the Board of Trustees.

### **Bylaws**

#### **Article II**

**Section 1 - Regular Member.** An applicant for regular membership in this association shall be a graduate of a college of medicine or osteopathic medicine and licensed to practice in the state of Ohio. Application shall be made on a prescribed form and shall be accompanied by payment of the appropriate state and local district dues. The executive director shall send a copy of the new member's application and district dues to the appropriate district academy and publish the new member's name in the *Buckeye Osteopathic Physician*.

**Section 1 (a) - Continuing Education.** In order to maintain regular membership in this association a minimum of ~~400~~ 50 credit hours of approved continuing medical education must be substantiated for each successive two-year period, commencing January 1, 1985. Rules of procedure, guidelines of approved educational categories and certification requirements will be the responsibility of the Education Committee with approval of the Board of Trustees.

#### **Section 2 - Postgraduate Training Member.**

~~Osteopathic P~~hysicians in AOA or ACGME approved Ohio ~~osteopathic~~ postdoctoral training programs with Osteopathic Recognition shall automatically be enrolled as members of this association for the duration of their training and shall receive benefits and privileges as defined in these bylaws or by the Board of Trustees.

**Section 10 - Institutional Member.** Any ~~American Osteopathic Association~~-accredited healthcare facility, institution or college of osteopathic medicine located in the state of Ohio shall be eligible to become an institutional member of this association.