

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TAFP BYLAWS

At this year's Annual Business Meeting and Member Assembly on November 5, 2026, members will have the chance to vote on amendments to the TAFP Bylaws. The proposed amendments are in accordance with the TAFP Bylaws, Chapter XVII, Amendment of Bylaws. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of

the members present and voting at the annual business meeting shall constitute adoption. For a complete copy of the TAFP Bylaws, contact Kathy McCarthy at (512) 329-8666, ext. 114. The Bylaws Committee and the Board of Directors recommend adoption of these amendments.

Chapter VII. Ethics

SECTION 2. VIOLATION OF PRINCIPLES

The accused may answer in writing but failure to do so shall not be an admission of guilt or a waiver of the accused right to a hearing. The Board shall give the accuser and the accused opportunity to be heard, including oral arguments, and the filing and consideration of written briefs, conclude the hearing and within 30 days render a decision. The affirmative votes of the majority of the Board members present and voting shall constitute the verdict of the Board which by such vote may exonerate, censure, suspend, or expel the accused member. The decision of the Board shall be signed by the Board Chair and the Parliamentarian President of the Academy. Should the accused be either the Board Chair or the President, then the President-elect shall sign in place of the accused. No member of the Board not present for the entire time of the hearing shall be entitled to vote.

Chapter XII. Board of Directors

SUB-CHAPTER I. Policy and Procedure

SECTION 1

The control and administration of the Academy shall be vested in a Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board. The Board shall be composed of the Academy President, President-Elect, Treasurer, ~~Parliamentarian~~, and Immediate Past President, Delegates to the AAFP, four at-large directors, two new physician directors, one advocate for diversity director, one resident director, and one medical student director.

SECTION 10

The officers of the Academy shall be President, President-elect, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President, and Parliamentarian. The Immediate Past President shall serve as Chair of the Board and shall not be eligible to succeed himself/herself. The powers, duties, terms of office, and method of election of officers shall be set forth in these Bylaws.

SUB-CHAPTER II. Executive Committee Duties and Terms of Office

SECTION 1. MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a ~~five-~~ six-member Executive Committee of the Board composed of the President who also serves as Chair, President-elect, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, ~~the Parliamentarian~~, and one at-large director elected by the Board of Directors. Terms shall be in conjunction with the elected position terms for President, President-elect, Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President, ~~and the~~ ~~Parliamentarian~~. The at-large director shall be elected by the Board at the Annual Session and shall serve until the next Annual Session.

SUB-CHAPTER III. Elected Positions

SECTION 2. PRESIDENT-ELECT

The President-elect shall be a member of the Board and ex-officio member of all committees and shall preside at meetings of the Academy in the absence of the President. He/she shall inform the officers of proper parliamentary procedure according to the current edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. He/she shall inform the officers of proper parliamentary procedure according to the current edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. He/she shall succeed to the office of the President at the conclusion of the first Annual Session meeting following the Annual Session meeting at which his/her election occurred and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Session meeting, or when his/her successor is elected.

SECTION 4. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall become upon election a member of the Board and Chair of the Finance Committee. He/she shall be the custodian of all Academy funds and shall, in such amounts as the Board may require furnish bond, the

premium of which shall be paid by the Academy. He/she shall perform the duties which the office ordinarily connotes. He/she will meet with the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Vice President and the financial manager as a Financial Oversight Committee at least four times annually. He/she shall be elected for a ~~two-~~ one-year term beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Session meeting at which he/she is elected and may succeed himself/herself for a maximum of two terms. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, the Executive Committee, by majority vote, shall appoint a successor to serve until the next Annual Session.

~~SECTION 5. PARLIAMENTARIAN~~

~~The Parliamentarian shall upon election become a voting member of the Board of Directors. His/her duties shall be to inform the officers of proper parliamentary procedures, according to the current edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians. He/she shall be elected for a one-year term beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Session meeting at which he/she is elected and may succeed himself/herself.~~

Chapter XIII. Standing Committees

Finance Committee

- a) This Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of the Texas Academy, as Chair, and four or more other members. The President, President-elect, and Board Chair shall be ex officio members. A resident and a student member may be appointed for a one-year term.
- b) One-third of the members shall be appointed annually, each for a term of three years. The Chief Executive Officer/Executive Vice President shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting member of this Committee.
- c) This Committee shall supervise the Academy's fiscal accounts, submit an annual budget for Board approval and arrange an annual fiscal audit.