



Academy of Dental Materials – Amendment of the Society By-Laws

September 1st, 2020

Dear voting members of the Academy, dear colleagues, dear friends,

In times of worldwide locked down business, long overdue issues come up to one's homeoffice desk, finally receiving the procrastinated attention it deserves. One of those pending concerns is an update on the by-laws of our society.

Already back in 2018, the Academy Executive Board formed a committee that has worked hard during the last two years in order to address the first, most urgent issues to be solved regarding our by-laws. Over many years, the Board has collected membership feedback and comments, received many recommendations for improvement, realized several conflicts, and saw the need for updating on new business, with most of them finally included in the current by-laws amendment.

Among other minor adjustments to the the text, the following most urgent issues are adressed:

- To account for the new membership category, called „Postdoctoral Members“
 - We introduced this type of membership already back in 2018.
- To solve the issue of how to handle deliquent dues
 - We had a conflict of annual dues to be payable at the beginning of each calender year versus membership renewals connected to the annual meeting in late summer.
- To introduce the options of using electronic business
 - Including the options of teleconferencing (especially within the Academy Board) and e-voting

You will find all specific changes and detailed wording in attached by-laws amendment. Amendments are highlighted using the Markup MS Word function.

Amendments to the Academy by-laws follow a strict procedure, actually described in Article XVII in our current by-laws:

„ARTICLE XVII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Proposals to amend these by-laws shall be made in writing and endorsed by at least three (3) Fellows or Active Members, and delivered to the President at least three (3) months prior to the next Annual Meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment must be distributed to each Fellow and Active Member at least one month prior to the meeting. A majority vote of those voting members present at the Annual Meeting shall be required to approve such a change in the by-laws.



Section 2 Should an amendment to the by-laws be proposed during the Annual Business Meeting the text of which has not been distributed beforehand, such amendments may be accepted by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of those voting members present.

Section 3 Rules and regulations governing the activities of the Academy may be enacted. Such rules and regulations cannot countermand any by-laws. Rules and regulations may be proposed by the Board."

As the by-laws committee has worked on the changes over the years, requirements according to Section 1 are fulfilled and we are currently in the state of distributing the proposed amendments in time to the voting membership (specifically to our fellow and active members who have renewed their 2020 membership). The attached amendment has been proposed, discussed and finally unanimously approved by the Academy Executive Board. You'll find this document attached here.

The amendment text is now with you, awaiting your approval and acceptance during our upcoming general business meeting to be held virtually during the 2020 annual meeting.

Please read this text carefully. Please do also note, that we can only vote on the whole amendment, resulting in either acceptance or rejection. Beyond that, your comments and suggestions are very much appreciated and will be considered for a second round of amendments to be prepared in the upcoming years.

We hope to act in the best sense of the health of our Academy!

Yours sincerely,

(on behalf of the Academy Executive Board)

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Chair of the By-Laws Committee

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