BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Current Bylaw

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Members: ~~Members of the Association shall be graduates of medical schools in Thailand or other medical schools acceptable to the Association~~. Regular members: A fee of $50.00 (Fifty dollars) to be paid annually on January 1 of each year. Lifetime members: A one time fee of $500.00 (Five hundred dollars) shall provide a lifetime membership in the Association.

(1) Amended Bylaw

Section 1 Members: Members of the Association shall be graduates of medical schools with Medical Doctors (M.D.), Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.), Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) or equivalent degrees in Thailand, or other medical schools acceptable to the Association. Regular members: A fee of $50.00 (Fifty dollars) to be paid annually on January 1 of each year. Lifetime members: A one time fee of $500.00 (Five hundred dollars) shall provide a lifetime membership in the Association.

Description

Membership is expanded to include D.O. and podiatrist. The "or equivalent degrees" is added because some medical schools do not grant M.D. or D.O. degrees to their medical school graduates. Examples are M.B.B.S., MB BCh and MB ChB.

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Current Bylaw

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2 Election: ~~At each annual meeting,~~ (1) Annually, seven (7) Directors shall be elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term, to replace members of the Board of Directors who have completed their term. ~~The votes may be cast either: [1] at the annual general meeting with a deadline of noon the day before the meeting. Or [2] by pre-arranged mail ballot with a deadline of two weeks before the meeting~~. (2) The votes are to be cast by pre-arranged mail ballot, which shall be mailed to the general members at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting deadline. Each chapter shall elect its own Board of Directors member(s), according to the membership of each chapter (excluding Thailand chapter), the number of the newly elected Board of Directors member(s) of the chapter with the largest membership shall be three, the chapter with the second largest membership shall be two and the two remaining chapters shall be one each. If newly elected President of TPAA or chairperson of any chapter is a member of the Board of Directors, his or her position on the Board of Directors shall be automatically forfeited and be filled by the candidate with the next highest vote of that chapter who shall hold the office until the expiration of the original term of that person. (3) Voting results are to be announced and approved by the Board of Directors at the following Board of Directors meeting. ~~In the event of a tie vote, members present at the annual meeting shall vote to untie.~~ (4) In the event of a tie vote, Board of Directors members present at the meeting shall vote to untie. These new electees shall begin their term of duty on January 1 of the following year after being elected. The President shall nominate one (1) Chairperson and one (1) Vice-Chairperson from the Board of Directors to be approved by the majority of the Board of Directors. The Chairperson shall preside at all meeting of the Board of Directors. In the absence of or inability to act of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside. The presiding Person shall vote in the Board of Directors meetings only in the event of a tie.

(2) Amended Bylaw

Section 2 Election: Annually, seven (7) Directors shall be elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term, to replace members of the Board of Directors who have completed their term. The votes are to be cast by pre-arranged mail ballot, which shall be mailed to the general members at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting deadline. Each chapter shall elect its own Board of Directors member(s), according to the membership of each chapter (excluding Thailand chapter), the number of the newly elected Board of Directors member(s) of the chapter with the largest membership shall be three, the chapter with the second largest membership shall be two and the two remaining chapters shall be one each. If newly elected President of TPAA or chairperson of any chapter is a member of the Board of Directors, his or her position on the Board of Directors shall be automatically forfeited and be filled by the candidate with the next highest vote of that chapter who shall hold the office until the expiration of the original term of that person. Voting results are to be announced and approved by the Board of Directors at the following Board of Directors meeting. In the event of a tie vote, Board of Directors members present at the meeting shall vote to untie. These new electees shall begin their term of duty on January 1 of the following year after being elected. The President shall nominate one (1) Chairperson and one (1) Vice-Chairperson from the Board of Directors to be approved by the majority of the Board of Directors. The Chairperson shall preside at all meeting of the Board of Directors. In the absence of or inability to act of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside. The presiding Person shall vote in the Board of Directors meetings only in the event of a tie.

Description

1. Election is to be conducted independent of meeting, convention and educational session.
2. The voting is to be by mail ballot only, because voting in person is really not practical in this setting.
3. Results are to be announced and approved at the BOD meeting that follows. That means election has to be held at least 6-8 weeks prior to the last BOD meeting of the year.
4. Since the election and voting is not tied in with membership meeting requirement, the BOD is the most logical body to cast the vote to untie. BOD members are elected by the general members, which in essence is as close to voting by the members as possible.

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Current Bylaw

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5 Meeting: The Board of Directors shall convene not less than ~~three (3)~~ two (2) times a year. The ~~annual~~ meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held ~~in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association~~ at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman of the Board and shall be called by him within seven (7) days of the receipt of a request signed by not less than twelve (12) members of the Board of Directors. Should the Chairman of the Board of Directors fail to call the meeting, the Board of Directors, members who have requested it shall direct the Secretary of the Association to call such meeting. Not less than thirty (30) days notice of the time and place of any regular or special meeting shall be given by the Secretary of the Association by mail or electronic mail, addressed to each member of the Board of Directors at his/her address as shown on the record of the Association.

(3) Amended Bylaw

Section 5 Meeting: The Board of Directors shall convene not less than two (2) times a year. The meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman of the Board and shall be called by him within seven (7) days of the receipt of a request signed by not less than twelve (12) members of the Board of Directors. Should the Chairman of the Board of Directors fail to call the meeting, the Board of Directors, members who have requested it shall direct the Secretary of the Association to call such meeting. Not less than thirty (30) days notice of the time and place of any regular or special meeting shall be given by the

Secretary of the Association by mail or electronic mail, addressed to each member of the Board of Directors at his/her address as shown on the record of the Association.

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Current Bylaw

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 2 Election: ~~At each annual meeting of the Association~~ Annually, the President-Elect shall be elected by the members. ~~The votes may be cast at the meeting or by pre-arranged mail ballots. In the event of a tie vote, members present at the annual meeting will vote to untie.~~ The election shall be conducted in conjunction with the election of Board of Directors members and in accordance with the rules set forth in ARTICLE V – Section 2, Election. The President-Elect shall become the President of the Association after the term of the current President expires on December 31, of that year.

(4) Amended Bylaw

Section 2 Election: Annually, the President-Elect shall be elected by the members. The election shall be conducted in conjunction with the election of Board of Directors members and in accordance with the rules set forth in ARTICLE V – Section 2, Election. The President-Elect shall become the President of the Association after the term of the current President expires on December 31, of that year.

Description

Please refer to ARTICLE V – Section 2.

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Current Bylaw

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Section 3 Committee on Nominations: The President shall appoint five (5) to seven (7) members of the Association, one (1) of whom as the Chairperson, to serve on the Committee on Nominations until their respective successors are elected and have qualified. The Committee shall search and conduct the nomination and election of the President-Elect and Board of Directors as prescribed in the Bylaws, to be ~~approved by the Board of Directors and voted upon at the annual meeting.~~ voted upon and approved by the Board of Directors at the following Board of Directors meeting.

(5) Amended Bylaw

Section 3 Committee on Nominations: The President shall appoint five (5) to seven (7) members of the Association, one (1) of whom as the Chairperson, to serve on the Committee on Nominations until their respective successors are elected and have qualified. The Committee shall search and conduct the nomination and election of the President-Elect and Board of Directors as prescribed in the Bylaws, to be voted upon and approved by the Board of Directors at the following Board of Directors meeting.

Description

The required tie-in to the annual meeting is removed.

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Current Bylaw

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Section 6 Educational Council:

- To conduct Continuing Medical Education ~~at the annual meeting of the Association.~~ session at location and time deemed appropriate by the President and Chairperson of the Educational Council.

(6) Amended Bylaw

Section 6 Educational Council:

- To conduct Continuing Medical Education sessions at location and time deemed appropriate by the President and Chairperson of the Educational Council.

Description

The required tie-in to annual meeting is removed. This will give the Educational Council and the President leeway as to the timing and place to hold CME meeting. In reality, it will most likely be held in conjunction with one of the TPAA meeting.

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Current Bylaw

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

Section 1 Regular and Special Meetings: There shall be not less than one (1) regular meeting yearly ~~to be held in conjunction with the educational sestion of the annual meeting~~. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President upon request signed by not less than fifty (50) members. Not less than thirty (30) days notice of the time and place of regular and special meeting shall be given by the Secretary of the Association by mail or electronic mail addressed to members at their addresses as shown on the records of the Association.

(7) Amended Bylaw

Section 1 Regular and Special Meetings: There shall be no less than one (1) regular meeting yearly. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President upon request signed by not less than fifty (50) members. Not less than thirty (30) days notice of the time and place of regular and special meeting shall be given by the Secretary of the Association by mail or electronic mail addressed to members at their addresses as shown on the records of the Association.

Description

The requirement (tie-in with education session) is removed to facilitate other required function and activity.

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Current Bylaw

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

Section 2 Annual Meeting: The Association shall convene not less than once yearly at the place and time designated by the President of the Association. ~~The annual meeting shall include (a) an educational session and (b) a regular meeting session.~~

(8) Amended Bylaw

Section 2 Annual Meeting: The Association shall convene no less than once yearly at the place and time designated by the President of the Association.

Description

The requirement (tie-in with education session) is removed to facilitate other required function and activity.

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