

PROPOSITION A-22: EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE APMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

PURPOSE: To establish a protocol for emergent selection of alternate delegates in the event that current delegates are suddenly unable to fulfill their duties.

BACKGROUND: The OHFAMA Bylaws currently state procedures for succession of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate position in the event of death, removal or resignation of a Delegate. However, there is no provision for a situation in which a Delegate is suddenly unable to fulfill their duties, including attending the APMA HOD, and the death, removal or resignation scenarios do not exist. Other situations may arise, including personal health problems and personal or family medical emergencies, that disable the Delegate's capacity to perform their duties. These situations may be temporary in duration and would not require the Delegate to resign in the middle of a term of office. Delegates are possibly performing their duties up to the personal situation and fully expect to continue their duties upon the end of the situation.

It is hereby proposed that additional language be added to the Bylaws to give a provision for this situation.

REFERENCES: OHFAMA Bylaws: Article XIII, Section A.

POLICY DOCUMENT: OHFAMA Bylaws.

SUBMITTED BY: OHFAMA Board of Trustees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

INSTRUCTIONS: Insert the underlined text.

BYLAWS:

ARTICLE XIII - APMA DELEGATES

Section A – Delegates/Alternate Delegate - American Podiatric Medical Association

1. At the Annual Business Meeting, the registered OHFAMA members in attendance shall elect, from among the members in good standing of this association, Delegates to a three (3) year term to represent the Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association at any regular or special meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Podiatric Medical Association. All expired terms of APMA Delegates as well as open unexpired term will be elected at this time. Until the OHFAMA membership reaches 601, the President shall automatically, provided he is not an elected delegate, serve as the First Alternate Delegate. When the OHFAMA membership reaches 601, the President shall

automatically serve a one-year term as the seventh Delegate provided he or she is not an elected delegate, in which case the First Vice President will serve as the 7th Delegate. When the President assumes the seventh delegate position, the First Vice President will serve as the First Paid Alternate Delegate. If the First Vice President is currently an elected delegate, the Second Vice President will then serve as the paid First Alternate Delegate. If the Second Vice President is already serving as an elected delegate, then the First Paid Alternate position will be elected by the voting members present at the Annual Business Meeting. At each Annual Business Meeting, this Association shall elect a second Alternate Delegate for a one-year term. In the case of the death, removal or resignation of Delegates such that the second Alternate Delegate position becomes vacant, the President may appoint a second Alternate with approval by simple majority vote of the Board of Trustees. In the case of the inability of a Delegate to perform his or her duties, including attending the APMA House of Delegates, such that the second Alternate Delegate position becomes vacant temporarily, the President may appoint an additional Alternate with approval by simple majority vote of the Board of Trustees.