

URGENT
Important Message from your State Society

Dear Colleague,

You have either already received or will shortly receive your ballot with the 2020 AAOS Resolutions and Bylaws.

We urge you to vote to reject the AAOS Bylaws Amendment Groups 1 & 2.

These proposed Amendments are contained in the attached *Annual Meeting Official Notice* (bottom of page 11, Article IX). If adopted, these amendments would delete critical sections in the Bylaws that codify the fundamental essence of the Board of Councilors (BOC) and place them in a Policy and Procedures Manual (P&P Manual) which can be changed *without the broad oversight and transparency necessary to change the Bylaws.*

As the only national grassroots deliberative body in the AAOS, the Board of Councilors is critical in its role as a conduit between the Fellowship and the Board of Directors. As such it deserves the protections afforded by the Bylaws and it should not be possible to alter its essence without broad input by the members of the Academy. These amendments will remove these protections and they should be rejected.

A more detailed explanation can be found in the accompanying FAQ Fact sheet.

Thank you for your consideration.

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