

Proposed Amendment to the AOA Constitution

Consistent with the requirements for amending the constitution and bylaws of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the following proposed amendment to the AOA constitution has been submitted to the AOA executive director, who has arranged for its publication in *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* before the next annual meeting of the AOA House of Delegates (HOD), which will occur Friday, July 19, 2013, through Sunday, July 21, 2013, at The Fairmont Chicago in Illinois.

The following amendment was presented at the July 2012 HOD meeting and will be considered for final approval at the July 2013 HOD Meeting. This amendment proposes a change to the formula under which delegates to the HOD are allocated among state and divisional affiliates. Because of growth in AOA membership, the size of the HOD has increased dramatically over the last decade. If approved, this amendment will cap the aggregate number of delegates from divisional societies and the uniformed services affiliate (ie, Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons) at 473. All amendments require a two-thirds vote by the HOD for approval.

(Old material is crossed out and new material is capitalized.)

CONSTITUTION

Article VI—House of Delegates

The House of Delegates shall be the legislative body of the Association, shall exercise the delegated powers of the divisional societies in the affairs of this Association, and shall perform such other functions as are set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 1—Composition

The House of Delegates shall consist of delegates elected by the divisional societies and other authorized units, the elected officers and trustees of the Association and of such other members as may be provided for in the Bylaws.

A. DIVISIONAL SOCIETIES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES SOCIETY. FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DELEGATE POSITIONS SHALL BE ALLOCATED AMONG THE DIVISIONAL SOCIETIES FOR EACH OF THE STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS SERVING IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AS FOLLOWS: EACH DIVISIONAL SOCIETY AND THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AFFILIATE SHALL BE entitled to one delegate and ONE ALTERNATE DELEGATE. ~~One additional delegate for each 100 regular members of this Association located in the state represented by that divisional society, provided that if there are 75 or more unrepresented regular members of this Association in the area of that divisional society, it shall be entitled to one additional delegate and~~ THE REMAINING DELEGATE POSITIONS SHALL

BE ALLOCATED AMONG DIVISIONAL SOCIETIES AND THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AFFILIATE BASED ON THE PROPORTION OF MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION WHO ARE LOCATED IN THE STATE REPRESENTED BY THAT DIVISIONAL SOCIETY OR, IN THE CASE OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES DIVISIONAL SOCIETY, THE PROPORTION OF MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION CURRENTLY SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL DELEGATES SHALL BE RECALCULATED EACH YEAR.

B. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN DIVISIONAL SOCIETIES. DIVISIONAL SOCIETIES SHALL BE AWARDED one additional delegate as a student council representative FOR of each college of osteopathic medicine accredited by this Association and located in the state represented by that divisional society, such student delegate to be elected according to the Bylaws of the American Osteopathic Association.

C. SPECIALTY AFFILIATES. EACH AOA RECOGNIZED SPECIALTY COLLEGE SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY ONE DELEGATE TO BE SELECTED AS PROVIDED IN THE BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION.

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