

Draft Bylaws 2024 - Summary of Updates and Corrections:

The administrative updates to the Bylaws are outlined below and red-lined in the draft bylaws. Many of the changes were recommended by the Governance Committee to clarify issues where process and/or authority were unclear. Some changes will make referencing the Bylaws easier.

Article 3 (page 7)

- Physicians applying for hardship discount remains in the regular membership category.
- States that dues are established by the Board of Directors.

Article 4 (page 8)

- The Board of Directors establishes **policies** of the Society, including operational, governance and financial policies.
- Advocacy and legislative **positions** of the Society are created and developed by the Council. The Board reviews and approves the positions for fiscal impacts and feasibility.
- Clarifies term duration for Board members.
- Establishes a “majority vote” as the standard.

Article 5 (page 9)

- Clarifies term duration for Council members. (section 2)
- Increases the participation required for adoption of new NHMS positions (2/3 of Council members) (section 6)

Article 8 (page 13)

- Charges the Board with the selection of the fall General Session venue.

Article 10 (page 14)

- Removes the section related to health insurance benefits for members and surviving spouses.

Article 11 (page 15)

- Correction - The Physician Health Committee’s mission is not to oversee the functioning of the care for physicians struggling with SUD. (Section 6)
- Update the nominating committee’s member requirements. (Section 8)

Article 13 (page 16)

- Removes the AMA’s Principles of Medical Ethics text. The proposal references the principles without the text to ensure that it is not out of date in the future.