

## ACTION ITEM

### **Committee: Rules Committee**

Council:

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#### **Motion for Board consideration\*:**

To approve the amendments to Article IV, Section 1 regarding requirements for Corresponding Membership.

Justification: The following changes are made to allow applications for Corresponding Members to submit two letters of support from Members, Emeritus Members or Corresponding Members in good standing and have a personal knowledge of the applicant. This change is needed to allow for Corresponding applicants to more easily attain letters of support for membership in the AAPM.

\*Note that if the Governance Restructuring proposal passes, this proposal will have no effect, since the revised By-Laws no longer specifies the number of letters required for Membership applications.

- **By-Laws change required?** No
  - **Rules change required?** Yes
  - **Effective date of Action:** Upon adoption by the Board
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- **If this action requires change(s) to the By-Laws or the Rules, have you brought it to the attention of the Rules Committee?** Yes
  - **If so, indicate action(s) taken by Rules Committee:** Approved
- **Will this action require the use of Headquarters staff?** No
  - **If so, has this action been discussed with the Executive Director?**
- **Does this action require funding by the society?** No
  - **If so, has this funding been discussed with the Treasurer / Finance Committee?**
  - **Estimate of the amount of funds required:**

**ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND AFFILIATION (amended November 1, 2006 and October 29, 2009)**

**Section 1. Requirements and Application**

Requirements for membership are set forth in Article FIFTH of the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the Rules. Requirements for Fellowship and Affiliation are set forth in the By-Laws and Rules.

Applications for all categories of membership and affiliation shall be in a form authorized by the Board. The method of review and election to membership and affiliation shall be specified in the Rules. Applications for Membership, and Associate Membership, and Corresponding Membership shall be supported by two shall have two letters of support from Members ~~and~~/or Emeritus Members in good standing who shall have personal knowledge of the applicant. Applications for Corresponding Membership shall have two letters of support from Members, Emeritus Members or Corresponding members in good standing who shall have personal knowledge of the applicant. For Membership and Corresponding Membership the supporting statements shall attest that the individual is engaged in professional, research, or academic activity related to applications of physics in medicine and biology.

**COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP**  
**IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 3**

- Jennifer Johnson, Chair of the Membership Committee, spoke in favor of the motion. The Committee put this proposal forward for the By-Laws to try to make it easier for Corresponding members to attain Corresponding Membership. The current By-Laws require that letters of support come from Full Members or Emeritus Members, which may not be as prevalent for some members, such as members who live outside the United States. This would potentially allow for those that have already been approved as Corresponding Members by the Membership Committee to also allow them to write letters of support for other Corresponding Members.
- Cari Borrás spoke in favor of the proposal. As one of the persons that many years ago introduced the concept of Corresponding Members, she believes this change would benefit the society.
- Robert Prader spoke in favor of the proposal. He commented that he is currently a member of the Membership Committee. He noted that the qualifications for Corresponding Members are the same as Full Members, but people who live outside may elect to be a Corresponding Member instead. He clarified that these individuals have the same degree requirements, involvement in the field, letters of recommendation, but elect to be a Corresponding Member because they live overseas.

**COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP**  
**AGAINST PROPOSAL 3**

There were no comments against proposal 3.