

SUBJECT: Proposed amendments to the ACOFP Bylaws regarding Membership Classifications

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Board of Governors

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) changes the following articles and sections of the Bylaws to be modified and read as follows:

(new material added in color)

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications

An applicant for membership, except as provided herein, shall be a graduate of a college of osteopathic medicine approved by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) or a graduate of a college of allopathic medicine approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education at the time of graduation and shall be licensed to practice medicine. Each applicant shall be of good moral character and shall conform to the ACOFP Code of Ethics.

Section 2. Membership Classifications

The membership of this College shall consist of the following classes: Active, Academic, and Associate.

A. Active members shall have completed AOA-approved post-doctoral training in family medicine or Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved post-doctoral training or have been in active family medicine for greater than six years. The Committee on Membership may recommend to the Board of Governors a waiver of these requirements based on individual considerations. Active members are entitled to serve as delegates to the ACOFP Congress of Delegates, hold office, hold committee appointments, and they may be included in one of the following categories:

(1) Osteopathic honorary membership may be conferred by the Board of Governors on active members in good standing for 25 consecutive years immediately preceding, and who have rendered outstanding service to the College at either the state or national level. This honor shall be conferred by the Board of Governors on each President upon conclusion of the term of office. These members shall pay no dues or assessment and shall be deemed and have the privileges of active members.

(2) Life membership may be granted by the Board of Governors to any active member who has reached the age of 70 years, and who has been a member in good standing for 25 consecutive years immediately preceding. The Committee on Membership may recommend waiver of these requirements on individual consideration. Life members shall not pay dues or assessments. Life members shall be deemed and

39 have the privileges of active members.

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41 (3) Retired membership may be granted by the Board of Governors to active members
42 in good standing in this organization who, because of age or through disability, have
43 discontinued practice. These members shall have the same privileges as active
44 members.

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46 **(4) New Physician-in-Practice membership may be granted by the Board of**
47 **Governors to physicians who have been in active practice for up to five years.**

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49 **(5) Physician membership may be granted by the Board of Governors to**
50 **physicians who have been in active practice for six or more years.**

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52 **(6) Military Physician membership may be granted by the Board of Governors to**
53 **active-duty physicians or uniformed military physicians.**

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55 **(7) Federal Health Physician membership may be granted by the Board of**
56 **Governors to active physicians that are non-uniformed federal health**
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FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 29, 2023