

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP

1 **Section 1. Classification and Qualifications**

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3 B. Membership Rights. All members shall have full membership rights as set forth in these by-
4 laws, except that Retired Members not electing to pay dues, Honorary Members, ~~and~~ Associate
5 Members, and Provisional Members shall not be eligible to be elected or appointed as officers,
6 trustees, or delegates of this Association.

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8 E. Provisional Membership Classification and Qualifications. An individual meeting the
9 requirements of Article I, Section 1A, paragraph 1 and this paragraph, who contacts the
10 American Optometric Association seeking membership, and who completes an application and
11 pays the applicable dues, may be immediately granted membership in the Provisional
12 membership classification. The Provisional Member's application shall be submitted to the
13 appropriate affiliated association for action by that affiliate. The affiliated association shall
14 promptly notify AOA when they have taken action on any Provisional Member's application. If
15 the application is approved by the affiliate, the Provisional Member shall cease to be classified as
16 a Provisional Member and will immediately become an Affiliate Member in the appropriate
17 classification. If the application is not approved by the affiliated association, the Provisional
18 membership will immediately expire. If AOA does not receive notice of an affiliated
19 association's action within one hundred-twenty (120) days from submission of the Provisional
20 Members application to the affiliate, the application will be deemed to have been approved and
21 the Provisional Member will immediately become an Affiliate Member.

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23 **Section 2. Dues**

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25 E. Provisional Member Dues. Annual dues for the Provisional Member classification shall be as
26 follows:

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28 1. Each affiliated association will provide AOA with a list of its membership categories
29 mapped to the Affiliate Membership Classifications as defined in Article I, Section C and
30 that affiliated association's annual dues for each category not later than December 1,
31 2015 and thereafter on an ongoing basis at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date
32 of any dues change.
33 2. Provisional Members shall pay 100% of the combined annual dues of the affiliated
34 association and AOA, with proration, for the affiliated association membership
35 classification as determined by AOA's reasonable interpretation of the information
36 supplied on the applicant's application.
37 3. Dues collected by AOA from any Provisional Member shall be promptly remitted to the
38 affiliated association.
39 4. Dues collected from a Provisional Member shall be refunded to that individual if his or
40 her Affiliate membership application is denied.
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42 **Article II**

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44 **Section 3. Delegates**

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46 A. Delegates Representing Affiliated Associations

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48 1. Each affiliated association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each fifty(50) of its

49 members and optometric educator members, except that any student, honorary, or

50 associate, or provisional members shall not be counted at all, and any members,

51 except for optometric educator members, who pay less than the full time active dues

52 (not taking into account the reduction in dues permitted under Paragraph J, K, and L

53 of Section 2 of Article I of these bylaws) shall be counted as one-half (1/2) members

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55 **Section 5. Voting and Debates**

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57 A. Each affiliated association shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter coming before

58 the House for each ten (10) of its members and optometric educator members, except that

59 any student, honorary, or associate, or provisional members shall not be counted at all, and

60 any members, except optometric educator members, who pay less than the full active

61 member dues (not taking into account the reductions in dues permitted under Paragraphs

62 C.8., E and F of Section 2 of Article I of these Bylaws) shall be counted as one-half (1/2)

63 member.

EXPLANATION:

- This is new paragraph that describes a process for admitting members on behalf of both AOA and an affiliated association through an online process on a provisional basis. It is intended to be an addition to, and not a substitute for, current practices for admitting new members.
- AOA will collect individual information and dues and remit to the affiliated association.
- Renewals will be handled by the affiliated association according to the current practice.
- Provisional membership is primarily an internal administrative classification. Individuals in this category would be permitted to hold themselves out as members of the AOA during the provisional classification period.

NOTE: Wording to be deleted ~~lined out~~.

Wording to be added underscored.

Submitted by: AOA Board of Trustees