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## PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS

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CHANGE: Article III – Membership

Remove the word “Foreign” from Foreign Corresponding Membership

Add the word “Student” to Resident/Trainee Membership

In articles: Section 1, 2, 3, 4c and 4e

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DELETE: The current wording of Article IV- Forfeiture of Membership:

**Section 2. Dues Requirements.** Any member who has not paid his/her dues for the current year by December 31 shall have his/her membership discontinued. Membership may be reinstated at any time thereafter by payment of one year’s delinquent dues and the current dues.

ADD: The following wording of Article IV- Forfeiture of Membership:

**Section 2. Leave of Absence.** Any member of the ACADEMY in good standing may request of the Board of Directors a leave of absence for a period of not more than two years. When a member so requests, a waiver of dues during the leave of absence may be granted by the Board of Directors. Any further extension of the leave of absence shall be dependent on the member submitting a request for further extension, and favorable action on the request by the Board of Directors.

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CHANGE: The current wording of Article V- Directors:

**Section 2. Number of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the ACADEMY; the two (2) most recently retired Presidents of the ACADEMY; and six (6) Directors from the general membership.

The Board of Directors shall also consist of the following ex-officio non-voting Directors: the Chair of the current and next succeeding Scientific Program Committees; the Historian; the Executive Director; and the Senior Editor of Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology. ~~and any consultant to the Board from United Cerebral Palsy Association.~~

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DELETE: The current wording of Article VI- Officers:

**Section 2. Election and Term of Office.** All officers shall be elected at the business session of the Membership at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the Fellows of the ACADEMY, and Emeritus Members present and voting. Unless otherwise provided they shall serve for one year, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve for three years. The Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-Elect shall be elected at the termination of the second year of term of the Secretary and Treasurer. The office of Secretary and Treasurer and of Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-Elect may be combined at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Restrictions.** None of the officers are eligible for re-election to succeed themselves. The 1st Vice President will succeed the President, and the 2nd Vice President will succeed the 1st Vice President. The Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-Elect will succeed the Secretary and Treasurer.

ADD: The following wording of Article VI - Officers:

**Section 2. Election Process.**

- A. Using e-mail/regular mail prior to the Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Directors, Academy membership will be requested to forward all suggested nominations to the Nominating Committee for the following slate of officers:
  - 1. 2nd Vice President
  - 2. Two Directors-at-Large
  - 3. Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-Elect at the termination of the Secretary's and Treasurer's second year of office
  - 4. Three members of the Academy to serve on the Nominating Committee
- B. Using e-mail/regular mail the Nominating Committee shall present to the Academy membership candidates proposed for the above slate of officers by June of each year.
- C. Membership voting by e-mail/regular mail, including write-in candidates, would be completed one month following presentation of the slate by the Nominating Committee.
- D. Notification of voting results to the membership would be made by e-mail/regular mail prior to the Annual Meeting.
- E. At the discretion of the President, selected newly elected officers would begin to assume respective duties as appropriate at the time of the Annual Meeting.

**Section 3. Terms of Office.** None of the officers are eligible for re-election to succeed themselves. The 1st Vice President will succeed the President, and the 2nd Vice President will succeed the 1st Vice President. The Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-Elect will succeed the incumbent Secretary and Treasurer.

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DELETE: The current wording of Article X - Amendments:

The Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws may only be altered, amended, repealed or restated by the following procedure:

- 1. The proposed change must first be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 2. The proposed change must then be distributed to the general membership at least 30 days prior to the next Annual or Special Meeting of the ACADEMY at which the proposed change is to be considered.
- 3. The proposed change must be ratified by a majority vote of those members entitled to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting of the ACADEMY.

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