

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS**

### ***Foundation for Endodontics Proposed Changes***

#### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

The purpose for which this Association was organized is to promote the highest professional standards in clinical excellence for the specialty of endodontics worldwide.

To fulfill this purpose the Association is dedicated to the following objectives:

- a. to be a resource in endodontic knowledge, research and education for the public, the profession and our members;
- b. to inspire members to pursue professional advancement through education, research, advocacy and leadership;
- c. to promote and maintain excellence for advanced specialty education programs in endodontics;
- d. to promote acquisition and dissemination of the best clinical evidence to our members, the profession and the public;
- e. to promote the professional development of members;
- f. to serve as the sole sponsor of the American Board of Endodontics ~~and the American Association of Endodontists Foundation~~
- g. to oversee the publication of the Association's journal, the *Journal of Endodontics*;
- h. to conduct all activities/business necessary to the successful operation of the Association

#### **ARTICLE X. ELECTIONS**

##### **Section 1. Voting Process.**

The elective officers of the Association, the directors of the Association, and those trustees and officers of the American Association of Endodontists Foundation to be elected by the Association shall be elected by the General Assembly by a majority of the votes cast. The directors of the American Board of Endodontics shall be approved at the General Assembly by a majority of the votes cast.

In case any candidate fails to receive a majority of the votes cast, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will stand for a run-off election. The candidate who receives the most votes cast will be elected.

##### **Section 2. AAE Nominating Committee.**

The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for the elective offices of the Association. The Nominating Committee approves and forwards to the General Assembly the ~~and officers and~~ trustees of the American Association of Endodontists Foundation to be elected by the Association. ~~, and The Nominating Committee~~ shall notify the secretary of the Association of the nominees at least 120 days before the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

##### **Section 3. Additional Nominations.**

The executive director shall notify all members, in writing, of the slate of nominees at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

Additional nominations for elective officers, directors of the American Board of Endodontics, and those officers and trustees of the American Association of Endodontists Foundation to be elected by the Association may be made in writing by Active or Life members. Such nominations must be accompanied by a petition that includes the printed names and signatures of 50 voting members and must be received by the secretary no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

## ***Constitution Amendment Process***

### **ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the voting membership of the Association present and voting at the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

- a. Proposed amendments must be presented in a petition that includes the printed names and signatures of 15 members, ~~unless or~~ submitted by the Board of Directors, ~~or submitted by~~ the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, to the secretary of the Association at least 120 days before the annual meeting of the General Assembly.
- b. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Board of Directors shall present their comments on all proposed amendments.
- c. Proposed amendments shall be published or distributed to the membership at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly.
- d. By unanimous action, the General Assembly may waive all procedural and publication requirements for Constitutional amendments.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS**

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#### **CHAPTER IX. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS FOUNDATION**

##### **Section 1. Name and Tax Status Object.**

The ~~Association~~ ~~sponsors the~~ American Association of Endodontists Foundation, hereinafter called “the Foundation.” ~~The Foundation’s mission is to~~ ~~acts as~~ a charitable and educational organization as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, ~~and in furtherance thereof to inspire and support clinical research and the genesis of new knowledge in endodontics, to enhance educational programs and opportunities in endodontontology and to improve the endodontic health of the public by securing funding to support the philanthropic activities of the Foundation.~~

##### **Section 2. Corporate Management.**

The affairs of the Foundation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as “Trustees.” The Trustees shall receive all powers specifically granted to the Board of Trustees by operation of law to achieve the purposes stated in their Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation.

##### **Section 3. Composition and Election.**

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation shall consist of the following members: (a) ~~ten Active or Life~~ ~~seven voting~~ members of the Association, ~~one of whom is~~ (b) a new practitioner ~~and that~~ has been in practice less than five years ~~when first nominated at the time of nomination~~, (c) up to ~~three~~ ~~two~~ trustees from the public sector, (d) the president, president-elect, vice president and immediate past president of the Association, (e) the president, ~~and~~ president-elect, ~~and immediate past president~~ of the Foundation, and (f) the executive director of the Association who shall serve as a non-voting member.

- a. Nominees for the ~~Active or Life AAE voting~~ member trustee, ~~new practitioner, public sector trustee, and officer~~ positions, ~~including the new practitioner~~, shall be selected by the Foundation’s Nominating Committee and submitted to the Nominating Committee of the Association, which shall either forward the candidate to the General Assembly or request that the Foundation’s Nominating Committee submit a different candidate. ~~AAE voting member, new practitioner, public sector trustees and officers of the Foundation shall be elected at the annual meeting of the General Assembly.~~

b. ~~Other than the new practitioner, nominees for the Active or Life AAE voting member trustees positions~~ shall be elected for ~~one~~ a term of four years, ~~and may serve two terms provided that at least two years have elapsed since the conclusion of their previous term. by voting members present at the annual meeting of the General Assembly.~~ A Trustee appointed to fill an unexpired term shall be eligible for election to a full, consecutive term.

c. The new practitioner shall be elected for one term of two years ~~and shall be eligible for re-election to a second consecutive two-year term. Immediately following completion of a two-year term, the new practitioner trustee shall be eligible to be nominated for a term as an AAE voting member trustee.~~

d. ~~Nominees for the public sector trustee position shall be selected by the Foundation's Nominating Committee and submitted to the Nominating Committee of the Association, which shall either forward the candidate to the General Assembly or request that the Foundation's Nominating Committee submit a different candidate. Nominees for the public sector trustees position shall be elected for one term of one year by voting members present at the annual meeting of the General Assembly and shall be eligible for re-election to a maximum of three consecutive one-year terms (total of four years).~~

e. ~~The Trustees shall elect their own officers.~~

f. ~~The Foundation president, president-elect, and immediate past president each serve terms of two years.~~

f. Interim Provisions:

- i. ~~At the conclusion of the annual session in 2026 there shall be 20 total trustees: nine voting members of the Association, a new practitioner, three trustees from the public sector, the president, president-elect and immediate past president of the Association, the president, president-elect and immediate past president of the Foundation, and the executive director of the Association. The voting eligibility of the executive director will cease at that time.~~
- ii. ~~At the conclusion of the annual session in 2027 there shall be 18 total trustees: seven voting members of the Association, a new practitioner, three trustees from the public sector, the president, president-elect and immediate past president of the Association, the president, president-elect and immediate past president of the Foundation, and the executive director of the Association.~~
- iii. ~~At the conclusion of the annual session in 2028 there shall be 17 total trustees: seven voting members of the Association, a new practitioner, two trustees from the public sector, the president, president-elect and immediate past president of the Association, the president, president-elect and immediate past president of the Foundation, and the executive director of the Association.~~
- iv. ~~This proviso shall expire at the close of the 2028 General Assembly, and will be removed from the Constitution at that time without further action from the Board of Directors or General Assembly.~~

#### **Section 4. Annual Report.**

The officers of the Board of Trustees shall report to the Board of Directors of the Association and to the General Assembly. The Association shall request that the AAE Foundation submit annually to the Board of Directors of the Association and to the General Assembly an annual report, including financial operations and such information as the Association may request for the conduct of their affairs.

#### **Section 5. Vacancy.**

In case of any vacancy in any trustee position on the Foundation's Board of Trustees that was filled by vote of the General Assembly of the Association, the president of the Foundation shall appoint a successor with approval of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

## *Educator Member Proposed Changes*

### **CHAPTER I. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Section 3. Educator Members.**

An individual ~~who meets all of the requirements for Active membership~~ may be an Educator member if ~~he or she is serving as a full-time faculty member of the faculty in an advanced education in general dentistry, general practice residency,~~ predoctoral department or an advanced specialty education program in endodontics accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation or an institution that has a reciprocal agreement with the Commission.

Educator Members shall be endodontists who meet the following requirements:

- a. Membership in the American Dental Association at the time of initial application and conformance to its *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*; or, if not residing in the US, membership in the recognized endodontic specialty association; or, if none, then the equivalent national dental association of the country of current residence and conformance to that association's principles of ethics;
- b. submission of a complete and accurate application to the Association;
- c. payment of an application fee and annual dues in United States currency which must accompany the application;
- d. successful completion of an advanced specialty education program in endodontics approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or a comparable advanced education program in endodontics in the country where the educational institution is located.

### **CHAPTER III. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS**

#### **Section 3. Educator Members**

Educator members who meet the qualifications of Active membership shall have the same rights and privileges. Educator members who do not meet the qualifications of Active membership shall have the same rights and privileges as International members.