

**REPORT OF THE AAOS BYLAWS COMMITTEE
2021 Virtual Business Meeting
March 10, 2021**

The AAOS Bylaws Committee held a virtual Open Hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, to review recommendations and hear comments on one proposed Association bylaws amendment.

The language of the proposed bylaws amendments, and recommendations of the Board of Directors (BOD), the Board of Councilors (BOC), and the Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) is contained in the Official Notice of 2021 Virtual Business Meetings that was sent to every Fellow in advance of the Annual Meeting.

The members of the 2021 AAOS Bylaws Committee that participated in deliberations and recommendations for the proposed amendments are Evalina Burger, MD, FAAOS, Chair; Jamal Ahmad, MD, FAAOS; Robert Brophy, MD, FAAOS; David Jevsevar, MD, MBA, FAAOS; David Ring, MD, FAAOS; and Nicholas Rajacich, MD, FAAOS. Donna Malert, Director, Governance and Affiliate Relations, and Melissa Young, General Counsel, staffed the Committee.

Bylaws Amendment #1: Dues Billing Cycle

If adopted as proposed, Bylaws Amendment #1 would authorize the Board of Directors and the Membership Council to set dues related matters, shorten the annual dues cycle; and remove nonpayment of membership dues from Association Article V as a matter requiring compliance action by the Board of Directors. All changes to the dues billing cycle and payment recommendations would be developed by the Membership Council, recorded in the Membership Policy and Procedures document and approved by the AAOS Board of Directors.

These amendments were proposed by the AAOS Board of Directors. The Board of Councilors (BOC) and the Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) considered the matter during the 2020 AAOS Fall Meeting and recommended adoption. At its December 2020 meeting, the AAOS Board of Directors voted in favor of the proposed bylaws amendment.

The AAOS Bylaws Committee understands the need to update the AAOS dues cycle which currently allows non-dues paying members to remain in active status for more than a year.

The Committee carefully considered its directive under the Bylaws to recommend that the Fellowship adopt, modify or reject the proposed Bylaws Amendment #1. Following its discussion, the AAOS Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of proposed AAOS Bylaws Amendment #1.

Recommendation of the AAOS Bylaws Committee:

The Bylaws Committee recommends that the Fellowship adopt proposed Bylaws Amendment #1 as submitted.

The AAOS Bylaws Committee appreciates this opportunity to be of service to the Academy and Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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