

Introduction:

This document begins with a brief history of these proposed amendments that apply to membership criteria for our Association. Rules Committee reviewed these proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the By-Laws and forwarded them to the Board for approval. The Board has approved them. The proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the By-Laws now go to the AAPM membership for discussion in the process established for amendments to these documents. The process will terminate with a vote by the membership after the AAPM annual meeting in Anaheim. The proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the By-Laws will be voted on as a single ballot item since they are inter-related. To amend one without amending the other would not work.

If the membership adopts the amendments to these documents, the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation would be sent to the appropriate authorities in the District of Columbia.

For informational purposes, at the end of this document, you will find the associated amendments to the Rules that would occur if the membership votes to adopt the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the By-Laws. The Amendments to the Rules shown at the end of the document have already been adopted by the AAPM Board of Directors CONTINGENT UPON adoption of the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the By-Laws.

Brief History:

On November 29th, 2006, the Board established an Ad Hoc Committee with the following charge:

To recommend to the Board and Rules Committee AAPM's qualifications for membership.

Ad Hoc members:

Gerald White, Chair

Steve Balter

Michelle Svatos

Jerry Allison (Chair, Rules Committee)

Allan DeGuzman (Chair, Membership Committee)

At the July 26th, 2007, Board meeting, the report of the Ad Hoc Committee recommended to the Board, the following membership descriptions:

Membership:

Membership is open to any individual who possesses an earned graduate degree in the Physical or Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, or Engineering and who is engaged in professional, research, or academic activity related to applications of physics in medicine.

Student membership is open to any individual who is enrolled in a degree program in the Physical or Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, or Engineering (which may include a work-study program) at an accredited college or university who has an interest in applications of physics in medicine and who is not otherwise employed in the applications of physics in medicine.

Junior Membership:

Junior Membership is open to any individual who possesses an earned graduate degree in the Physical or Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, or Engineering and who is currently a Resident, Post-Doctoral Student or Fellow engaged in professional, research, or academic activity related to applications of physics in medicine. *[Comment: Junior membership is intended to be a precursor to Membership]*

Associate Membership

Associate membership is open to any individual with an interest in the Association who does not meet the degree or other requirements for the Member, Student Member or Junior Member category.

A motion was made at the July 26th, 2007, Board meeting to “charge the Rules committee to draft appropriate changes to AAPM governance documents to modify the criteria for membership as described” in the Ad Hoc committee report. The motion was amended such “that there will be a category of resident membership that will be offered to individuals in an CAMPEP approved residency”. The motion carried unanimously.

Recommended Amendments:

Note: (underlined text indicates additions, ~~strikethrough~~ indicates deletions)

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICISTS IN MEDICINE

(Filed in the District of Columbia, November 10, 1965)

To: The Recorder of Deeds, D.C., Washington, D.C.

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation pursuant to the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICISTS IN MEDICINE

SECOND: The period of duration is perpetual.

THIRD: (amended August 29, 1969) The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- A. To promote the application of physics to medicine and biology.
- B. To encourage interest and training in medical physics and related fields.
- C. To prepare and to disseminate technical information in medical physics and related fields.

All the assets and earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes herein above set out, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto, and no part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

FOURTH: The corporation is to have members as provided in Article FIFTH hereof.

FIFTH: (amended December 4, 1990 and *effective date*) The corporation shall have one or more classes of members, as provided in the corporation's ~~Bylaws~~By-Laws. The corporation shall be divided into several classes of members including Members, Junior Members, Emeritus Members, Honorary Members and Associate Members. Further classes of members may be

specified in the By-Laws. All classes of members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of members of the corporation, provided, however, that only Members may hold office, and only Members and Emeritus Members may vote. Membership is open to individuals who are ~~primarily and professionally engaged in the application of physics to medicine and biology in medical, research or educational institutions. They shall be~~ interested in the purposes of this corporation, as expressed in Article THIRD and who meet other requirements specified in the By-Laws. They shall meet ethical, academic, and scientific standards as specified in the By-Laws. Junior Membership is open to individuals who are preparing to meet the requirements for Membership, and who meet other requirements specified in the By-Laws. Emeritus Membership is open to a Member in good standing who meets the requirements as specified in the By-Laws. Honorary Membership may be conferred on those who have rendered outstanding service in the field of physics in medicine and biology. Associate Membership may be held by individuals who are interested in the application of physics to medicine and biology and in the purposes of this corporation, but who are ineligible for Membership.

SIXTH: The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's ~~Bylaws~~By-Laws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation. The manner of the election or appointment of the directors and officers shall be provided in the By-Laws.

SEVENTH: In the event of the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, any disposition made of the assets of the corporation shall be such as is calculated exclusively to carry out the objects and purposes for which the corporation is formed.

EIGHTH: Regional organizations of physicists in medicine and biology whose objectives are in accordance with those of this corporation may be formally admitted as Regional Chapters of the corporation upon favorable action of the Board of Directors. The formation of such regional organizations shall be encouraged.

(Original Article Ninth Amended December 4, 1990 and then Deleted in its Entirety March 16, 2001; and the Paragraphs re-numbered)

NINTH: The address, including street and number of its initial registered office is 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is the Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc.

TENTH: (amended effective date) Any and all amendments to these Articles of Incorporation must be proposed in writing, bearing the signature of ten Members of the corporation in good standing or the signatures of the Members of a special committee of the corporation appointed by the President to consider amendment of these Articles of Incorporation. The proposed amendment with a supporting statement explaining why the proposed amendment is thought desirable shall be submitted to the Secretary at least two months before the Annual Business Meeting of the corporation. A copy of the proposed amendment with its supporting statement shall be mailed-provided to each Member and Emeritus Member by the Secretary at least one

month before the Annual Business Meeting, and the agenda for the meeting shall provide for a discussion of the proposed amendment. The Secretary shall prepare a summary of the discussion, a copy of which, after it has been approved by the Board of Directors, and the amendment itself has received the favorable vote of the Board of Directors, shall be ~~mailed-provided~~ with a ~~paper~~ ballot to each Member and Emeritus member in good standing no later than two months after the Meeting. The ballots shall be ~~returned to the Secretary~~ cast no later than four months after the meeting, ~~and he~~. The Secretary shall tabulate the results. The adoption of the proposed amendment shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members and Emeritus Members voting. The Board of Directors shall review the results of the vote at the next meeting, and upon such adoption by vote of the Members and Emeritus Members and upon the filing of the Articles of Amendment required by law, the Amendment shall become effective.

ELEVENTH: The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is sixteen and the names and addresses, including street and number of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors be elected and qualified are:

(There follows the names and addresses of the following persons: John S. Laughlin, Leonard Stanton, Charles S. Simons, Robert J. Shalek, Edward W. Webster, John R. Cameron, Arnold Feldman, Paul N. Goodwin, Robert Loevinger, Walter Mauderli, Alice L. McCrea, Jacques Ovadia, Elmer E. Stickley, Peter Wootton, Kenneth A. Wright and Rosalyn S. Yalow.)

(There follows the names and addresses of the incorporators who are employees of the Prentice-Hall Corporation System: Thomas H. Murphy, William R. Kelaghan and Helen S. Vining.)

BY-LAWS OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICISTS IN MEDICINE □

(Adopted at Annual Business Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, December 2, 1965)

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND AFFILIATION (amended
November 1, 2006 and effective date) □ □

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, Associate Membership, and Corresponding Membership shall be supported by two Members and/or Emeritus 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. ~~primarily engaged in the practice of medical physics.~~

Academic degrees used to qualify for membership must be from a college, university or program accredited by one of the organizations recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (or its successors), or an equivalent foreign degree. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

~~The applicant~~ Applicants will be informed of the type of membership offered and acceptance of the membership will be within the time prescribed by the Rules or the application will be considered withdrawn.

Sections 2. Privileges, Obligations and Benefits of Membership

The privileges and obligations of membership shall be as specified in the Articles and By-Laws. The benefits of membership shall be as specified in the Rules. □ □

Section 3. Change of Class of Membership □

~~Any individual~~ Individuals desiring a change in membership classification shall submit a request to the Office of the Secretary. The method of review shall be as specified in the Rules. □ The Board, by three-fourths vote, may also change the class of membership for any member in order that their membership is in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. □ □

Section 4. Termination of Membership □

The membership of any member shall terminate upon occurrence of any of the following events: resignation of the member; use of degrees from non-accredited institutions or programs as defined in this Article; nonpayment of dues as specified in the Rules; or vote of the Board of Directors following a formal hearing by the Ethics Committee as specified in the Rules. Reinstatement of membership shall be as defined in the Rules.

Section 5. Requirements for Membership □

Individuals who fulfill the requirements for Membership set forth in Article FIFTH of the Articles of Incorporation shall also meet the following ~~academic~~ requirements: □

~~Membership is open to individuals who possesses an earned graduate degree in the Physical or Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, or Engineering and who are engaged in professional, research, or academic activity related to applications of physics in medicine and biology. The individual shall have a Masters or Doctorate degree in science, engineering or related fields and be primarily engaged in the practice of medical physics. Academic degrees used for membership requirements must be from a fully accredited postsecondary institution or program accredited by one of the member accrediting agencies of the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation, or its foreign equivalent if the degree is from a foreign institution. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.~~

Section ~~6.9~~ Requirements for Emeritus Membership □

~~Individuals who fulfill the requirements set forth in Article FIFTH of the Articles of Incorporation for Emeritus Membership shall also meet the following requirements:~~

Individuals shall have completed a career in medical physics and shall be retired from the field of medical physics to be eligible for Emeritus Membership. □ □

Section 7. Requirements for Resident Membership

~~Resident Membership is open to individuals who are enrolled in a residency program in Medical Physics that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Educational Programs, Inc. or its successors (CAMPEP).~~

Section ~~8.6~~ Requirements for Junior Membership □

Individuals who fulfill the requirements set forth in Article FIFTH of the Articles of Incorporation for Junior Membership shall also meet the following requirements: □ □

~~Junior Membership is open to individuals who possesses an earned graduate degree in the Physical or Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, or Engineering and who are currently a Post-Doctoral Student, Fellow or Resident in a program not accredited by CAMPEP on a full- or part-time basis, and who are engaged in professional, research, or academic activity related to applications of physics in medicine and biology. The individual shall~~

~~be a Resident, Post-doctoral Student or Fellow on a full or part time basis in a medical physics training program and shall provide an annual attestation from a Member of the Association that they are currently eligible for Junior Membership on that basis.~~ □ □

Section ~~9.7~~ Requirements for Student Membership □

~~Individuals shall meet the following requirements to be eligible for Student Membership:~~ □ □

~~Student Membership is open to any individual who is enrolled in a degree program in the Physical or Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, or Engineering (which may include a work-study program) at an accredited college or university who has an interest in applications of physics in medicine and biology and who is not otherwise employed in the applications of physics in medicine and biology. The individual shall be a Graduate Student on a full or part-time basis in a medical physics program, or shall be an Undergraduate Student in an academic program in science, engineering or a related field program, and shall provide an annual attestation that they are currently eligible for Student Membership on that basis. For Graduate Students the attestation shall be provided by a Member of the AAPM. For Undergraduate Students the attestation shall be provided by the program director.~~

Section ~~10.11~~ Requirements for Corresponding Membership □

~~Corresponding Membership is open to individuals~~ ~~Individuals~~ residing outside the United States who do not wish to be a Member but who meet the requirements for Membership ~~shall have the option of Corresponding Membership~~. A Corresponding Member shall not be a permanent resident of the United States or a temporary resident for more than six months. □ □

Section ~~11.8~~ Requirements for Associate Membership □

~~The requirements for Associate Membership shall be set forth in the Rules.~~

~~Individuals who fulfill the requirements set forth in Article FIFTH of the Articles of Incorporation for Associate Membership shall also meet the following requirements:~~

~~Associate membership is open to individuals with an interest in the Association who do not meet the degree or other requirements for the Member, Resident Member, Junior Member or Student Member category.~~

Section ~~12.10~~ Requirements for Honorary Membership □

~~Individuals who fulfill the requirements set forth in Article FIFTH of the Articles of Incorporation may be nominated for Honorary Membership. Individuals may be awarded Honorary Membership upon an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the Board. The process for Nomination shall be as specified in the Rules.~~ □ □

Section ~~13.12~~ Fellowship □

The requirements for election to Fellowship shall be set forth in the Rules. □□

Section ~~14.13~~ Corporate Affiliation □

Corporate Affiliation shall be available to corporations or institutions to promote the activities of the Association. Applications for Corporate Affiliation shall be in a form authorized by the Board and shall state why such affiliation is desired. ~~The Secretary shall bring the application to the Board.~~ An affirmative vote of three-fourths or more of the Board is required for acceptance.

Section 15 International Affiliation

Medical physicists residing in developing countries, who are interested in the Association but who do not meet the degree requirements for membership or who are unable to obtain required letters of support for membership are eligible to become International Affiliates.

Specific Justifications

Articles of Incorporation:

Article FIFTH is amended to relocate the specific requirements for membership to the By-laws.

Article TENTH is amended to enable the use of communication by electronic means in amending the Articles.

By-Laws:

The membership sections within the By-Laws were renumbered by groups (membership versus fellowship versus affiliates).

Section 1 is amended to define the basic membership criteria as “individuals ... engaged in professional, research, or academic activity related to applications of physics in medicine and biology” as defined in the Ad Hoc report. The criteria for acceptable academic degrees was moved from Section 5 and updated to reflect the appropriate accrediting bodies.

Section 5 is amended to reflect the Membership definitions of the Ad Hoc report. The criteria for acceptable academic degrees were moved to Section 1.

Section 6 is amended to reference the requirements for Emeritus Membership in the Articles.

Section 7 is added to reflect the Resident Membership definitions of amended Board motion of July 26th, 2007.

Section 8 is amended to reflect the Junior Membership definitions of the Ad Hoc report.

Section 9 is amended to reflect the Student Membership definitions of the Ad Hoc report. The requirement that an attestation be provided to document an applicant's eligibility for Student Membership was moved to Rule 4.6.

Section 10 was edited for stylist consistency with other sections.

Section 11 is amended to reference the requirements for Associate Membership in the Articles and to reflect the membership definitions of the Ad Hoc report.

Section 12 is amended to reference the requirements for Honorary Membership in the Articles and to eliminate an unnecessary reference to the Rules.

Section 14 is amended to move the phrase "The Secretary shall bring the application to the Board." from the By-Laws to the Rules.

Section 15 is added to correct the oversight that a class of AAPM membership (International Affiliate) was not previously listed in the By-Laws. The Articles require that any classes of membership not established in the Articles be specified in the By-Laws. The definition for International Affiliate was moved from the Rules.

Associated Amendments of the Rules:

Below, for informational purposes, you will find the associated amendments to the Rules that would occur if the membership votes to adopt the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the By-Laws. The Amendments to the Rules shown below have already been adopted by the AAPM Board of Directors CONTINGENT UPON adoption of the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the By-Laws.

RULES OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICISTS IN MEDICINE

4.0 Membership, Fellowship and Affiliations (amended December 3, 2003, ~~and~~ November 30, 2005 and effective date)

4.0.1 Application for membership and change of class of membership

As specified in the ~~Bylaws~~By-Laws. ~~The application~~Applications for membership and change of class of membership will be transmitted to the Membership Committee for a determination. An applicant who wishes to contest this determination may request that the decision be reconsidered at the next Board meeting, at which time the decision of the Board shall be final. The applicant will notify the Executive Director of his/her acceptance of the membership classification offered within two months of notification by the Secretary, or the application will be considered withdrawn.

4.0.2 Ethical behavior

All applicants for membership and affiliation must attest that they will abide by the AAPM Code of Ethics.

4.0.3 Termination of membership or affiliation for ethical misconduct

Sanctions specified within the AAPM Code of Ethics (up to and including expulsion from the AAPM) may be imposed for ethical misconduct. Members or affiliates expelled for ethical misconduct may eventually reapply for membership or affiliation as specified in the Code of Ethics.

4.1 4.3 Full Membership (amended, effective date)

~~Full Membership shall be offered~~is open to individuals who fulfill the requirements for Membership set forth in Article FIFTH of the Articles of Incorporation and ~~Article IV.5. of in the By-Laws.~~ □ those scientists or engineers who define themselves to be working in the field of medical physics including medical engineering and bioengineering and who are desirous of affiliating with the AAPM and meet the training and experience requirements in the By-Laws. This may include qualified individuals from such nontraditional medical physics associated fields as computer science and engineering and clinical or bioengineering.

~~The term "professional" shall be interpreted as describing a scientist or engineer who is engaged in an occupation requiring a formal education in a physical science and who applies his or her knowledge in the areas which involves the application of physics or engineering to medicine or biology. "Research institution" includes not only academic and medical institutions, but also governmental and industrial research activities.~~

~~The term "experience" shall be interpreted as not only connoting employment as a medical physicist, but also such experience as that of a physician working in areas related to medical physics.~~

4.2 4.4 Emeritus Membership (amended December 4, 2002)

A Member in good standing who meets the following requirements ~~below~~ may request that the Membership Committee change his class of membership to that of Emeritus Member. An Emeritus Member must be 55 years of age or older, have been a Member in good standing for at least the preceding ten years, and have retired from the practice of medical physics. This status will revert to its previous status if the member resumes a career in medical physics. Emeritus Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Full Members.

4.3 Resident Membership (enacted effective date)

An applicant for Resident Membership shall provide an annual attestation from the program director of a CAMPEP Accredited Residency Program that they are currently eligible for Resident Membership on that basis.

4.4 4.1. Junior Membership (repealed October 9, 2007 and reenacted effective date)

An applicant for Junior Membership shall provide an annual attestation from a Member of the Association that they are currently eligible for Junior Membership on that basis.

4.5 Student Membership (enacted effective date)

An applicant for Student Membership shall provide an annual attestation that they are currently eligible for Student Membership on that basis. For graduate students and undergraduate students, the attestation shall be provided by the program director.

4.6 4.5 Corresponding Membership (amended July 28, 2005 and effective date)

Corresponding Membership ~~shall be offered~~ is open to those scientists and engineers who meet the qualifications as set forth in the Bylaws~~By-Laws~~.

~~In addition to the restrictions set forth in the Bylaws,~~ Corresponding Members shall have the privilege of electing whether or not to receive Medical Physics at member rates. This will be reflected in the fee structure for Corresponding Membership.

4.7 4.2 Associate Membership (amended effective date)

~~The class of Associate Membership will not be used as an interim status between Junior and Full Membership.~~

~~Members who cease to be engaged in professional, research, or academic activity related to applications of physics in medicine and biology primarily engaged in the application of physics in medicine and biology are eligible to transfer change their class of membership to Associate Membership.~~

The class of Associate Membership is appropriate for individuals working in areas of physics where there is no direct application to medicine or biology and for individuals who do not possess an earned graduate degree in the Physical or Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, or Engineering.

~~Members who cease to be engaged in professional, research, or academic activity related to applications of physics in medicine and biology are eligible to change their class of membership to Associate Membership. It is also appropriate for individuals engaged in other than developmental aspects of equipment for biological or medical use.~~

~~Associate Members in good standing who meet the requirements below may request that the Membership Committee change their class of membership to that of Emeritus Associate Member. Emeritus Associate Members must be 55 years of age or older, have been Associate members in good standing for at least 10 years and have retired from their practice associated with medical physics. Emeritus Associate Members shall retain all the rights and privileges of Associate Membership. Emeritus Associate Members will not be required to pay dues.~~

4.8 Honorary Membership *(enacted effective date)*

Individuals that have rendered outstanding service in the field of physics in medicine and biology may be nominated for Honorary Membership. Nominations shall be made by a Chapter of the Association, or by any two members of the Board of the Association. A nomination shall be accompanied by a signed letter of support of the nomination by a Chapter or by signed letters of support of the nomination by two members of the Board. Nominations shall be submitted with supporting material to the Secretary, who will forward the material to the Board. The Secretary will conduct a Board vote on the nomination. Upon an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the Board, the nominee will be elected as an Honorary Member of the Association. The newly elected Honorary Member shall be informed by letter from the AAPM President and be presented with an appropriate certificate or plaque during the next Awards and Honors Ceremony. Future issues of the AAPM Directory shall take appropriate note of the election of an Honorary Member.

4.9 4.6 Fellowship *(amended, effective date)*

The category of Fellow is established to honor members who have made significant contributions through one or more of the following:

- a. service to the AAPM
- b. the advancement of medical physics knowledge based upon independent original research or development
- c. medical physics educational activities, especially in regard to the education and training of medical physicists, medical residents, medical students, and allied health personnel
- d. leadership in the practice of medical physics

Individuals must be Full Members of the AAPM for at least the preceding ten years prior to being eligible for election to Fellow. Fellowship shall confer no special privileges. Members eligible for election to Fellows shall be nominated either by a Chapter of the Association, or by any two Fellows of the Association. Nominations made by a Chapter shall be signed by the President of the Chapter and be accompanied by signed letters of support of the nomination by two Fellows. Nominations made by two Fellows shall be accompanied by signed letters of support of the nomination from the Fellows. The nomination shall be submitted with supporting letters to the Executive Director, who will forward the material to the Chair of the Awards and Honors Committee. The Chair will circulate the material to the committee members who will vote at the next meeting. In the case of a majority affirmative vote, the Chair shall present the results to the Board of Directors. The Board vote can be by mail or through electronic means of communication or at the next Board Meeting. A majority affirmative vote shall suffice for election. The members of the Board shall be furnished with supporting material on each nominee together with a ballot. The recommendations for Fellows shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors at least 100 days before the time planned for presentation. Approval by the Board requires a simple majority. The newly elected Fellow shall be informed by letter from the AAPM President and be presented with an appropriate certificate or plaque during the next Awards and Honors Ceremony. Future issues of the AAPM Directory shall take appropriate note of the elections to Fellow.

4.84.10 Corporate Affiliate (amended effective date)

~~Application for membership~~

~~As specified in the Bylaws.~~

~~The application will be transmitted to the Secretary. The Secretary shall bring the application to the Board.~~

4.11 4.7 International Affiliate (amended effective date)

~~Medical Physicists residing in developing countries, who are interested in the Association but who do not meet the degree requirements for membership or who are unable to obtain required letters of support for membership, may be eligible to become International Affiliates. Fees and benefits will be set by the Association. Applications for Membership from medical physicists~~

residing in developing countries who do not meet the degree requirements for membership or who are unable to obtain required letters of support for will be transmitted to the International Affairs Committee for a determination. An applicant who wishes to contest this determination may request that the decision be reconsidered at the next Board meeting, at which time the decision of the Board shall be final.

Comments from the Membership:

Comments in Favor of the Amendment:

Palmer Steward spoke in favor of the amendment. The purpose of including the Resident Category is to support our CAMPEP approved residency programs and to give a special status to people that are in the programs.

Kunjan Pillai – Asked for a clarification of the wording regarding emeritus membership. He asked for clarification on the word “retirement”. Other than that, it will be okay. John Gibbons stated that is subject to interpretation by the Membership Committee. Jerry White commented that he cannot imagine the Membership Committee denying emeritus memberships to individuals who are retired and still volunteering.

John Antolak spoke in favor of the amendment. In responses to Graduate membership, as worded it also makes it open to undergraduates. CAMPEP does not accredit undergraduate programs.

John Bayouth spoke in favor of the amendment. By establishing a category for residency will enable future students to benefits they do not receive today. By recognizing them we would have better success in the future. The immediate benefits may be limited today, however it provides many opportunities for future.

Richard Popple pointed out that residency is not the only item that has changed. Requirements for Full members have changed as well. It seems to significantly broaden the membership scope.

George Starkschall spoke in favor of the amendment. Article IX, Section I is very troubling. It definitely needs to be changed in the future.

Bruce Curran spoke in favor of the amendment. He believes that we have an association with individuals in various professions who work now in the medical physics field as a team, including computer scientists, engineers and others. They should be included in our society.

Per Halvorsen spoke in favor of the amendment. Medical Physics as a profession, we all benefit from as wide a net as we can cast of folks who can contribute to the profession. We should be drawing a very clear distinction when we talk about credentialing, that that applies to the clinical practice of medical physics. The Association should be as open as we can make it to all who are

interested in the application of physics to medicine, whereas clinical practice of medical physics, in my personal opinion, is where we should be focused on credentialing.

Marty Weinhaus spoke in favor of the amendment. He stated that he strongly disagrees with Dr. Brezovich's opinions. The broad tent is appropriate and desirable.

Michael Herman spoke in favor of the amendment on two counts. Full Membership, it recognizes who we are and who we've been with the broader category as defined. He also spoke in favor of the residency membership category that explicitly recognizes the difference between Junior membership and a resident in an accredited medical physics program.

Sonja Dieterich spoke in favor of the amendment. We have seen in all walks of life that diversity is a positive thing. She thinks keeping the generic medical physicists, but all the other professions as Full members is essential to the diversity and benefit of the organization.

Michael Grissom spoke in favor of the amendment. He stated that when he was elected President of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of AAPM, it was right after he had to move from the hospital where he was not in clinical medical physics practice. He had been a member of the society for 31 years, so he is in favor of the amendment.

Comments Against the Amendment:

Ehsan Samei spoke against the amendment. He believes the special status should be granted to Graduate students as well.

Ivan Brezovich spoke against the amendment. He understands everyone wants the Association to get larger, but we need to keep in mind that if we broaden the membership categories too much it would change the course of the Society. There are so many educational societies that we would be doing nothing but duplicating one of them. AAPM as a society for the individual practicing medical physicists would cease to exist. He does not believe individuals who are not medical physicists should be Full Members of the Association.