



The vote on the 2023 Bylaws Proposed Changes represent an opportunity to create flexibility in definitions for AACPDm members and volunteers.

The first change will remove the details of the Community Council that outlines membership, meeting structure and other areas from the Bylaws, and it will place them in the Policy Manual instead. With the removal from the Bylaws, it will allow the Council more freedom to adjust definitions and timelines to best fit the needs of the Council, without having to seek full membership approval to conduct the business of that Council.

The second proposed change is to Article III – Membership, Section 4 under “Qualifications for the Categories of Membership”. The student member has always been recognized as including those with a post-doctorate, and now that is defined in the bylaws.

Please see the updated language contrasted to the current language below.

2023 Bylaws Proposed Changes

Current Version	Suggested Changes
<p>Article VIII – Community Council</p> <p>Section I. Description</p> <p>The Community Council represents various constituencies of the cerebral palsy and developmental disability</p>	<p>Article VIII – Community Council</p> <p>Section 1. Description</p> <p>The primary purpose of the AACPDm Community Council is to provide the voice of the variety of stakeholders to enhance the</p>

communities and serves in an advisory capacity to the AACPD Board of Directors. It provides input into the provision of health and related services, wellness, research, lay and professional education efforts for those with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset developmental disabilities.

Section 2. Membership

A. Leadership.

The leadership consists of three Community Council members and two AACPD members

1. Chairperson: 1 year progressing from Chair-Elect

The Chairperson is to sit on the AACPD Board of Directors as an ex-officio Board Member.

2. Chair-Elect: 1 year, appointed by consensus of CC.

3. Past-Chair: 1 year, progressing from Chair position.

Position holds full voting privileges.

4. AACPD Chair of Advocacy Committee: 1-year term, to coincide with their term end date on the Advocacy Committee.

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mission of the AACPD with the goal of creating greater opportunities to collaborate for the health, wellness and service towards those with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities.

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Presidential line or Board Liaison for Advocacy Committee: 1-year term, to coincide with their term end date.

B. Members.

In addition to the leadership, 10 members serve staggered terms of three years each, renewable for one additional term. No member may serve more than 6 years on the Community Council, unless progressing through to a leadership role.

a. Selection of Members:

New members of the Community Council will be appointed and approved by the Council by a majority vote, held during a meeting in September, prior to the ACPDM Annual Meeting. All Members of the Community Council are subject to final approval by the AACPDMD Board of Directors.

b. Selection Criteria

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c. Vacancies:

When a Community Council Member resigns prior to their term end date, the Community Council will fill the position during the next appointment cycle in September.

d. Removal:

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Section 3. Rules and Procedures:

The Community Council shall determine its own rules and procedures. A majority of the qualified members of the Community Council, including the Chair, shall constitute a quorum to do business, and the affirmative vote of the majority of those present shall be necessary to appoint new members. Minutes of all meetings of the Community Council shall be kept and filed with the AACPDM office.

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