

Bylaws  
of the  
Resident American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics (RAOAO)

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Article I. Purpose of Association

1. To promote and advance the interests of the specialty of Osteopathic Orthopedic Surgery;
2. To improve the quality of Orthopedic care delivered by Osteopathic Orthopedic residents and practitioners worldwide;
3. To disseminate information on the policies and practices of the AOA to the Osteopathic Orthopedic resident, to foster honest and productive dialogue on present policy and pending policy decisions before the AOA Board of Directors, and to serve as the collective “voice” of the residents at the AOA Board of Directors meetings;
4. To contribute to knowledge, welfare, and education of Osteopathic medical education and Osteopathic medical students in all areas related to the specialty of Orthopedic surgery;
5. To encourage and stimulate opportunities for clinical research and publication throughout Osteopathic Orthopedic postgraduate education;
6. To establish, foster, and maintain lines of communication with other Osteopathic resident and Osteopathic professional organizations;
7. To encourage voluntary service to the Osteopathic Orthopedic profession and to the communities where Osteopathic Orthopedic care is provided;
8. To aid the AOA in educating the local, state, and national governments and the legislators responsible for medical policy creation concerning the Osteopathic Orthopedic profession and the unique challenges facing its practitioners in today’s rapidly changing political climate;
9. To increase resident participation and candidate membership in the AOA leading to increased, active participation in the AOA by graduating residents;
10. To provide information on subspecialty training and job opportunities to Osteopathic Orthopedic residents and aid in the transition from Osteopathic Orthopedic resident to Osteopathic Orthopedic attending;
11. To aid in the development of social, moral, and ethical standards consistent with the ideals and standards forwarded by the AOA and the American Osteopathic Association.
12. Shall be responsible for creation of policy recommendations relating to the association and mechanisms necessary for optimal functioning of the association through dialogue with the membership and the RAOAO Executive Committee.

Article II. Members and Meetings of Members

Section 1. Membership

All Candidate members of the AOA are members of the RAOAO. Should a Candidate member be dropped from AOA membership, he/she will by default be dropped from membership in the RAOAO.

Section 2. Annual Meeting

The RAOAO will hold an annual meeting in conjunction with the AOA Annual Meeting for discussion of pertinent orthopedic residency issues and pending issues before the AOA and AOA/ACGME that relate to the RAOAO membership. Such meeting will be at the discretion of the RAOAO Executive Committee and will have a scheduled time and a published agenda. The meeting will be run by the RAOAO President or his/her designee.

### Section 3. Dues

Dues may be charged to members for participation in the RAOAO. The RAOAO Executive Committee will assess dues which must be approved by the AOA Board of Directors.

## Article III. Executive Committee

### Section 1. Executive Committee

- A. The positions of RAOAO President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer must be approved by the AOA Board of Directors. The candidates will be nominated upon recommendation of their Program Director and selected by the AOA Board of Directors.
- B. The succession of the officers will proceed from Secretary/Treasurer to Vice-President to President with yearly replacement of the Secretary/Treasurer by the AOA Board of Directors' appointment.
- C. The Executive Committee of the RAOAO shall have at least one of the three members (President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer) an osteopathic physician.

### Section 2. RAOAO President

- 1. The President of the RAOAO will be an orthopedic resident at a PGY5 level.
- 2. The duties of the President will be as follows:
  - a. The President will function as a non-voting member of the AOA Board of Directors.
  - b. The President must attend all of the AOA Board of Directors meetings and functions.
  - c. The President will function as a liaison and advocate between the AOA Board of Directors and the members of the RAOAO.
  - d. The President will have oversight responsibilities for any and all RAOAO organizational events.
  - e. The President will submit bi-annual reports to the AOA Board of Directors informing them of any activity.

### Section 3. RAOAO Vice-President

- 1. The Vice-President of the RAOAO will be an orthopedic resident at a PGY4 level.
- 2. The duties of the Vice-President will be as follows:
  - a. The Vice-President will function, with the approval of the AOA Board of Directors, as an alternate non-voting member of the AOA Board of Directors in the RAOAO President's absence.
  - b. The Vice-President will oversee all special subjects deemed appropriate by the President of the RAOAO.

### Section 4. RAOAO Secretary/Treasurer

- 1. The Secretary/Treasurer of the RAOAO will be an orthopedic resident at a PGY 3 level.,
- 2. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer will be as follows:

- a. The Secretary/Treasurer will function to organize and take minutes at all RAOAO functions and meetings.
- b. If applicable, the Secretary/Treasurer will track RAOAO assets and expenditures and report to the president.

## Section 5. Terms of Office

The Executive Committee members shall serve a one-year term.

## Article IV. Regional Representatives

### Section 1. Regional Representatives

A. Regional Representative(s) will be the current Chief resident(s) from each previously osteopathically accredited AOA approved orthopedic residency program with filled positions. The Regional Representative from newly approved programs with filled positions will be chosen by the Program Director.

B. The Regional Representative will receive, disseminate, and discuss RAOAO communications with the residents in their residency program and will return the correspondence with a consensus on any matter requiring a response.

## Article V. Non-Discrimination

The Academy admits Members and meeting attendees of any race, color, sex, age, non-disqualifying disability, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to Members and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, membership admission or membership activity policies.

## Article VI. Code of Ethics of the RAOAO

The Code of Ethics of the AOA shall be the Code of Ethics of the AOA. Any additional provisions adopted by the AOA shall not be in conflict with the Code of Ethics of the AOA and the AOA's Constitution and these Bylaws.

## Article VII. Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised will serve as the model for the conducting of any gathering of the RAOAO requiring parliamentary procedure to execute the business of said meeting.

## Article VIII. X. Amendments to the RAOAO Bylaws

A. Amendment Submission - The RAOAO Executive Committee will propose an amendment by submitting a resolution with explanation for the need for the amendment to the Executive Office of the AOA.

B. Final Approval - The proposed amendment will be presented to the AOA Board of Directors for consideration and final approval or denial of the proposed amendment.

## Article IX. - Dissolution of the RAOAO

A. The AOA Board of Directors may choose at any time to dissolve the RAO by majority vote of the Board. This will be done in accordance with established AOA policy and in accordance with the AOA Constitution and Bylaws. All subsequent legal and/or fiduciary responsibilities for the final dissolution will be the burden of the AOA Board of Directors.

B. The RAO exists and functions at the discretion of the AOA Board of Directors.