

> ARTICLE II - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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> Section A - Meeting of the General Assembly

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> 1. The General Assembly shall meet twice a year in the spring (annual meeting) and fall, at a time and place chosen by the President.

> 2. Only members with their dues current may vote during a meeting of the General Assembly. Fifteen regular members present constitute a quorum. Each regular member has one vote and proxies may not be voted.

> 3. The General Assembly may review and reconsider the actions of the Board of Trustees.

> 4. Only members, staff, and invited guests may attend a General Assembly meeting. The President may declare a meeting or a portion of a meeting to be in executive session, excluding all but members and invited staff and guests.

> 5. Minutes are approved at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

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> Section B - Special Meetings of the General Assembly

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> 1. Special meetings may be called by the President, with the approval of *(twenty regular members)* **the Board of Trustees**.

> 2. The general membership must be notified in writing of a call for a special meeting at least thirty days in advance. Shorter notice may be given in an emergency situation.

> 3. Only members, staff, and invited guests may attend a special meeting of the General Assembly.

> 4. All members may vote at a special meeting of the General Assembly. Fifteen members constitute a quorum. Each member has one vote and proxies may not be voted.

> 5. The President may declare a meeting or a portion of a meeting to be in executive session excluding all except members, staff and invited guests.

> 6. Minutes are approved at the next regular meeting of the General Assembly.

Term of Office:

Section B - Election of Officers

1. Nominations may be made by any member prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

2. Elections may be conducted:

(a) by mail ballot.

(b) By vote at the annual meeting of the General Assembly. In the event that there is only one nominee for an office, by acclamation at the annual meeting.

3. Officers are elected by a simple majority of regular voting members in attendance.

Section C - Terms for Officers

1. The President and Secretary-Treasurer serve one year terms running from *(July 1 to the next*

*June 30) the close of the annual meeting until the close of the annual meeting the following year.*

2. The President and Secretary-Treasurer are elected one year in advance of taking office and serve as President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer-Elect during that year from *(July 1 to the next June 30) the close of the annual meeting until the close of the annual meeting the following year.*

3. The Immediate Past President serves one year **from the close of the annual meeting until the close of the annual meeting the following year.**

4. The Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association each serve two year terms staggered by one year, running from *(January 1 to the second December 31) the close of the annual meeting until the close of the annual meeting the second following year.*

5. The Speaker of the General Assembly serves a three (3) year term, from *(July 1 to the next June 30) the close of the annual meeting until the close of the annual meeting the third following year.*

6. The three Trustees from specific geographic locations shall each serve three year terms staggered by one year each running from *(July 1 to the next June 30) the close of the annual meeting until the close of the annual meeting the third following year.* The Initial terms to be staggered by vote of the General Assembly.

7. Physician Assistant serves a two year term from **the close of the annual meeting until the close of the annual meeting the second following year.**

8. Intra-term vacancies are filled as follows:

(a) When an intra-term vacancy occurs in the office of President, Secretary-Treasurer, or Delegate to the AMA, the officer-elect or alternate completes the term of office.

(b) An intra-term vacancy in the office of Immediate Past President remains vacant until the end of the term.

(c) Intra-term vacancies in the offices of President-Elect, Secretary- Treasurer-Elect, Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association, physician assistant or geographic Trustee are filled by individuals appointed by the Board Trustees. Intra-term appointees are subject to election by the membership at the next annual or special meeting of the General Assembly.