

SUBJECT: Defer Effective Date for the 2023 Congress of Delegates Resolutions 6 & 7

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Board of Governors

REFERRED TO: 2023 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)
Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 18

- 1 WHEREAS, Resolution 6 titled *Proposed amendments to the ACOFP Constitution regarding Officer*
2 *Composition and Terms* and Resolution 7 titled *Proposed amendments to the ACOFP Bylaws*
3 *regarding Officer Composition and Terms* were overall positively received during the
4 reference committee on March 4, 2023; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the reference committee voted to recommend approval of Resolution 6 titled *Proposed*
6 *amendments to the ACOFP Constitution regarding Officer Composition and Terms* and
7 Resolution 7 titled *Proposed amendments to the ACOFP Bylaws regarding Officer*
8 *Composition and Terms*; and
- 9 WHEREAS, one recommendation collected during reference committee was to clarify language in
10 the Bylaws around potential officer vacancies to ensure there is no automatic ascension of
11 an appointed Secretary/Treasurer to President-Elect; and
- 12 WHEREAS, resolutions for ACOFP's Constitution and Bylaws may not be amended at this time due
13 to the requirement of filing any such proposed amendments with the Executive Director at
14 least 60 days before the meeting of the Congress of Delegates; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the intention of the Board of Governors is that Resolutions 6 & 7 go into effect at the
16 2024 Congress of Delegates; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Leadership Development Committee (LDC) submitted a slate for the 2023-2024
18 nominations of Officers and Governors to reflect the Board of Governors structure
19 reflected in the current Bylaws; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the LDC did not solicit or evaluate candidates to reflect Board composition changes
21 proposed in Resolution 6 & 7 during the time of their work in 2022; now, therefore be it
- 22 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) defer the
23 effective date of Resolution 6 titled *Proposed amendments to the ACOFP Constitution*
24 *regarding Officer Composition and Terms* and Resolution 7 titled *Proposed amendments to*
25 *the ACOFP Bylaws regarding Officer Composition and Terms* until the 2024 Congress of
26 Delegates; and, be it further
- 27 RESOLVED, that the Leadership Development Committee promote these Governance changes and
28 new leadership opportunities during the Call for Board Nomination cycle in 2023 to reflect

29 the change in Board composition of Resolution 6 & 7 that will go in effect during the 2024
30 Congress of Delegates; and, be it further

31 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP Board of Governors submit a new resolution for consideration during
32 the 2024 Congress of Delegates that clarifies the vacancy process for Officers, ensuring that
33 there is no automatic ascension of the Secretary/Treasurer to the office of President-Elect
34 without a vote of the ACOFP Congress of Delegates.

Rationale: This new resolution was developed in anticipation that Resolution 6 & 7 will pass at the 2023 Congress of Delegates. Since resolutions passed by Congress go into effect immediately, unless deferral is specified, this means the Slate of Officers being presented to Congress on March 29, 2023 will not reflect the new Board governance structure resulting in an open New Physician in Practice Governor position and the Vice President immediately losing that post and role on the Board of Governors.

Furthermore, the Leadership Development Committee needs time to communicate these changes to the membership and vet candidates for Congress that reflect these changes. As such, a deferral of Resolution 6 & 7 until the 2024 Congress of Delegates is needed.

Based upon reference committee testimony requesting clarification on the process for filling officer vacancies, deferring the implementation of Resolution 6 & 7 also gives the Board of Governors time to propose Bylaws adjustments and submit for consideration by the 2024 Congress of Delegates. Doing so will mean there is no disconnect between the current bylaws and changes being made with Resolution 6 & 7.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 29, 2023