



Date: June 14, 2019

To: House of Delegates Bylaw Review Committee

Fr: AANP Board of Directors

Bylaw Change Proposal:

In light of the stated Purposes of the Corporation from Article IV. Purposes, specifically:

To provide opportunities and forums for the exchange of experience and opinion among the membership.

To acquire, catalogue and disseminate relevant information and resources for members.

To cooperate with local, state, regional, national and international organizations having common purposes.

The AANP Board of Directors proposes a change in the composition of the AANP Board of Directors such that one additional seats be added to the board that will be filled by a representative of the Institute for Natural Medicine (INM) Board. This representative shall be the President of the INM or his/her designee. The INM representatives to the AANP Board shall have voice but not vote.

Currently, the INM has, per their bylaws since 2017, an AANP representative on their board (the President of the AANP or Executive Director) as an ex-officio member with voice and without vote. It is the desire of the AANP Board to complete this reciprocity by creating the same position on the AANP Board.

This proposed change serves several critical functions:

1. In order to best represent the interests of its members, the AANP should include the perspectives, experiences and wisdom of its non-profit sister organization and its student leaders in its deliberations and strategic thinking.
2. In order to advance the profession, it is critical for the non-profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of naturopathic medicine, to be aware of, and informed by, the circumstances, initiatives and developments of the profession at large.
3. INM representation on the AANP Board shall support legislative, policy and public relations initiatives of the AANP.
4. INM representation on the AANP Board shall establish for the INM, an additional conduit of information and context for the educational and outreach activities of the INM.

The amendment to the bylaws would occur in Article X. Section 2: Composition and Election as follows (in red).

Article X – Board of Directors

Section 1: Powers

The Board of Directors shall have responsibility for the supervision and direction of the affairs of the Corporation, shall determine its policies within the limits of the bylaws and shall actively prosecute its purposes. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business and governance as shall be deemed appropriate and may appoint such agents as it may consider necessary.

Section 2: Composition and Election

The Board of Directors shall be composed of not more than eight (8) Directors, three (3) elected officers as provided in Article XI of these bylaws, the Speaker of the House of Delegates as provided in Article XIII of these bylaws, and *one an*-ex-officio non-voting representative *each from of* the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC), *and the Institute for Natural Medicine*. Three (3) or four (4) Directors and at least one (1) officer shall be elected annually by the membership from among the nominated candidates. Each newly elected Director and Officer shall take office at the first meeting of the subsequent fiscal year.

No more than one (1) Director at any given time may be a Student Member.

No more than two (2) Directors at any given time may be either an Associate Member or a Supporting Member.

Criteria for qualifying candidates eligible....

The AANMC *and INM* positions on the Board shall coincide with the term of the Presidency of the AANMC *and INM* and shall be filled by the President of the AANMC *and INM* or his/her designee. This representative shall have voice but not vote in the Corporation.