

# Proposed Changes to the Opticians Association of America's Bylaws (September 2016)

## ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

### Section 1. Nominating Committee of the Association

- A. A Nominating Committee for the nomination of Officers and Directors shall be composed of eight members. Two members will be appointed by the President, two members will be Firm members appointed by the Guild, and four members will be appointed at the State Leadership Conference ~~of which two~~ that shall be voting members (Guild, Firm, or Honored Fellow of the Opticians Association of America) who shall will be representatives of the State Society Membership ~~and two may be Honored Fellow Members~~. In addition, the Immediate Past President shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Nominating Committee and shall vote in case of a tie. If the Immediate Past President is deceased, incapacitate, or unwilling to serve in that capacity, the President shall serve as ex-officio Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
- C. A member of the Nominating Committee shall not hold elective office on the Board of Directors at the time of election or appointment to the Nominating Committee. Each member of the Nominating Committee shall be, at the time of election or appointment to the Nominating Committee, a Firm Member or their delegate, a Guild Member or their delegate, or an Honored Fellow of the Opticians Association of America.~~or an OAA voting member from a State Society Member or Corporate Member.~~ No member of the Nominating Committee may serve two consecutive years on the Committee.

### Section 2. Duties of Nominating Committee of the Association

- B. Nominations for State Society ~~Directors~~ Committee Members will be ~~submitted~~ selected to serve on the Nomination Nominating Committee each year at the State Leadership Conference.
- C. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least 45 days prior to the Delegate Assembly meeting at the Annual Convention of the Association and shall compile the nominations received. For each Board seat available the Nominating Committee ~~will list the person receiving the most nominations from the membership and/or~~ will select ~~their own~~ the nominee and confirm with the nominees their willingness to serve.

### Section 3. Preparation of Slate of Nominees

- A. The Executive Director shall communicate to the members of the Association and the delegates of the Delegate Assembly the slate of nominees for offices to be filled as presented by the Nominating Committee, ~~together with biographical information for each nominee~~ at least 30 days prior to the Delegate Assembly meeting at the Annual Convention of the Association.

## ARTICLE X. GUILD OF PRESCRIPTION OPTICIANS OF AMERICA

### Section 2. Affiliation

- ~~C. No optometrist or ophthalmologist may be the sole owner or only officer of a Guild Firm.~~
- ~~DC.~~ The Guild may choose to recognize an "Affiliated Unit" such as an organized group within a state (to include District of Columbia) or geographic region that meet the Guild requirements.

## ARTICLE X. GUILD OF PRESCRIPTION OPTICIANS OF AMERICA

### Section 4. Governing Body

- A. The Guild Council shall consist of five Guild Firm Members of the Opticians Association of America. These members must be in good standing. The members of the Guild Council shall consist of two officers, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and three councilors. The Guild Council shall appoint one of its members as Treasurer. In addition to the five members, the Council shall have one ex-officio non-voting representative from the Opticians Association of America Executive Committee. The councilors of the Guild Council shall be elected by the Guild members and serve a term of three years. Guild Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be eligible for ~~two~~ three consecutive terms. No other councilor of the Guild council shall be eligible for re-election to the Guild Council until at least one year shall have elapsed. The guild officers shall have a one-year term and may serve no more than three ~~two~~ consecutive terms.
- E. The Guild Chairman shall be ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Opticians Association of America with voting privileges. The past Chairman of the Guild Council shall be made immediately eligible for election to the Opticians Association of America Board of Directors and does not have to adhere to the consecutive term rule for serving on the Opticians Association of America Board of Directors.