2026 AAHKS Business Meeting

AGENDA

I. Approval of the 2025 Business Meeting Minutes
II. Proposed Bylaws Changes
III. Leadership Elections

*Fellow, Associate and International Members may vote at the Business Meeting

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2026 AAHKS Business Meeting

- Approval of the 2025 Business Meeting Minutes

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Please vote on the approval of the 2025 Business Meeting Minutes.

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Proposed Bylaws Changes

Issue: Maintenance of Bylaws/Antiquated Policies

- **Subject: Removal of "Seal" from the Bylaws**
  - **Rationale: The Association does not have a Seal**
  - **Article I, title**—Strike ", SEAL"

    Article I: Name~~, Seal~~ and Purpose

    Article I, Section B. Seal—Strike the section, rename Section C. Section B.

    ~~Section B. Seal~~

    ~~The Association does not have a seal.~~

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Proposed Bylaws Changes

Issue: Maintenance of Bylaws/Antiquated Policies

- **Subject: Revised Appointments Made by Third Vice President**
  - **Rationale:** *The appointment process for the Member Outreach Committee was revised at the 2021 Business Meeting to follow the same process as the majority of AAHKS committees through the Committee on Committees and Bylaws annual appointment process. The Third Vice President no longer appoints the Member Outreach Committee Chair to serve during their presidency.*

Article IV. Officers and Duties, Section C. 4.—Removal of Member Outreach Committee Chair Appointment

b. Shall appoint ~~one (1) Fellow member to the Membership Committee to serve as Chair during the Third Vice-President's presidential year and~~ one (1) Fellow to serve as Chair of the Annual Meeting during the Third Vice-President's presidential year, and as a member of appropriate committees.

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Proposed Bylaws Changes

Issue: Maintenance of Bylaws/Antiquated Policies

- **Subject: Duties of the Finance Committee**
  - **Rationale:** *Since the Association was created, the value of the dollar has changed. The following financial duty does not have the same impact it did in 1991. In addition, the Treasurer is automatically notified about any expenditure over $50,000 by the bank. In addition, the terms of the committee appointments have been updated to reflect the normal service of AAHKS committee volunteers.*

Article V. Section A. 3. Finance Committee—Updating of terms of service and removal of an antiquated and unused policy

Section A. 3.A.1.f. Two (2) members-at-large with financial experience appointed from among the Fellows of the Association for ~~three~~two-year terms, and eligible for one (1) reappointment.

Section A. 3.B.~~5. Review all Association expenditures over $5,000.~~

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Proposed Bylaws Changes

Issue: Removal of International Resident Category

- **Rationale:** *The Board of Directors lowered the dues rate for International Membership from $300 to $100 in 2021, the same amount as the International Resident category, to encourage sustained membership from around the world following the COVID pandemic. With only two International Resident members at that time, they were folded into the International Membership, which offers the exact same member benefits at the same price, making the International Resident category superfluous.*

  Article II

  Section A, Categories —Replace ten categories of membership with nine and remove International Resident:

  There shall be ~~ten (10)~~nine (9) categories of membership in the Association: Fellow, Associate, Honorary, Emeritus, Clinical Affiliate, Non-Clinical Affiliate, Candidate, Arthroplasty Surgeon in Training, and International~~ and International Resident~~.

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Proposed Bylaws Changes

Issue: Removal of International Resident Category

- **Section O**—Cut Section, reorder following sections to account for removal of Section O:

~~**SECTION O. INTERNATIONAL RESIDENT MEMBERS**~~

~~1. Eligibility for International Resident Membership:~~

~~a. Membership in this category shall be for no more than five (5) years or age forty-five (45), after which the International Resident Member must apply to become an International Member and fulfill the requirements of that category in order to continue membership in the Association. Extensions can be requested if accompanied by documentation demonstrating continued resident status.~~

~~2. An applicant for International Resident Membership:~~

~~a. An orthopaedic resident who is currently enrolled in an orthopaedic surgery training program and has an interest in the advancement of orthopaedic knowledge of the hip and/or knee joint in health and/or arthritic disorders and is currently training outside of the United States or Canada.~~

~~b. Shall have a letter of recommendation from an AAHKS Fellow, Associate or International Member.~~

~~c. Shall have a letter of recommendation from the applicant's Residency Program Director.~~

~~3. Rights and Duties of an International Resident Member:~~

~~a. May not vote.~~

~~b. May not serve on committees of the Association.~~

~~c. May attend business meetings of the Association as a non-voting participant.~~

~~d. May not hold office in the Association.~~

~~e. Must pay discounted annual dues. Eligibility for International Resident status and discounted annual dues may continue for up to five (5) years or age forty-five (45). Extensions can be requested if accompanied by documentation demonstrating continued resident status.~~

~~f. Must maintain good professional and ethical standing in the community and country.~~

~~g. Are encouraged to attend the annual educational and scientific meeting of the Association at a discounted registration fee.~~

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Proposed Bylaws Changes

Issue: Removal of International Resident Category

Section P, Election of Members—Remove International Resident Category and include application process for new members to the Member Outreach Committee:

1. Fellow, Associate, Candidate, Clinical Affiliate, Non-Clinical Affiliate, Arthroplasty Surgeon in Training~~, and International~~ and International ~~Resident~~ members must be voted into membership by the Board of Directors after submitting an application for review by the Member Outreach Committee.

    c. The Board of Directors will vote on proposed members. A plurality of affirmative votes by the Board of Directors is required to elect Fellow, Associate, Candidate, Clinical Affiliate, Non-Clinical Affiliate, Arthroplasty Surgeon in Training~~, International~~ and International ~~Resident~~ members.

Section Q. Notification of Membership—Remove International Resident Category

1. All new Fellow, Associate, Candidate, Honorary, Emeritus, Clinical Affiliate, Non-Clinical Affiliate, Arthroplasty Surgeon in Training~~, International~~ and International ~~Resident~~ members shall be notified of their membership status by the Secretary of the Association.

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Proposed Bylaws Changes

Issue: Process for Board of Director Nominations from the Floor

- **Rationale:** *Within the process of elections of the Association's Board of Directors and Officers, there is the ability to nominate candidates in addition to the Board-endorsed nominees from the Nominating Committee, as floor nominations during the election portion of the Annual Business Meeting. To ensure that any floor nominated members are both eligible and willing to serve in the nominated position, the process for such nominations has been delineated.*

Article III. Section A. 5. Composition of Board of Directors—Outlining the Process for Additional Board Nominations

The names of the approved nominees will be distributed not less than five (5) or more than sixty (60) days before the date of the Annual Meeting to the voting members of the Association for action at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made ~~from the floor~~by members eligible to vote following release of the approved nominees. The Board of Directors shall adopt a process for accepting additional nominees that allows for a determination of qualification and eligibility prior to the election at the Annual Business Meeting. Additional nominations of individuals not qualified, eligible or willing to be considered for the office shall be rejected.

Article IV. Section B. 7. Election of Officers—Outlining the Process for Additional Officer Nominations

The names of the nominees will be distributed not less than five (5) or more than sixty (60) days before the date of the Annual Meeting to the voting members of the Association for action at the Annual Meeting. ~~Additional nominations may be made from the floor.~~

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Please vote on the proposed amendments to the bylaws.

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Nominations

- Board of Directors
  - 1 Second Vice President
  - 1 Third Vice President
  - 1 Secretary
  - 3 Members-at-Large
- Nominating Committee
  - 3 Fellow Members

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Report of the Nominating Committee

Board of Directors

Second Vice President (2027–2028)

James A. Browne, MD

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Please vote on the proposed Second Vice President.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Board of Directors

Third Vice President (2027–2028)

Matthew S. Austin, MD

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Please vote on the proposed Third Vice President.

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Report of the Nominating Committee

Board of Directors

Secretary (2027–2030)

William G. Hamilton, MD

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Please vote on the proposed Secretary.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Board of Directors

Member-at-Large (2027-2029)

Muyibat A. Adelani, MD

Member-at-Large (2027-2029)

Leonard T. Buller, MD

Member-at-Large (2027-2028)

Linda I. Suleiman, MD*

*1-year term to fill vacancy

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Please vote on the proposed slate of Members-at-Large.

Report of the Nominating Committee

2027 Nominating Committee

3 Fellow Members

Derek F. Amanatullah, MD, PhD
Cameron K. Ledford, MD
William T. Long, MD

- Not a member of the Board of Directors
- Not a 2025 member of the Nominating Committee

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Please vote on the proposed slate of Nominating Committee Members.

Thanks to the 2026 Nominating Committee!

R. Michael Meneghini, MD, Past President, Chair

Ayesha Abdeen, MD

Bryan D. Springer, MD

Wendy W. Wong, MD

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… and thank you,

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