

SUBJECT: AOA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENT DELEGATION

SUBMITTED BY: Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association

REFERRED TO: <name of entity (please leave blank – staff will assign a reference committee)>

WHEREAS, Article VI – House of Delegates in the AOA Constitution states that Divisional Societies can only be represented by a student council representative; and

WHEREAS, Article V - House of Delegates in the AOA Bylaws states that Division Societies may be represented by the student council president or alternate elected by the student council; and

WHEREAS, some Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine send students to alternate state campuses or medical sites after first or second year and therefore the student council presidents and/or other student council members may not be actively involved in the Divisional Society or located in the same state as the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Divisional Society under which the school delegate seat resides or they are unable or unwilling to represent the student body in the delegation from the Divisional Society; and

WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association Constitution and Bylaws do not provide a method for a College of Osteopathic Medicine or branch campus to elect or appoint a student to the student delegate or alternate position who is not the student council president or elected by the student council; and

WHEREAS, many qualified Osteopathic Medical Students who are actively involved in local, divisional and national policy development and who are not student council members are denied the opportunity to fulfill this position; and

WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association Constitution will need to be amended first before the American Osteopathic Association Bylaws Article V can be amended to clarify the process to allow for an additional method of student representation; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, to amend Article VI – House of Delegates in the AOA Constitution to allow for an additional method of student representation in the student delegate and alternate student delegate position through the Divisional Societies to the AOA House of Delegates.

Explanatory Statement:

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FISCAL IMPACT: \$

N/A

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