

AMENDMENT TO OHFAMA BYLAWS

PROPOSITION A-19: CREATING UNIFORMITY IN TRUSTEE TERM LENGTHS

PURPOSE: To limit the term length of the Young Physician Trustee position to three (3) years, consistent with all other Trustees on the Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND: The Young Physician is defined by the APMA as “those podiatrists who graduated from podiatric medical school within the past 10 years.”¹ This category of podiatrists was created in recognition that these new graduates, residents and private practice physicians have unique needs with “finding their place in podiatry, paying off student loans, exploring leadership opportunities and possibly seeking mentors in the field.”¹

OHFAMA provides representation of this population of physicians on the Board of Trustees with a Young Physician Trustee. However, though the term of the Academy Trustee is defined with a three (3) year length, the Young Physician Trustee is not defined by any term length. Therefore, the Young Physician Trustee could serve for a full ten year term.²

The structure of the Board of Trustees counts on each Trustee to be elected for these terms to ensure that there is accountability and proper representation of the Academy. Without similar elections for the Young Physician Trustee, Trustee accountability and representation of constituents across the state of Ohio is much more likely to go unchecked. It is therefore critical to create uniformity of all Trustees, in representation and with election terms.

It is hereby proposed that all Trustees have the same rules for election terms, with three (3) year terms and no stated limitation of consecutive terms. Young Physician Trustee would have the added limitation losing the defined “Young Physician” status ten years after graduation from podiatry school per APMA definition.

REFERENCES:

¹APMA website (www.APMA.org), Young Physicians page, 2018.

²OHFAMA Bylaws, 11/30/2017, Article X, Section A.

POLICY DOCUMENT: OHFAMA Bylaws.

SUBMITTED BY: Midwest Academy.

CO-SPONSORED BY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

INSTRUCTIONS: Delete the stricken text and insert the underlined text.

Bylaws:

ARTICLE X - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section A - The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Officers (as defined in Article VIII of these bylaws) and member(s) of his/her/their alternate(s) who shall be known as Trustee(s) as provided in Article VI. Section C.2 of these Bylaws.

Each Trustee and Alternate Trustee elected ~~by a vote of an Academy~~ shall serve for a term of three (3) years unless the election is for an unexpired term.

The Ohio Podiatric Young Physicians Section (Composed of OHFAMA Members who are ~~in residency training or less than 10 years in practice~~ since podiatry school graduation) shall select one member to serve as the 'young physician' trustee. The choice shall be reported to the OHFAMA executive director not more than 90 days following the OHFAMA House of Delegates meeting. The OHFAMA young physician trustee shall be a voting member of the OHFAMA Board. The alternate young physician trustee is also provided by this Bylaw and shall fill the young physician trustee seat in the absence of the trustee.

In addition, the OPMSA shall elect one member to serve as voting ex-officio member.