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AAACN Proposed Bylaws Amendments

The AAACN Board of Directors is proposing seven amendments to the AAACN Bylaws. A table outlining the proposed changes and rationales for the changes is provided below.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws are being submitted to all AAACN members for review. Voting on the amendments will take place on the 2027 Ballot.

Current Bylaws	Proposed Change	Rationale
Amendment #1 Article IV – Membership: Section 1. Categories of membership: A. Active Members shall be registered nurses (RN) involved or interested in ambulatory care nursing.	**Add:** Active Members shall be registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), or licensed vocational nurses (LVN) involved or interested in ambulatory care nursing.	Currently, LPNs/LVNs can join AAACN as an Affiliate Member; this change will allow them to join as an Active Member. Active Members have the right and privilege to pay dues; express opinions about association programs, provide input for decisions made and actions taken; make nominations for officer elections; vote; hold office; and serve on committees, task forces, special interest groups, or other volunteer activities as chairpersons or members.
Amendment #2 Article IV – Membership: Section 1. Categories of membership: D. Senior Members shall be those who have reached the age of sixty-two (62) years and have been Active Members for three (3) years prior to reaching 62.	**Remove:** Senior Members shall be those who have reached the age of sixty-two (62) years. and have been Active Members for three (3) years prior to reaching 62.	This will allow Members to join as a Senior without the prior 3 years of membership.

Amendment #3 Article IV – Membership: Section 1. Categories of membership: E. Student Members shall be individuals who are enrolled in a professional college or school of nursing, are studying toward initial licensure as a registered nurse, have a special interest in ambulatory care nursing, subscribe to the purposes of AAACN, and abide by AAACN bylaws and policies.	**Add:** Student Members shall be individuals who are enrolled in a professional college or school of nursing, are studying toward initial licensure as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or licensed vocational nurse, have a special interest in ambulatory care nursing, subscribe to the purposes of AAACN, and abide by AAACN bylaws and policies.	To allow LPNs and LVNs who are actively working toward RN licensure to qualify for student membership.
Amendment #4 Article IV – Membership: Section 6: Membership Reinstatement: A member who has been removed from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by payment of the current year's dues.	**Remove:** A member who has been removed from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by payment of the current year's dues.	Removing the words **"the current year's"** provides greater flexibility in the reinstatement process by allowing former members to be reinstated upon payment of applicable dues, regardless of the membership year.

Amendment #5 ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 6: Term of Office A. The President-Elect shall serve one year as President-Elect, one year as President, and one year as Immediate Past President.	Change: The President-Elect shall serve two (2) years as President-Elect, two (2) years as President, and two (2) years as Immediate Past President.	To provide leadership continuity and allow Presidents adequate time to implement and complete strategic initiatives, while strengthening succession planning and organizational stability through a longer leadership cycle.
Amendment #6 ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 8: Meetings of the Board A. The President shall set the time and place of Board meetings. Notice of the meeting shall be given at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.	**Add:** Any member of the Board of Directors who shall have been absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors, without just cause as determined by the Board of Directors, shall be considered for disciplinary action as defined in Article VIII, Section 2 of these Bylaws.	To promote accountability, ensure active participation in Board governance, and maintain the Board's ability to effectively conduct business by addressing repeated unexcused absences.
Amendment #7 ARTICLE VII. - MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Section 4. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be twenty (20) members and two officers.	**Change:** The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be twenty (20) members and two Board of Directors members.	Change the wording of “officers” to “Board of Directors”.