

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

SUBMITTED BY: AOA President

REFERRED TO: Board of Trustees

1 WHEREAS, the terms of the American Osteopathic Association’s (AOA) Memorandum of
2 Understanding (MOU) with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
3 (ACGME) provide that Medical Doctors (MD) will be eligible to participate in
4 osteopathically recognized training in the new, single accreditation system; and

5 WHEREAS, the AOA was asked by two affiliated organizations (American College of
6 Osteopathic Emergency Physicians and American College of Osteopathic Surgeons) to
7 review and approve amendments to their bylaws to allow MDs to qualify for full regular
8 membership and other affiliated organizations intend to present similar amendments to
9 their governing documents; and

10 WHEREAS, the AOA requested that the organizations defer their amendments until the AOA
11 had an opportunity to review its own policies with respect to MD membership; and

12 WHEREAS, MDs trained in osteopathically recognized programs will seek osteopathic
13 certification to demonstrate their knowledge and competency in osteopathic principles
14 and practices within their chosen specialty discipline; and

15 WHEREAS, the AOA’s program of board certification is only available to AOA members;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, that the AOA Board of Trustees direct the Constitution and Bylaws
18 Subcommittee of the Committee on AOA Governance and Organizational Structure
19 and the Bureau of Membership to work collaboratively to develop an appropriate
20 membership category for MDs and proposed amendments to the AOA Constitution
21 and Bylaws necessary to establish an appropriate AOA membership status for MDs.

Explanatory Statement:

This is an instruction to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws Subcommittee of the Committee on AOA Governance and Organizational Structure to draft language to create an appropriate membership category for MDs in consultation with the Bureau of Membership - it is not the final action. The House of Delegates will have an opportunity to review the language proposed consistent with the process for approval of amendments to the AOA Constitution & Bylaws.

ACTION TAKEN APPROVED

DATE February 25, 2016