

**Brief Description of Proposed Amendments to Maine Medical Association
Bylaws, draft date 8/10/21 for consideration at the General Membership Meeting
on Saturday, September 11, 2021**

References are to Article provisions of the Bylaws

- 2.1: Replace “citizens” with “people” in mission statement/purpose.
- 3.3.1: Delete language to clarify that the “active” category of membership simply requires any category of physician license, not just an “active” license as defined by the BOLIM.
- 3.3.4.4: Deletes language prohibiting “senior” members from serving as an officer of the association and clarifies that “senior” members have the same rights of membership as “active” members. The principal difference between the “active” and “senior” membership categories is that the association traditionally has not charged dues to “senior” members, but has solicited an annual voluntary contribution.
- 5.5: Deletes language regarding the potential appointment of reference committees at the Annual Session. This amendment relates to the change in the process of considering resolutions. *[NOTE: This item is tabled until the 2022 Annual Session.]*
- 7.3.3: Replaces “Executive Vice President” with “Chief Executive Officer” to designate the senior staff position in the association. This is carried out through the bylaws amendments.
- 7.4.2: This provision describes the substantial change in the association’s process for considering resolutions from the membership from the full membership once annually at the General Membership meeting (the annual business meeting/corporate annual meeting of the organization) to the Board of Directors at any meeting of the board. A resolution sponsor may appear before the board and make a presentation in support of the resolution. *[NOTE: This item is tabled until the 2022 Annual Session.]*
- 9.5.8.3: Amends the terms of members of the Membership and Member Benefits Committee to address a conflict in the calculation of staggered terms.
- 9.5.13.3: Amends the purpose of the Medical Student Section.
- 9.5.14: Establishes a new Independent Practice Section.
- 10.1: Deletes language to authorize the Board of Directors to set dues and assessments without requiring a vote of the General Membership.

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