Annual Meeting

Agenda

October 3, 2019

Treasurer’s Report

President’s Report

Political Action Committee Report

Consent Agenda.

Motion 1

Article 1 §1.01 of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Article 1 Non Profit Purpose

* 1. IRS Section 501(c)(6) Purpose:

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code

* 1. Specific Objectives and Purposes:

The Rhode Island Academy of Physician Assistants (RIAPA) is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the following purposes to include representing physician assistants and physician assistant students so as to maximize the benefit of their services to the public. The RIAPA shall:

* 1. Encourage its members to render high-quality service to the health professions and the public.
  2. Develop, sponsor, and evaluate continuing medical or medically related education programs for the physician assistant.
  3. Assist in the development of role definition for the physician assistant.
  4. Develop, coordinate, and participate in studies having an impact either directly or indirectly on the physician assistant profession.
  5. Serve as a public information center with respect to its members, health profession, and the public.
  6. Represents the PAs of Rhode Island nationally through the AAPA House of Delegates

Rationale: This has always been an unstated purpose.

Motion 2

Moved Article 4 § 4.03 be amended to read as follows

Section 4.03 Membership Categories

The membership shall consist of fellow, student, affiliate, physician, honorary, retired, and associate and such other member categories as may be created by the Board. No category created by the Board shall not have privilege of the floor or voting rights.

Rationale: RIGL § 7-6-15. Requires that “…the designation of the class or classes; the manner of election or appointment; and the qualifications and rights of the members of each class shall be stated in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws….”

Motion 3

Moved that Article 4 §4.08 of the Bylaws be amended by addition of new section as follows:

Section 4.08 Associate

Associate members are health professional approved by the Board who desire to associate with the Academy. Associate members shall be entitled privileges of the floor but may not vote or hold office

Rationale: New necessary membership category

Motion 4

Moved that Article 6 §6.02 of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

§ 6.02 Meetings of Members

Meetings of the members shall be called by the board of directors, the president of the corporation, a quorum of the member as defined in §6.04 of these bylaws or, if different, by the persons specifically authorized under the laws of this state to call special meetings of the members. ~~Special meetings of the organization maybe requested by a majority of the voting members.~~

Rationale: Clarifies procedure for members to calla membership meeting

Motion 5

Moved that the Bylaws be amended by striking § 6.in its entirety:

Article 6 § 6.07 Actions by Written or Electronic Ballot

~~§ 6.07. Except as otherwise provided under the articles of incorporation, these bylaws, or provisions of law, any action that may be taken at any meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if the corporation distributes a written or electronic ballot to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The ballot shall:~~

~~a) Set forth the proposed action.~~

~~b) Provide an opportunity to specify approval or disapproval of each proposal.~~

~~c) Indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum of 20% (twenty percent) of the member eligible to vote and, except for ballots soliciting votes for the election of officers and directors, state the percentage of approvals necessary to pass the measure submitted.~~

~~d) Specify the date by which the ballot must be received by the corporation in order to be counted. The date set shall afford members a reasonable time with- in which to return their ballots to the corporation.~~

Rationale:

This section allows the Board to put any before the members for a vote and at the same time precludes the members from arguing for or against the issue or offering amendments. Removing this section assures that the members have a have the unfettered right to full participation in the process.

Motion 6

Moved that Article 9 §9.01 be amended as follows

Section 9.01 Number

Sec 9.01 The corporation shall have four (4) directors-at-large who shall be fellow or affiliate members, and one (1) student director-at-large, elected by the student body of the program from, ~~each~~ any PA training program located within the boundaries of the state of Rhode Island provided that 25% (twenty five percent) or more of the total matriculated students as of January 1 each year are current Student Members.

~~Each~~ Any PA training program entitled to a Student Director-at large may elect an alternate student director-at-large to serve in the absence of the student director-at-large.

Rationale:

Currently, all PA programs are entitled to one Student DAL regardless of the number of active student members from that program This creates the potential for a Student DAL to be representing a constituency of 1 member and the students in that program. The intent of this motion is to require a minimum number of student members from all programs in order for that program to have a representation on the Board.