

RESOLUTION

AAFP Nominating Committee

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Congress of Delegates amended its Standing Rules to establish a Nominating Committee, to be "charged with identifying the annual leadership needs of the AAFP, identifying potential candidates, soliciting applications and providing a slate of qualified candidates by March 31 of each year for consideration and election by the Congress of Delegates"; and

WHEREAS, the amended Standing Rules specify that the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be "a previous AAFP officer," jointly appointed by the Speaker and Board Chair, who is granted the sole authority to appoint all voting members of the Nominating Committee; and

WHEREAS, the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code (2nd ed.)*, the parliamentary authority specified in our Bylaws, states that a nominating committee should "reflect the whole organization" (AIPSC §26.18), and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the officer and the committee from accusations of favoritism or self-perpetuation, AIPSC §26.19 states that "The president, president-elect, and immediate past president should not appoint any members of the nominating committee, serve on the committee, give the committee instructions, or take part in its deliberations, although they may provide information upon request," and

WHEREAS, under the current Standing Rules, the authority to appoint the Chair of the Nominating Committee rests with officers functioning in the roles described in AIPSC §26.19, that is, the presiding officer of the Congress of Delegates (Speaker) and the Immediate Past President (Board Chair), who also serves as an ex officio member of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, alignment of the Standing Rules with our parliamentary authority would strengthen member confidence in the nomination process and protect current and future officers from the appearance of favoritism and self-perpetuation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Standing Rules of the Congress of Delegates, Section F, Items 2-3, be amended by substitution as follows:

2) The Nominating Committee shall be composed of:

- a. A Chair (an individual with demonstrated AAFP leadership experience, defined as: former AAFP officer, former Director, or former Chair of a Commission), who shall be appointed for a one-year term by the Board of Directors.
- b. Three (3) members selected from past and current Congress of Delegate Delegates and Alternates, nominated by constituent chapters (limited to one nominee per chapter) or by a petition signed by twenty-five (25) members in good standing, and appointed by the Board of Directors.
- c. Three (3) members selected from past AAFP Directors, appointed by the Board of Directors.
- d. Three (3) members at large, nominated by constituent chapters (limited to one nominee per chapter) or by a petition signed by twenty-five (25) members in good standing, and appointed by the Board of Directors.
- e. Three (3) members from the past three years of the NCCL Advisory Group, appointed by the Board of Directors.

3) Terms and Vacancies:

- a. Terms. The term of service for members of the Nominating Committee is three years and shall commence at the conclusion of the Congress of Delegates at which they were appointed. Term lengths shall be staggered to ensure turnover of one position within each member category each year.
- b. Vacancies. Any vacancy in a member's unexpired term shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

RESOLVED, that this amendment shall take effect at the conclusion of this Congress of Delegates. All voting members duly appointed under prior provisions shall complete their terms; however, no further appointments shall be made under the prior Standing Rules.