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I. MEMBERSHIP

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A. Medical School Members - Medical School Members shall be medical schools and colleges located within the United States and its territories.

B. Affiliate Medical School Members - Affiliate Medical School Members shall be medical schools and colleges of Canada.

C. Graduate Affiliate Medical School Members - Graduate Affiliate Medical School Members shall be those graduate schools in the United States and Canada closely related to one or more Medical School Members.

D. Teaching Hospital Members - Teaching Hospital Members shall be teaching hospitals in the United States.

E. Affiliate Teaching Hospitals - Affiliate Teaching Hospitals shall be teaching hospitals of Canada.

F. Corresponding Members - Corresponding Members shall be hospitals involved in medical education in the United States or Canada which do not meet the criteria established by the Executive Council for any other class of membership listed in this Section.

G. Academic Society Members - Academic Society Members shall be organizations active in the United States in the professional field of medicine and biomedical science and whose primary missions include advancing medical education and/or biomedical research.

Section 2. Newly developing medical schools, affiliate medical schools, and graduate affiliate medical schools may be elected to Provisional Membership during the period prior to the graduation of their first class of students.

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A. Emeritus Members - Emeritus Members shall be: 1) persons who are retired after having served five years on an AAMC Council and on at least one major committee or task force, and 2) persons who, having served 10 years on an AAMC Council and
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Section 7. Resignation - A. A member with any class of membership may resign upon notice given in writing to the Executive Council. However, any such resignation shall not affect the dues obligation in the current fiscal year.

B. A member failing to pay dues for two years will be deemed to have resigned.

II. COUNCILS

Section 1. There shall be the following Councils of the Association each of which shall be governed by an Administrative Board and each of which shall be organized and operated in a manner consistent with rules and regulations approved by the Executive Council:

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B. Council of Academic Societies - The Council of Academic Societies shall consist of two representatives from each Academic Society Member who are expected to be leaders in academic medicine and who shall be designated by each such member.

C. Council of Teaching Hospitals - 1. The Council of Teaching Hospitals shall consist of one representative from each Teaching Hospital Member who shall be designated by each such member.
Section 2. Criteria for Establishment - Each Group to be established must: a. demonstrate the existence of a shared community of interest; b. provide evidence that professional staff development needs of the particular community are not adequately served by existing organizations and professional societies; c. identify the potential for meaningful Association staff involvement including the existence of a specific locus of expertise and Association resources committed to issues represented by the community; d. demonstrate that the community has the capacity to contribute to Association programs and policies through the mobilization of special expertise; and e. provide evidence that the needs of the community cannot be met simply through the establishment of a special interest section of an existing group.

Section 3. Group Rules and Regulations - Each group will operate in accordance with Rules and Regulations approved by the Executive Council. The Rules and Regulations shall specify membership criteria and appointing authority. Each group shall be aligned to one or more Councils as appropriate and make periodic reports to the Administrative Board of such Councils.

V. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND COUNCILS

Section 1. Meetings of members of the Association shall be known as the Assembly. An annual Assembly shall be held at such time in each October or November and at such place as the Executive Council may designate.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Assembly may be called for any purpose by the Chair, by a majority of the voting members of the Executive Council, or by twenty voting members of the Association.

Section 3. All meetings of the Assembly shall be held at such place in Illinois, the District of Columbia or elsewhere as may be designated in the notice of the meeting. Written or printed notice stating the place, date and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than five nor more than forty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Chair or persons calling the meeting, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting.

Section 4. The Medical School Members and Provisional Medical School Members that have admitted their first class shall be represented in the Assembly by the members of the Council of Deans and by twelve members of the Organization of Student Representatives. Each of such representatives of Medical School Members and Provisional Medical School Members that have admitted their first class shall have the privileges of the floor in all discussions and shall be entitled to vote at all meetings. The Council of Academic Societies and the Council of Teaching Hospitals each shall designate a number of their respective members as members of the Assembly, each of whom shall have one vote in the Assembly, the number from each Council not to exceed the number of members of the Council of Deans entitled to vote. The Council of Academic Societies shall also be represented by twelve members of the Organization of Student Representatives. All other members shall have the privileges of the floor in all discussions but not be entitled to vote at any meeting.

Section 5. A representative of each voting member shall cast its vote. The Chair may accept the written statement of the dean of a Medical School Member, or Provisional Medical School Member,
Section 2. The officers appointed by the Executive Council shall be a President, who shall be the Chief Executive Officer, and an Executive Vice President. The Chair of the Council of Teaching Hospitals shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Council may appoint one or more additional officers on nomination by the President.

Section 3. The elected officers shall have such duties as are implied by their title or are assigned to them by the Executive Council. The elected officers shall have no duties as are implied by their title or are assigned to them by the Executive Council.

Section 1. The Executive Council is the Board of Directors of the Association and shall manage its affairs. The Executive Council shall have charge of the property and financial affairs of the Association and shall perform such duties as are prescribed by law and the Bylaws. It shall consider matters commended to it by the Assembly and take any necessary actions for the Association. It shall set educational standards and criteria as prerequisites for the election of members of the Association, it shall consider applications for membership and it shall report its findings and recommendations with respect thereto to the Assembly.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall consist of thirty voting members, seventeen ex officio, and thirteen elected. The president, the chair, chair-elect, and immediate past chair of the Assembly and of each of the Councils, and the chair and chair-elect of the Organization of Student Representatives and the Organization of Resident Representatives shall be members ex officio. Three members shall be members of, and elected by, the Council of Teaching Hospitals; three shall be members of, and elected by, the Council of Academic Societies; six shall be members of, and elected by, the Council of Deans. A Distinguished Service Member shall be elected by the Assembly. The elected members of the Executive Council shall be elected by the Councils or Assembly at their annual meetings, each to serve for a term specified by the respective Council, not to exceed three years or until the election and installation of a successor. Each shall be eligible for re-election for one additional term of three years. Each shall be elected by a majority vote and may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Assembly.

Section 3. At least one elected member of the Executive Council shall be from each of the regions of the Association.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chair or any two (2) Council members, and written notice of all Council meetings unless waived, shall be mailed to each Council member at his home or usual business address not later than the tenth business day before the meeting.

Section 5. A quorum of the Council shall be a majority of the voting Council members.

Section 6. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Council, either through resignation of an elected member or election of such a member to an ex officio seat on the Council, the Administrative Board of the electing Council may appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term or may leave a vacancy unfilled until the next meeting of the Council. The Executive Council may fill a vacancy created by the resignation of the Distinguished Service Member or may leave the position unfilled until the next meeting of the Assembly. Members of the Executive Council are eligible for election.
IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

Section 2. The Council may adopt a seal for the Association, but no seal shall be necessary to take or to evidence any Association action.

Section 3. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from each July 1 to June 30.

Section 4. The annual dues of each class of members shall be in such amounts as shall be recommended by the Executive Council and established by the Assembly. The Executive Council shall consult with the respective Administrative Boards of the Council of Deans, the Council of Academic Societies and the Council of Teaching Hospitals in arriving at its recommendations.

Section 5. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of members or of the Executive Council may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by all members of the Association entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, or by all members of the Executive Council as the case may be.

Section 6. The Association shall hold harmless, defend, and indemnify each director, (member of the Executive Council), officer (including but not limited to heads of divisions) or persons who may have served at its request or election as a director or officer of another corporation (including but not limited to the members of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education) from and against all damages, judgments, fines, penalties, costs, charges, expenses and claims (including settlements and expenses attendant thereto) imposed upon or asserted against him or her by reason of being or having been such director, officer or person, or the Association’s request or election as a director or officer of another corporation other than when the determination shall have been made judicially, or in the manner hereinafter provided, that he or she was guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The indemnification shall be made only if the Association shall be advised by the Executive Council, or unless in any of the persons involved shall then be a member of the Executive Council of the Association, in the Executive Council, or by independent counsel to be appointed by the Executive Council, that in its or his opinion such member of the Executive Council or officer or person who may have served at the Association’s request or election as the director or officer of another corporation was not guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duty, and in the event of a settlement, such settlement to be made would be in the best interest of the Association. If the determination is to be made by the Executive Council, it may rely, as to all questions of law, on the advice of independent counsel. Every reference herein to director, officer or person who may serve at the Association’s request or election as a director or officer of another corporation shall include every director (member of the Executive Council), officer (including but not limited to heads of divisions) or person who may have served at the Association’s request or election as a director or officer of another corporation (including but not limited to members of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education) or former director (member of the Executive Council), former officer (including but not limited to heads of divisions) or person who may have formerly served at the Association’s request or election as a director or officer of another corporation (including but not limited to members of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education). This indemnification shall apply to all
Background:

Since the AAMC was expanded to incorporate the Councils of Deans and Hospitals, the number of representatives on the AAMC Executive Council has increased from one to two in the formation of the Assembly. The Association in its 1989-1990, they concluded that the representation of the Executive Council should be increased from two to four, and the representation on the AAMC Assembly should be increased to equal the number of deans. These recommendations were approved by the AAMC Assembly at its 1990 meeting in San Francisco and will be implemented for the 1991 Assembly meeting.

At the AAMC Officers' Retreat, when the COTH Officers discussed the need for the representation of the Executive Council in the primary policy-making body for the Association, only the chairman, officers of the COTH Administrative Board, and the COTH delegate participated in the Executive Council. As a result, approximately five-tenths of the Administrative Board representatives completed their term without an opportunity to participate fully in the Association's governance. Lacking an opportunity to play a significant role in the Association governance, these Administrative Board members felt they were at a disadvantage when other Board members asked for information on the Association's governance and policy-making. Recognizing this deficiency, the chairman of the COTH Board of Directors feels it would be beneficial to provide all Administrative Board members, an opportunity to participate in the Executive Council and recommends that Executive Council terms be increased to include four-year terms for all four-year Board members serving on the Executive Council. The officers recommendation was approved by the COTH Administrative Board at its February meeting and is now presented to the Council at its 1991 Spring Meeting for ratification.

With COTH representation in the AAMC Assembly increasing from 63 to 126 delegates, the COTH Nominating Committee believes guidelines need to be established to promote a strong COTH presence in the
Assembly and Executive Council between communities of hospitals and the AAMC. However, the number of hospitals and doctors, and the administrative and financial arrangements for these services could become too extensive and complex. It is necessary that the provisions made in this resolution shall not interfere with the rights of individual hospitals or the interest of the AAMC in the future.

Recent Events

The recent events in the field of education have been significant. The Co-op Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors are expected to adopt the following resolutions on representation to the Executive Council and Assembly:

Executive Council Representation:

The Co-op Nominating Committee recommends:

The terms of office of the Co-op Nominating Committee shall be staggered, with one-third of the committee to be renewed each year. The other members of the Council shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Assembly Representation:

The Co-op Nominating Committee recommends that:

The terms of office of the Co-op Nominating Committee shall be staggered, with one-third of the committee to be renewed each year. The other members of the Assembly shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

To the extent feasible, there should be a representation to the AAMC Assembly and the Board of Directors of each member hospital, medical college, and medical center.

Recommendations of the Committee on Legislation:

To fulfill the representation of the AAMC Assembly to the Co-op Nominating Committee, it is recommended that the representatives should be selected by the Executive Committee, and the Council of the AAMC on the basis agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

To the President of the 1952 Assembly:

Glenn Alred MD
Veterans Administration, Medical Center
Decatur, GA
Council of Teaching Hospitals
Rules and Regulations

At the meeting of the institutional members of the Association of American Medical Colleges held Tuesday, November 2, 1965, in Philadelphia, the Association acted to convert the Teaching Hospital Section into a "Council of Teaching Hospitals," with its voting membership to be determined in the same way as membership in the Teaching Hospital Section has been and to provide that the Council nominate a person to be elected by the Institutional Membership as a voting member of the Executive Council. The discussion which preceded formal action included the desire for the Teaching Hospital Section to develop and propose appropriate ways to bring into its activities, on the basis of affiliation, other major teaching hospitals.

Purpose and Function. The Council is organized to provide as part of the program of the AAMC special activity relating to teaching hospitals. For this purpose, a teaching hospital is defined as an institution with a major commitment in undergraduate, post-doctoral, or post-graduate education of physicians. In keeping with the action of the AAMC, each medical school will designate a primary teaching hospital and other eligible institutions may be designated by schools or become members by virtue of meeting specific requirements in teaching programs as may be set up by the Council from time to time. It is expected that the Council will hold educational meetings, conduct and publish studies and take group action on various subjects concerning the teaching hospital. The Council's program will be subject to the approval of the AAMC.

Nature of the Program of the Council. As a part of the AAMC, the Council of Teaching Hospitals would develop, through the appointment of specific study groups, information concerning specific items or problems relating to hospital operation as it relates to the furtherance of education in medicine. The Council would conduct meetings for the presentation of papers and studies relating to education in hospitals and would stimulate, in addition to annual meetings, regional and local meetings of the educational type as seems indicated. The Council could also from time to time recommend group action on items considered of importance for the furtherance of medical teaching in hospitals and upon approval of appropriate bodies take action as indicated to further this objective.

Membership in the Council. Hospitals as institutions will be members of the Council and each institution will be represented by a designated
person, designated by the hospital, for the purpose of conducting the business of the Council.

The Council shall be annually determined and consist of:

a. Those hospitals nominated by a medical school member of the AAMC from among the major teaching hospitals affiliated with the school, and

b. Teaching hospitals which are either nominated by a medical school member of the AAMC on the basis of important affiliations for the purposes of medical education or which have approved internship programs and full residencies in three of the following five departments: Medicine, Surgery, OB-Gyn, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and are elected to membership by the members of the Council of Teaching Hospitals.

All members will vote at the annual meeting for officers and members of the Executive Committee. Voting on all other matters will be limited to one representative member for each medical school, who, in order to give broad representation, shall consult with the other teaching hospital members in his geographic region before votes are taken.

Officers and Executive Committee. Officers and appropriate members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually by all members, at which time the Chairman, Chairman-Elect, Secretary, and indicated members of the Executive Committee will be chosen. From time to time a member representative shall be nominated for membership on the Executive Council of the AAMC by vote of the single medical school representative members.

There shall be nine (9) members of the Executive Committee, serving for three-year terms. Each year three (3) members shall be elected. In addition, the immediate Past Chairman, the Chairman, the Chairman-Elect, and the Council of Teaching Hospitals' representative on the Executive Council of the AAMC shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet as frequently as necessary under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Council. It shall carry the authority of the members between meetings and all actions shall be considered for ratification at the next meeting of the members.

Operation and Relationships. The Council shall report to the Executive Council of the AAMC, and shall be represented on the Council of the AAMC by a member nominated for a three-year term by the teaching hospital members. Creation of standing committees and any major actions shall be taken only after recommendation to and approval from the Executive Council of the AAMC.
Staff, Expenses for Attendance at Meetings, and Dues. It is intended that the Council of Teaching Hospitals will be provided adequate staff for the conduct of its work. It is also intended that the Executive Committee of the Council shall have standing and ad hoc committees of its members, which shall meet from time to time, with expenses of these meetings paid for by the Association. In all this, it is understood that the staff and the basic conduct of the program are subject to the approval of the officers and Executive Council of the AAMC.

It is intended that the activities of the Council of Teaching Hospitals shall be financed by its members through appropriate dues established at the outset at $500.00 per year.

Russell A. Nelson, M.D.
Chairman
Executive Committee
Council of Teaching Hospitals

Approved by the Executive Committee of the Council of Teaching Hospitals and the Executive Council of the AAMC December 12, 1965.
At the meeting of the institutional members of the Association of American Medical Colleges, November 2, 1965, the Association authorized the formation of a Council of Teaching Hospitals.

**Purpose and Function.** The Council is organized to provide, as a part of the program of the AAMC, special activities and programs relating to teaching hospitals. For this purpose, a teaching hospital is defined as an institution with a major commitment in undergraduate, post-doctoral, or post-graduate education of physicians. Each medical school may nominate and recommend to the Council for membership affiliated teaching hospitals. Other eligible institutions may become members by virtue of meeting specific requirements in teaching programs as may be set up by the Council and approved by the AAMC Assembly. The Council will hold educational meetings, conduct and publish studies, take group action on various issues concerning the teaching hospital and participate in policy making of the Association through its elected officers and representatives.

**Nature of the Program of the Council.** As a part of the AAMC, the Council of Teaching Hospitals develops, through the appointment of study groups, information concerning specific items or problems of hospital operation as they relate to the goals, purposes and functions of the Academic Medical Center. The Council conducts meetings for the presentation of papers and studies relating to education in hospitals. In addition to the COTH-AAMC Annual Meeting, other educational programs are conducted on a regional basis.

**Membership in the Council.** Hospitals as institutions are members of the Council and each institution designates a person for the purpose of representation in the Council.
Eligibility for membership in the Council is determined on the basis of one of the two following criteria:

a. Teaching hospitals which have approved internship programs and full, approved residencies in at least 4 recognized specialties including 2 of the following: Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Pediatrics and Psychiatry; and, which are elected by the Council of Teaching Hospitals;

or

b. Those hospitals nominated by an AAMC Medical School Institutional Member or Provisional Institutional Member, from among the major Teaching Hospitals affiliated with the Members and elected by the Council of Teaching Hospitals.

Council of Teaching Hospital members are organizations operated exclusively for educational, scientific, or charitable purposes.

COTH Officers, Executive Committee, and Assembly Members. COTH officers and new executive committee members, and new representatives to the AAMC Assembly are elected annually by all COTH members. Each COTH institutional member is entitled to one vote.

There are nine (9) members of the Executive Committee, serving for three-year terms. Each year three (3) members are elected. In addition, the immediate Past Chairman, the Chairman, the Chairman Elect, and the Council of Teaching Hospitals' representatives on the Executive Council of the AAMC are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets as deemed necessary by the Chairman. The Executive Committee is authorized to conduct the business of the Council between meetings of the institutional members.

Operation and Relationships. The Council of Teaching Hospitals reports to the Executive Council of the AAMC, and is represented on that Council by three (3) COTH members. Creation of standing committees and any major actions are taken only after recommendation to and approval by the Executive Council of the AAMC.
The voting rights of the Council of Teaching Hospitals members in the Assembly of the AAMC are as follows: COTH is authorized to designate 10 percent of its members, up to a maximum of 35, each of whom shall have one vote in the Assembly. The Assembly is the constituent delegate body to which the AAMC Executive Council is responsible.

**Staff, Expenses for Attendance at Meetings, and Dues.** The Council of Teaching Hospitals will be provided adequate staff for the conduct of its work. The Executive Committee of COTH appoints standing and ad hoc committees. The committees meet as deemed necessary, with expenses of these meetings paid for by COTH.

The activities of the Council of Teaching Hospitals are financed by its members through appropriate dues established at a current rate of $700.00 per year.

T. Stewart Hamilton, M.D.
Chairman
Executive Committee
Council of Teaching Hospitals

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Approved by the Executive Committee of the Council of Teaching Hospitals, the Executive Council of the AAMC, and the COTH Institutional Membership at its Annual Business Meeting, Monday, November 3, 1969.
The Association’s bylaws were amended at this year’s Assembly. Attached is the new, current version of the bylaws, which are stored on the i drive at \all_aamc\opres\bylaws updated 2003
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B. **Distinguished Service Members** - Distinguished Service Members shall be persons who have been actively involved in the affairs of the Association as chair of one of its Councils or member of one of its Administrative Boards and who have made significant contributions to committees or task forces of the Association.

C. **Individual Subscribers** - Individual Subscribers shall be persons who have demonstrated a serious interest in medical education.

D. **Honorary Members** - Honorary Members shall be persons whose service the Association recognizes by conferring this title.

E. The Executive Council is authorized to develop additional categories for participation in Association services and activities by individuals and organizations.

Section 4. Members shall meet the qualifications set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws and other criteria established by the Executive Council for the various classes of members. All institutional and organizational members except members of class D, Teaching Hospital Members, class F, Health System Members, and class H, Corresponding Members shall be (a) organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws) and (b) organizations described in Section 509(a)(11) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws).

Section 5. Election to Membership:

A. All members except individual subscribers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

B. Medical School Members will be recommended by the Council of Deans to the Executive Council.

C. Academic Society Members will be recommended by the Council of Academic Societies to the Executive Council.

D. Teaching Hospital Members and Health System Members will be recommended by the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems to the Executive Council.
E. Emeritus Members shall be recommended the Executive Committee to the Executive Council.

F. Distinguished Service Members shall be recommended to the Executive Committee by the Council of Deans, the Council of Academic Societies, or the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems. The Executive Committee shall present Distinguished Service member nominations to the Executive Council.

G. Corresponding Members will be recommended to the Executive Council by the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems.

H. Honorary Members shall be recommended to the Executive Council by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Revocation of Membership - A member with any class of membership may have its membership revoked by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Assembly on recommendation with justification by the Executive Council; provided that the Executive Council shall have given the member written notice of the proposed revocation prior to the Assembly at which such a vote is taken.

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of two representatives from each Academic Society Member who are expected to be leaders in academic medicine and who shall be designated by each such member.

C. Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems — The Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems shall consist of one representative from each Teaching Hospital and Health System Member, including Teaching Hospitals which are part of Health Systems, who shall be designated by each such member.

III. ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1. Organization of Student Representatives - There shall be an Organization of Student Representatives related to the Council of Deans, operated in a manner consistent with rules and regulations approved by the Council of Deans and comprised of one representative of each Medical School Member chosen from the student body of each such member. Medical School Members whose representatives serve on the Organization of Student Representatives Administrative Board may designate two representatives on the Organization of Student Representatives, provided that only one representative of any Medical School Member may vote in any meeting. The Organization of Student Representatives shall meet at least once each year at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Association in conjunction with said meeting to elect a Chair, a Chair-Elect, and other officers, to recommend student members of committees of the Association, to recommend to the Council of Deans the Organization's representatives to the Assembly, and to consider other matters of particular interest to students of institutional members. All actions taken and recommendations made by the Organization of Student Representatives shall be reported to the Chair of the Council of Deans.

Section 2. Organization of Resident Representatives - There shall be an Organization of Resident Representatives operating in a manner consistent with rules and regulations approved by the Executive Council and comprised of two residents selected by each Academic Society Member designated by the Executive Council to perform this function. Such Societies shall be comprised of chairs of medical school clinical departments or directors of residency programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The Organization of Resident Representatives shall meet at least once each year at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Association in conjunction with said meeting to elect a Chair, a Chair-elect, and an Administrative Board, to recommend resident members of committees of the Association, to recommend to the Council of Academic Societies the Organization's representatives to the Assembly, and to consider other matters of particular interest to residents at member teaching hospitals and health systems. All actions taken and recommendations made by the Organization of Resident Representatives shall be reported to the Chairs of the Councils of Deans, of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems and of Academic Societies.

IV. GROUPS

Section 1. Groups - There are authorized to be established within the Association Groups made
up of persons on the staff of member medical schools and, in appropriate instances, teaching hospitals and health systems, whose members share a community of common interests by virtue of having similar responsibilities within the academic medical community.

Section 2. Criteria for Establishment - Each Group to be established must: a. demonstrate the existence of a shared community of interest; b. provide evidence that professional staff development needs of the particular community are not adequately served by existing organizations and professional societies; c. identify the potential for meaningful Association staff involvement including the existence of a specific locus of expertise and Association resources committed to issues represented by the community; d. demonstrate that the community has the capacity to contribute to Association programs and policies through the mobilization of special expertise; and, e. provide evidence that the needs of the community cannot be met simply through the establishment of a special interest section of an existing group.

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Section 1. An annual meeting of the Association will be held each fall. Meetings of the Assembly shall be held at such time and place as designated by the Executive Council.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Assembly may be called for any purpose by the Chair, by a majority of the voting members of the Executive Council, or by twenty voting members of the Association.

Section 3. All meetings of the Assembly shall be held at such place in Illinois, the District of Columbia or elsewhere as may be designated in the notice of the meeting. Written or printed notice stating the place, date and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than five nor more than forty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Chair or persons calling the meeting, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting.

Section 4. The Medical School Members and Provisional Medical School Members that have admitted their first class shall be represented in the Assembly by the members of the Council of Deans and by twelve members of the Organization of Student Representatives. Each of such representatives of Medical School Members and Provisional Medical School Members that have admitted their first class shall have the privileges of the floor in all discussions and shall be entitled to vote at all meetings. The Council of Academic Societies and the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems each shall designate a number of their respective members as
members of the Assembly, each of whom shall have one vote in the Assembly, the number from each Council not to exceed the number of members of the Council of Deans entitled to vote. The Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems shall also be represented by twelve members of the Organization of Resident Representatives. All other members shall have the privileges of the floor in all discussions but not be entitled to vote at any meeting.

Section 5. A representative of each voting member shall cast its vote. The Chair may accept the written statement of the dean of a Medical School Member, or Provisional Medical School Member, that the dean or some other person has been properly designated to vote on behalf of the medical school, and may accept the written statement of the respective Chairs of the Council of Academic Societies and the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems designating the names of individuals who will vote on behalf of each member society, hospital, or health system. The Chair may accept the written statement of the Chair of the Council of Deans reporting the names of individuals who will vote as the representatives chosen by the Organization of Student Representatives. The Chair may accept the written statement of the Chair of the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems reporting the names of the individuals who will vote as the representatives chosen by the Organization of Resident Representatives.

Section 6. The Assembly is empowered to perform the following functions: remove a member of the Executive Council; establish dues for each class of member specified in Article I, Section 1 in amounts recommended by the Executive Council; amend these bylaws in accordance with the procedures set out herein; and refer to the Executive Council for disposition such other matters as it deems appropriate.

Section 7. One-third of the voting members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at the Assembly for action on bylaw changes and dues increases; 10 percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for all other purposes. Except as otherwise provided herein, action at any meeting shall be by majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that if less than a quorum be present at any meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 8. Each Council of the Association shall meet at least once each year at such time and place as shall be determined by its bylaws and designated in the notice thereof for the purpose of electing members of the Administrative Board and officers.

Section 9. No action of the Association shall be construed as committing any member to the Association's position on any issue.


VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be those elected by the Executive Council.
Section 1. The elected officers shall be a Chair, who shall preside over the Assembly and shall serve as Chair of the Executive Council, and a Chair-Elect, who shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair. The Chair-Elect shall be elected at a meeting of the Executive Council, to serve in that office for one year, and shall then be installed as Chair for a one-year term in the course of the annual meeting of the Association the year after having been elected. If the Chair dies, resigns, or for any other reason ceases to act, the Chair-Elect shall thereby become Chair and shall serve for the remainder of that term and the next term.

Section 2. The officers appointed by the Executive Council shall be a President, who shall be the Chief Executive Officer, and an Executive Vice President. The Chair of the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Council may appoint one or more additional officers on nomination by the President.

Section 3. The elected officers shall have such duties as are implied by their title or are assigned to them by the Executive Council. The appointed officers shall have such duties as are implied by their title or are assigned to them by the Executive Council.

VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Executive Council is the Board of Directors of the Association and shall manage its affairs. The Executive Council shall have charge of the property and financial affairs of the Association and shall perform such duties as are prescribed by law and the Bylaws. It shall consider matters commended to it by the Assembly and take necessary actions for the Association. It shall set educational standards and criteria as prerequisites for the election of members of the Association.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall consist of thirty voting members, seventeen ex officio and thirteen elected. The president, the chair, chair-elect, and immediate past chair of the Association and of each of the Councils, and the chair and chair-elect of the Organization of Student Representatives and the Organization of Resident Representatives shall be members ex officio. Three members shall be members of, and elected by, the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems; three shall be members of, and elected by, the Council of Academic Societies; six shall be members of, and elected by, the Council of Deans. A Distinguished Service Member shall be elected by the Executive Council. The elected members of the Executive Council shall be elected by the Councils, each to serve for three years or until the election and installation of a successor. Each shall be eligible for re-election for one additional term of three years. Each shall be elected by a majority vote and may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Assembly.

Section 3. At least one elected member of the Executive Council shall be from each of the regions of the Association.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chair or any two (2) Council
members, and written notice of all Council meetings unless waived, shall be mailed to each Council member at his home or usual business address not later than the tenth business day before the meeting.

Section 5. A quorum of the Council shall be a majority of the voting Council members.

Section 6. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Council, either through resignation of an elected member or election of such a member to an ex officio seat on the Council, the Administrative Board of the electing Council may appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term or may leave a vacancy unfilled until the next meeting of the Council. The Executive Council may fill a vacancy created by the resignation of the Distinguished Service Member. Members of the Executive Council are eligible for election to the Council for two full terms following completion of any partial term.

VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a Chair and not fewer than four additional members. The Nominating committee shall be chaired by the immediate past Chair of the Association, or if the immediate past Chair is not currently a Council member, 1) by the most proximate past Chair currently among the membership, or if no such person is available, 2) by a member having recent but not current service on the Council and designated by the Chair. Other members shall be appointed by the Chair of the Association in consultation with the Committee Chair. The Nominating Committee so appointed will report to the Executive Council one nominee for each officer and member of the Executive Council to be elected. Additional nominees for any officer or member of the Executive Council may be made by any member of the Executive Council. Election shall be by a majority of the Executive Council members present and voting. Such election will take place at the fall meeting of the Executive Council and the Chair-Elect and Chair shall be installed at a plenary session during the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of the Executive Council shall comprise the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Immediate Past Chair, the President, and the Chair and Chair-Elect of the Council of Deans, the Chair and Chair-Elect of the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems, and the Chair and Chair-Elect of the Council of Academic Societies. At such times as the Executive Council is not in session, the Executive Committee shall have and may exercise the full power and authority otherwise commonly incident to and vested in the Executive Council, to act on behalf of and to govern the Association, and to make any and all necessary and appropriate policy interpretations on behalf of the Executive Council. The designation of such a committee and the delegation to it of authority shall not relieve the Council, or any members of the Council, of any responsibility imposed upon them by law.

Section 3. There shall be an audit committee of four members appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association. Two members will be members of the Executive Council and two members will be individuals with financial expertise from outside the Executive Council.
The audit committee shall recommend the selection of an auditor to the Executive Committee, review the annual audit report and recommend its disposition to the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may appoint and dissolve from time to time such standing or ad hoc committees as it deems advisable, and each committee shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be conferred upon it by the Executive Committee subject to its continuing direction and control. The Chair will appoint members of the committees with appropriate consultation with the Executive Committee.

IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the persons entitled to such a notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

Section 2. The Council may adopt a seal for the Association, but no seal shall be necessary to take or to evidence any Association action.

Section 3. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from each July 1 to June 30.

Section 4. The annual dues of each class of members shall be in such amounts as shall be recommended by the Executive Council and established by the Assembly. The Executive Council shall consult with the respective Administrative Boards of the Council of Deans, the Council of Academic Societies and the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems in arriving at its recommendations.

Section 5. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of members or of the Executive Council may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by all members of the Association entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, or by all members of the Executive Council as the case may be.

Section 6. The Association shall hold harmless, defend, and indemnify each director, (member of the Executive Council), officer (including but not limited to heads of divisions) or persons who may have served at its request or election as a director or officer of another corporation (including but not limited to the members of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education) from and against all damages, judgments, fines, penalties, costs, charges, expenses and claims (including settlements and expenses attendants upon each) imposed upon or asserted against him or her by reason of being or having been such director, officer or person serving at the Association's request or election as a director or officer of another corporation other than when the determination shall have been made judicially, or in the manner hereinafter provided, that he or she was guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The indemnification shall be made only if the Association shall be advised by the Executive Council, or in case any of the persons involved shall then be a member of the Executive Council of the Association, by independent counsel to be appointed by the Executive Council, that in its or his opinion such member of the
Executive Council, officer or person who may have served at the Association's request or election as the director or officer of another corporation was not guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duty, and in the event of a settlement, such settlement to be made would be in the best interest of the Association. If the determination is to be made by the Executive Council, it may rely, as to all questions of law, on the advice of independent counsel. Every reference herein to director, officer or person who may serve at the Association's request or election as a director or officer of another corporation shall include every director (member of the Executive Council), officer (including but not limited to heads of divisions) or person who may have served at the Association's request or election as a director or officer of another corporation (including but not limited to members of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education) or former director (member of the Executive Council), former officer (including but not limited to heads of divisions) or person who may have formerly served at the Association's request or election as a director or officer of another corporation (including but not limited to members of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education). This indemnification shall apply to all the damage, judgments, fines, penalties, costs, charges, expenses and claims described above whenever arising. The right of indemnification herein provided shall be in addition to any and all rights to which any director, officer or person who may have served at the Association's request or election as the director or officer of another corporation might otherwise be entitled and the provisions hereof shall neither impair nor adversely affect such rights. Pursuant to action of the Executive Council or any officer it may authorize, the Association may also indemnify other employees, agents, or representatives of the Association; provided, however, no such indemnification shall be inconsistent with the foregoing provisions of this Section.

Section 7. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members or members of the Executive Council, officers, or private individuals, except that the Association may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payment and distributions in furtherance of its purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (a) as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Section 8. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Executive Council shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association (including provision of a reasonable separation pay for its employees), dispose of all of the assets of the Association among such non-profit organizations having similar aims and objectives as shall qualify as exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
Section 9. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at any duly called meeting of the Assembly, provided that the substance of the proposed amendment is included with the notice of the meeting. Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Council or by the written sponsorship of ten voting members, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been received by the Secretary at least forty-five days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

Section 10. Any amendment to these Bylaws shall be effective upon enactment unless otherwise specified in the resolution of enactment.