

North Pacific Surgical Association

Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Changes

Revised April 1, 2020

Background

In the fall of 2019, the NPSA Council held a strategic planning session. One of the outcomes is to re-align NPSA's governing documents to meet the strategic initiatives. The following is a summary of changes to the NPSA constitution and bylaws. Some of the changes are "housekeeping" related, others provide more flexibility in regard to membership numbers, categories and methods of voting.

Summary of Changes

Housekeeping changes:

- Inclusion of gender-neutral terminology "he /she/they/them" or "his/her/theirs" where appropriate.
- A handful of grammatical and typographical changes.

Voting:

- Inclusion of electronic means of voting in addition to or replacement of in person voting. This applies to council voting and voting by members at the annual meeting.
- Clarification of the methodology for voting by members at the annual meeting.
- Inclusion of voting by mail, where appropriate.
- Inclusion of the use of "web-based meetings" where appropriate.
- Inclusion of non-members at the annual meeting with "specific reports or relevant information to the proceedings."

Member Categories:

- Removal of the limit of 150 members in the NPSA.
- Inclusion of new member categories for *Surgeons in Training* and *Affiliated Advanced Practice Providers*. Specifically, in Article III, the proposed definition is:

Section 6. Trainee Members. *Any intern, resident, or fellow in surgical specialty training may apply to be a trainee member. They shall not vote or hold office. Such members shall be sponsored by an active NPSA member, pay a reduced rate set by the NPSA Council and be able to participate in committees.*

Section 7. Advanced Practice Provider Members. *Any advanced practice provider (e.g. Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist) engaged in surgical and/or subspecialty care may apply to be an Advanced Practice Provider Member. They shall not vote or hold office. Such members shall be sponsored by an active NPSA member, pay a reduced rate set by the NPSA council and be able to participate in committees.*

- The option for the president to appoint a Trainee and/or Advanced Practice Provider as non-voting members of the NPSA council.

Approval by Members

In accordance with our current bylaws, these changes must be approved by the members at the annual meeting on November 6 in Seattle, WA. The proposed changes require at least a 30 day notice to the member meeting.

Comments

Comments should be addressed to the NPSA president, Dr. John Waldhausen at 206-987-1177 or John.waldhausen@seattlechildrens.org.